

**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BEDFORD-COLDWATER
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AUTHORITY**

September 22, 2021

Board Present

Paul Rodriguez, TVWD
Jacque Casillas, City of Corona
Phil Williams, EVMWD

Staff Present

Jeff Pape, TVWD
Greg Thomas, EVMWD
Ganesh Krishnamurthy, EVMWD
Tom Moody, City of Corona
Margie Armstrong, EVMWD
Parag Kalaria, EVMWD
Terese Quintanar, EVMWD
Christy Gonzalez, EVMWD
Susie Evans, EVMWD
Victor Harris, Stantec
Kelly Shugart, Stantec
Martin Koczanowicz, Olivarez Madruga Lemieux O'Neill, LLP

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Bedford-Coldwater Groundwater Sustainability Authority was held via teleconference allowed under the waivers of the Brown Act in response to the COVID19 epidemic. Participants joined by accessing information posted on the meeting Agenda, posted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting start time. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rodriguez at 9:00 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

3. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT WITH ABC LIOVIN DRILLING, INC. FOR THE DRILLING OF TWO MONITORING WELLS (MO #36)

Mr. Harris explained that the grant work plan approved by Department of Water Resources (DWR) calls for the construction of two new monitoring wells in the Bedford Coldwater Basin. On November 19, 2020, the Board approved a Professional Services Agreement with Geoscience Support Services, Inc. for design of the two monitoring wells. Geoscience prepared the plans and specs for public bid of the two wells.

The scope of work for the construction of these two monitoring wells includes installation of well casings and screens, well development, water quality sampling, and well head completion.

The project was advertised on Planet Bids e-procurement on July 23, 2021. One bid was received from ABC Liovin Drilling, Inc. in the amount of \$369,150.00 by the deadline on September 15, 2021.

Geoscience developed an updated engineer's planning level cost estimate for the work based on most recent bids for similar work in August 2021. The engineer's cost estimate for one well is \$137,660 and the other well is \$177,585, for a total of \$315,245. The difference in the estimated costs of the wells is due to varying anticipated well depths. The bid received is 17% higher than the engineer's cost estimate.

Staff, consultants (Geoscience and Stantec), and legal counsel performed a detailed review of the bid documents. Based on the review, ABC Liovin Drilling, Inc. is determined to be a responsive and responsible bidder. Staff recommended award of a Public Works Contract to ABC Liovin Drilling, Inc., in the amount of \$369,150.00 plus a 15% contingency, for a total amount of \$424,523.00.

Anticipating questions, Mr. Harris explained that the cost of drilling is included in the BCGSA budget and the environmental permitting has been completed. He explained that we have two Engineer's Estimates because Terry Walkins, of Geoscience reviewed and updated the Estimate based on rising costs of building materials. He added that inquiry was made with potential bidders and staff learned that due to current workload, some potential bidders were concerned with the ability to complete the work within the deadline. Contingency was added at the advice of Legal Counsel because well construction is based on unit cost and unit cost per foot of drilling and hours needed for development may be needed. The goal is to determine where bedrock is, and if going deeper in depth is needed than planned or if more development hours is needed, the contingency will allow this. Conversely, if we find bedrock is shallower than anticipated, those funds will be saved.

Vice-Chairperson Casillas asked about blanks in the draft contract, specifically on Page 5. Mr. Harris responded that we do have the information to fill in the blanks; a time of 120 days from the Notice to Proceed and the amount for liquidated damages is included in the specifications.

Ms. Armstrong added there are other documents yet to be added and final revisions are being made to the contract as well. Chairman Rodriguez clarified for the motion that approval of the contract is authorization to enter into the standard contract, subject to legal counsel review and the contract would not need to come back to the Board. There is a more substantial agreement that would be completed, and all of the appropriate attachments will be included.

Chairman Rodriguez opined that the right approach had been taken and the amount of work to prepare and review for this project was appropriate.

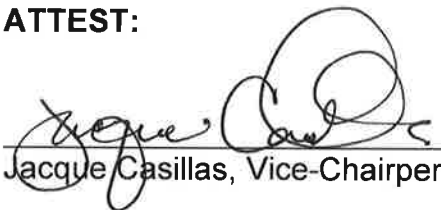
ACTION: Vice- Chairperson Casillas made a motion and Director Williams, seconded to:

1. Approve a Public Works Contract with ABC Liovin Drilling, Inc. in the amount of \$369,150.00; and
2. Approve a project contingency in the amount of \$55,373; and
3. Authorize the Deputy Treasurer to execute the appropriate documents on behalf of BCGSA

4. Adjourn

There being no further business, the September 22, 2021, Special meeting of the Bedford-Coldwater Groundwater Sustainability Authority was adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

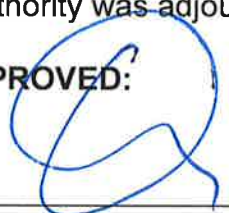
ATTEST:



Jacquie Casillas, Vice-Chairperson

Date: 12-14-21

APPROVED:



Paul Rodriguez, Chairman

Date: 11-22-21