



Interoffice Memo

DATE: March 13, 2023

TO: Kirk DeJesus, Port Director
Jason Katindoy, Deputy Port Director, Maritime and Real Estate

FROM: Juan G. Villanueva, Director of Facilities & Procurement

RE: Consideration of possible contract award for project:
Phase 2A, 2B, and 2C Sewer Improvements West Complex

REQUESTED ACTIONS

- A.** Adopt a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301, 15302, and 15304 and authorize Port staff to post the Exemption.
- B.** Authorize the Port Director to award the contract to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder as required by Section 20751 of the public contract code of the State of California, to Soracco, Inc. for a total of \$2,279,269.
- C.** Authorize the Port Director to award a contract for construction management to Dillon & Murphy Engineering for \$197,000.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

This project was presented as an informational item during the November 21, 2023 Commission meeting. These improvements are part of the Port Capital Improvement Program and are identified in the Port Utility Master Plan. Inspection by engineering service providers, collaboration with Port project managers and Port executive management resulted in the final scope of work, including applicable project standards, design and specifications.

The proposed project consists of 39 sanitary sewer spot repairs, sanitary sewer pipe installation, sanitary sewer rehabilitation through Cured in Place Pipe method, heavy cleaning of sanitary sewer at spot locations, saw cutting, trench excavation including but not limited to shoring, backfill, dewatering, trench patch paving, minor road striping, coordination with other utilities, erosion control, and traffic control. The work for Phases 2A, 2B, and 2C will be performed simultaneously.

- System total: 91,246 linear feet

- Phase 1A-1B total 5,750 linear feet completed FY 21-22 (approximately 6% of system)
- Total for Phase 2A, 2B, and 2C: 13,700 linear feet (approximately 15%) of system
- Remaining system slated for replacement 71,796 or 79%
- Schedule for replacement: 10% per budget year

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

Dillon & Murphy Engineering has provided engineering and construction management services to the Port for several years. This consultant has also served as engineering and design firm for this project. Construction management would include the following:

- Pre-construction services including preliminary job schedule, survey control, and staking
- Processing of Requests for Information (RFI), submittals, and possible change orders
- Verification and oversight of project work

BENEFIT TO THE PORT

The Port’s sewer system on the West Complex is in need of improvement due to its age and frequency of system failures. The proposed system rehabilitation would ensure the reliability and capability of providing safe and sanitary sewer services to the West Complex. This Capital Improvement Program project is scheduled for 10% replacement per budget year.

LOCATION

The improvements would take place on the southern West Complex.

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The legally required advertisement for this project appeared in *The Record* on February 8, 2023. It was also posted to the Port’s website and distributed to local/regional plan rooms and builder’s exchanges.

MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE AND SITE VISIT

A mandatory pre-bid conference and site visit was held on February 15, 2023.

BID OPENING

Bids were received by 3:00 p.m. on March 8, 2023, and the bid results were as follows:

	Bidder	Location	Total Bid Amount
1.	Soracco, Inc.	Lodi, CA	\$ 2,279,269
2.	Sierra Mountain Construction, Inc.	Sonora, CA	\$ 3,667,180

PROJECT COMPLETION TIME

The Board of Port Commissioners is scheduled to consider the contract award for this project at their March 20, 2023, meeting. If authorization is given, the project shall be completed within 75 working days from the Notice to Proceed.

FINANCING

Port staff proposes that the Port pay for this FY2022-23 budgeted project with funds as follows: Port general funds

- Construction: \$ 2,279,269
- Construction Management: \$197,000

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The proposed project would meet the conditions required for projects to be exempt under Section 15301, Class 1 (Existing Facilities), Section 15302, Class 2 (Replacement or Reconstruction), and Section 15304, Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land) as a maintenance project involving the replacement and repair of an existing structure and would not cause any significant impacts to the environment. In accordance with Sections 15301, 15302 and 15304, the proposed project would not result in a significant cumulative impact, significant effect on the environment, or impact scenic highways, hazardous waste sites, or historical resources, because impacts from construction and operations would be minimal. The proposed project would not have significant impacts on traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality, nor would it have significant impacts on any other resource area. Accordingly, the proposed project is exempt from the requirements of CEQA.