

Description of Item:

On July 15, 2019, the Board of Directors approved a Task Order with Callander Associates to prepare construction drawings for the Irrigation Central Control – Master Valve Flow Sensor project (CIP 4-042.22). The construction plans, specifications and details were completed in March 2020.

The Irrigation Central Control Master Valve Flow Sensor project was advertised for public bid on March 13, 2020 and March 20, 2020. Five (5) electronic bids were submitted and opened on April 30, 2020. The bid amounts ranged between \$496,950 and \$729,268. Los Loza Landscaping submitted the lowest bid for the itemized based bid (basis of award) in the amount of \$496,950, which is 40% less than the engineer's estimate of \$870,000.

On May 6, 2020, BrightView, the 2nd low bidder, sent in a protest letter claiming that Los Loza Landscaping's bid failed to include the full cost of Item No. 18 – Flow Sensor Cable and Master Valve Wire. Los Loza Landscaping responded on May 8, 2020, with their calculations in support of their bid price for Item 18 and confirmed that it was sufficient to cover the cost of labor, materials and prevailing wage rate and classification. BrightView's follow up letter on May 11, 2020, maintained that Los Loza's Item 18 bid price was inaccurate and insufficient to include four components to complete Item 18 according to the contract specifications. One component was the designation of the appropriate labor classification for Pipefitters and Group III Operators as required under the Prevailing Wage Determination for Alameda County. Los Loza Landscaping responded on May 11, 2020, with an explanation of each of the four components in BrightView's follow up letter and confirmed that their bid price was complete and accurate. Los Loza Landscaping further responded that the low bidder is determined by overall bid price not per line item. Los Loza Landscaping provided an additional response on May 12, 2020, clarifying the prevailing wage rates and explaining the appropriate distribution of labor for Pipefitters and Group III Operators as required under the Prevailing Wage Determination for Alameda County for this project.

Staff reviewed all correspondence and bid documents related to BrightView's bid protest and determined that Los Loza Landscaping is the lowest and responsive bidder. Staff is recommending award of the base bid to Los Loza Landscaping, in the amount of \$496,950.

Staff is requesting the Board authorize the General Manger to execute change orders in an amount not to exceed 10% of the contract price (\$49,695) if necessary. If approved construction would begin in June 2020 and be complete in December 2020.

Additionally, Staff is requesting approval of a Budget Change to allocate \$1,700,000 to the Irrigation Central Control System Project (CIP No. 4-042.22) to fully fund the project.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Irrigation Central Control System Master Valve and Flow Sensor Award of Contract [RESOLUTION NO. R-1920-37]	5/22/2020	Cover Memo
EXHIBIT A	5/20/2020	Exhibit