

# **Lompoc City Council Agenda Item**



**City Council Meeting Date: September 20, 2005**

**TO: Gary P. Keefe, City Administrator**

**FROM: Michael W. Luther, P.E., Senior Civil Engineer  
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**SUBJECT: REJECTION OF ALL BIDS - PROJECT NO. FY-00-SD-1  
EAST-WEST CHANNEL STORM DRAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council take the following action:

1. Reject all bids for Project No. FY-00-SD-1 in accordance with Paragraph 10, Page 1, "Notice To Contractors," of the Project Manual, Part A, and under the authority of Lompoc City Code Section 2636.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The East-West Channel is a major drainage facility within the City that drains into the Miguelito Channel and then to the Santa Ynez River. The channel also carries a sewer trunk line along the flow line of the channel that is subject to scour between "H" and "V" Streets. Sewer manholes along this trunk line must be routinely accessed for maintenance purposes. Currently, each sewer manhole has a narrow access ramp that maintenance vehicles must back up/down.

The erosion that is occurring at these access ramps allows for small pools to form that provide an ideal breeding ground for mosquitoes. The proposed storm channel improvements will eliminate this erosion and eliminate the access ramps currently in place that allow for maintenance of the sewer line. New access ramps and a maintenance road will be constructed to provide for safe maintenance vehicle access.

On July 16, 2002, the City Council awarded MNS Engineers \$58,150.00 for the design of this project. Plans for the Channel Improvements were reviewed and approved by the Wastewater and Engineering Divisions

The Project was noticed, advertised and bid, in accordance with the procedures of the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (Public Contract Code Sections 22000-22045). The Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act has been incorporated as a part of the City of Lompoc Purchasing and Public Project Procedures (Chapter 26 of the Lompoc City Code).

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The office of the City Clerk was available to receive bids for this project until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, August 4, 2005, at which time three (3) bids were publicly opened and read. The bids received ranged from \$1,565,042.50 to \$2,916,280.00 (see attached Bidders List). The Engineer's construction cost estimate was \$1,590,585.00.

On August 5, 2005, the Engineering Division received written notice from the apparent low bidder requesting relief from their bid in accordance with Section 2-13 "Relief of Bidders" on Page 8 of the Project Manual, Part A, and the provisions of Public Contract Code Sections 5100 to 5700. The second and third low bids exceeded the budget for the project.

Staff plans to re-advertise the project in early 2006 with increased contract time to encourage greater competition.

**Michael W. Luther, P.E.  
Senior Civil Engineer**

**Attachments: Location Map  
Bidders List**

**APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR:**

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**Larry Bean, P.E.  
Public Works Director**

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**James W. Beck  
Utilities Director**

**APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL:**

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**Gary P. Keefe  
City Administrator**

# BIDDERS LIST

## East-West Channel Storm Drain Improvements

### PROJECT NO. FY-00-SD-1

BID OPENING: 2:00 p.m., Thursday, August 4, 2005

CONTRACTOR	BID AMOUNT
<b>Accent Builders, Inc.</b> 12129 Foothill Blvd. Lakeview, CA 91342	<b>\$1,565,042.50</b>
<b>Papich Construction</b>	<b>\$2,453,141.00</b>
<b>Specialty Construction</b>	<b>\$2,916,280.00</b>

Engineers Construction Cost Estimate for The Project As Advertised: **\$1,590,585**