



**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**SUBMITTED BY:** Luz “Nina” Buelna, Interim Public Works Director

**PREPARED BY:** Andrew Fuller, Principal Civil Engineer

**SUBJECT:** Ellwood Mesa Monarch Butterfly Habitat Management Plan Phase I Implementation – Irrigation Mainline Project Reject All Bids and Authorize to Call for Bids

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Reject all bids and authorize to call for bids for the Ellwood Mesa Monarch Butterfly Habitat Management Plan Phase I Implementation – Irrigation Mainline Project.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Public Works Department solicited competitive bids per Municipal Code Section 3.05.210 for the Ellwood Mesa Monarch Butterfly Habitat Management Plan (MBHMP) Phase I Implementation – Irrigation Mainline Project (Project). City Council authorized staff to advertise a notice inviting construction bids for the Project on May 21, 2024. On May 24, 2024, bid documents were published to the PlanetBids portal, construction trade journals specified by the California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission were notified, and contractors listed on the City’s Qualified Bidders List were informed of the Project. In addition, a notice was published in the *Santa Barbara Independent* on June 6, 2024, and June 13, 2024. The bids were opened virtually via PlanetBids on June 24, 2024. The City received a total of one bid. A summary of the bid and the Engineer’s Estimate are shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Bid Results

	<b>Quincon, Inc</b>	<b>Engineer’s Estimate</b>
Bid Amount	\$694,263.63	\$304,418

Due to the variance between the engineer’s estimate and bid amount, which is 128% over the engineer's estimate, Public Works staff recommends rejecting all bids for the Ellwood Mesa (MBHMP) Phase I Implementation – Irrigation Mainline Project and authorizing staff to call for bids.

**DISCUSSION:**

The scope of work for this Project includes installing an irrigation mainline with zone isolation valves to support habitat restoration plantings across 60 acres of eucalyptus grove at the Ellwood Mesa/Sperling Preserve Open Space.

Public Works staff recommend that the City Council reject and rebid the Project. In an effort to reduce the project cost, Public Works staff will work with the design team to refine and provide more clarity in the construction bid documents and specifications based on feedback received from contractors. Public Works staff will also reach out to individual contractors to inform them of the call for bids to increase competition for the Project.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:**

The City Council adopted the Project's environmental document (Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration) at their March 19, 2019, Council meeting. The MBHMP was determined not to have a significant effect on the environment by adopting a mitigation monitoring and reporting program (MMRP) for the conditions of project approval necessary to mitigate or avoid significant effects. An addendum was prepared to document changes in the Project Description for the approved project since the Council adopted the Final IS-MND. The addendum concluded that no new or more severe environmental impacts beyond those disclosed in the Final IS-MND would occur due to the changes and was adopted by the City Council at its October 17, 2023, meeting.

**FISCAL IMPACTS:**

Should the City Council choose to award the Project, Table 2 below provides the estimated costs and funding sources. The bid total of \$694,263.63 includes a 20 percent contingency, represented in the construction estimate of \$833,116.63.

Table 2 – Project Cost Estimated

<b>Project Components</b>		<b>Project Costs</b>		<b>Funding Source</b>		<b>Funding Amounts</b>	
Construction		\$833,116.63		MBHMP Grant (322)		\$1,040,099.63	
Construction Management, Inspection, Testing and Monitoring		\$206,983					
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,040,099.63</b>		<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,040,099.63</b>	

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The City Council may award the project to the lowest responsive bidder. Doing so would allow for the Project's construction but will reduce the grant funds available from the Coastal Conservancy for other portions of the Ellwood MBHMP Project, which must be used by February 2025.

**LEGAL REVIEW BY:** Megan Garibaldi, City Attorney

**APPROVED BY:** Robert Nisbet, City Manager

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Quincon, Inc Bid Summary for the Ellwood MBHMP Phase I Implementation – Irrigation Mainline Project

**ATTACHMENT 1**

Quincon, Inc Bid Summary for the Ellwood MBHMP Phase I Implementation –  
Irrigation Mainline Project

**ELLWOOD MBHMP PHASE I IMPLEMENTATION - IRRIGATION MAIN**

PROJECT NUMBER: 9112

CONTRACTOR: Quincon, Inc.

**SCHEDULE OF BID ITEMS**

ITEM #	*	ITEM CODE	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	EST. QUANT.	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
1	(P)	7-3.4	GENERAL CONDITIONS/ MOBILIZATION	LS	1	\$17,766.83	\$17,766.83
2	(P)	400-1-3	TEMPORARY TREE PROTECTION	LS	1	\$80,096.38	\$80,096.38
3	(P)	304-5.2	TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION FENCING	LS	1	\$75,471.42	\$75,471.42
4		300-1.4	CLEARING AND GRUBBING	SF	13,500	\$4.72	\$63,720.00
5		301-2.4	AGGREGATE BASE	CY	5	\$937.61	\$4,688.05
6		801-5-7	CONTROL VALVE - 3" @ POC	EA	1	\$2,281.53	\$2,281.53
7		801-5-7	TRAFFIC RATED VALVE BOX WITH LID	EA	7	\$1,496.17	\$10,473.19
8		801-5-7	BALL VALVES	EA	17	\$1,077.95	\$18,325.15
9		801-5-7	REDUCED BACKFLOW PREVENTER - 3"	EA	1	\$13,640.66	\$13,640.66
10		801-5-7	TEMPORARY WATER METER - 3"	EA	1	\$4,065.50	\$4,065.50
11		801-5-7	MAINLINE PIPE - 1 1/2" - PVC SCHED 40	LF	84	\$44.43	\$3,732.12
12		801-5-7	MAINLINE PIPE - 2 1/2" - PVC SCHED 40	LF	1,760	\$45.85	\$80,696.00
13		801-5-7	MAINLINE PIPE - 3" - PVC SCHED 40	LF	5,703	\$55.35	\$315,661.05
14		801-5-7	PIPE SLEEVING - 6" - PVC SCHED 40	LF	75	\$48.61	\$3,645.75
<b>TOTAL (BID ITEMS #1 TO #14)</b>							<b>\$ 694,263.63</b>

\* **NOTES:**

(P) DENOTES PARTIAL PAYMENT