

Notice and Agenda

REGULAR MEETING — BOARD OF DIRECTORS — COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 2

To be held at the OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT
1955 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, California

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THE DISTRICT MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY AGENDA ITEM LISTED BELOW

WEDNESDAY	October 25, 2023	At 1:30 P.M.
Governing Body	Director	Alternate
ALHAMBRA	MAZA	S. PEREZ
ARTESIA	MANALO	TAJ
BELL	ARROYO	SALEH
BELL GARDENS	SANCHEZ	BARCENA
BELLFLOWER	SANTA INES	KOOPS
CERRITOS	BARROWS	SOLANKI
COMMERCE	ARGUMEDO	ALTAMIRANO
COMPTON	SHARIF	-----
DOWNEY	FROMETA	TRUJILLO
LONG BEACH	RICHARDSON	SARO
LOS ANGELES CITY	KREKORIAN	MC OSKER
MONTEBELLO	TORRES	JIMENEZ
MONTEREY PARK	SANCHEZ	WONG
NORWALK	VALENCIA	J. PEREZ
PARAMOUNT	AGUAYO	DELGADILLO
PICO RIVERA	LUTZ	CAMACHO
SAN GABRIEL	HARRINGTON	DING
SOUTH GATE	AVALOS	DAVILA
VERNON	LARIOS	MERLO
WHITTIER	VINATIERI	WARNER (Chairperson)
LOS ANGELES COUNTY	HAHN	HORVATH

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Public Comment
2. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting Held October 11, 2023
3. Authorize Payment to Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith LLP, in Amount \$166,742.49, for Legal Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses Advanced in Various Districts' Matters for Month of August 2023
4. Accept Contract No. 5064 and Order Final Payment to Southern Contracting Company for Construction of *San Jose Creek Water Reclamation Plant Power Distribution System Modifications* (Project); Resulting in Total Contract Amount of \$18,369,005.22

Summary: The Project upgraded the power distribution system at the San Jose Creek Water Reclamation Plant by providing redundant power sources to all critical switchboards and replacing equipment that was obsolete and prone to failure. The Project included installation of a 2500-kW emergency generator, new unit substations, transformers, low-voltage switchboards, medium-voltage cables, and associated equipment. Construction began in March 2018 and was completed in June 2022. Twenty-two change orders totaling \$1,379,005.22 were approved for this Project.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approve Director Request to Participate by Teleconference and Utilize Just Cause per Assembly Bill (AB) 2449, *California Government Code, Section 54953(f) and (j)*

Summary: On October 5, 2023, Director Taj, City of Artesia (City), requested to attend the Board meeting virtually, utilizing the just cause provisions of AB 2449 for City business travel. The Director

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shall participate through both audio and visual technology. At the beginning of the meeting, the Director must also give a general description of the circumstances relating to their need to appear remotely, state whether any individuals, 18 years of age or older, are present in the room at the remote location, and state the general nature of the member's relationship with them. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle to provide transparent communication to our Boards and the public.

2. Re: Contract with Insituform Technologies, LLC, in Amount of Approximately \$3,749,240, for Construction of District 01 Trunk Sewers Group 1 Rehabilitation (Project)

(a) Report on Bids and Award and Order Executed Contract

(b) Order Staff to Review Insurance and Surety Bonds for Performance and Payment and, if Sufficient, Order Secretary to Execute Contract Evidencing Approval of Bonds and Insurance

Summary: The Project will consist of rehabilitation of approximately 15,392 feet of existing 10- to 18-inch-diameter corroded concrete pipe and appurtenant structures that were constructed in the 1950s. The work is located within unincorporated area of Los Angeles County as shown on the attached map. The bid summary/recommendation to award is attached. Staff has determined that the Project is exempt or otherwise not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(4) and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations ("CEQA Guidelines") Section 15301. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles to protect financial and facility assets through prudent investment and maintenance programs; and commitment to operational excellence (protection of public health and the environment, regulatory compliance, and cost effectiveness).

3. Report on Bids and Award of Order to *Furnish and Deliver Annual Granular Vapor Phase Activated Carbon*

Summary: Activated carbon is used to remove volatile organic and odor causing components from gases in wastewater collection and treatment facilities. Staff recommends that a purchase order in the amount of approximately \$231,000, be issued to Carbon Activated Corporation, the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder. The bid summary/recommendation to award is attached. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle to protect financial and facility assets through prudent investment and maintenance programs.

4. Authorize Issuance of Purchase Orders as Follows:

(a) To Engineered Drive System Inc. (EDS) in Amount of Approximately \$273,500 for Replacement of Three Variable Frequency Drive Controllers (VFCs) at Long Beach Water Reclamation Plant (WRP) Interceptor Sewage Pumping Plant

Summary: The Long Beach WRP Interceptor Sewage Pumping Plant has three pumping trains to convey raw sewage. Each train consists of a pump, motor, and VFC. VFCs are used to control the speed and associated energy demands of the sewage pumps at the plant. The existing VFCs have reached the end of their useful life and are considered obsolete since their parts are no longer available from the manufacturer. Staff recommends that the three existing obsolete VFCs be replaced with new, more reliable Siemens VFCs, which are being offered through EDS. This is a sole source procurement as the Siemens VFCs are manufactured to uniquely fit within the existing VFC enclosures, thereby allowing the reuse of existing cables and conduits, providing substantial savings in material and installation costs. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles to protect financial and facility assets through prudent investment and maintenance programs; and commitment to operational excellence (protection of public health and the environment, regulatory compliance, and cost effectiveness).

(b) To Old River Farming, LLC, (ORF) in Amount of Approximately \$3,800,000 to Provide Farming Operation and Property Maintenance Services at Tulare Lake Compost (TLC)

Summary: The Board previously authorized purchase orders to ORF to provide farming and other property management services at TLC. ORF has performed these services satisfactorily. Historic storms and snowpack levels earlier this year continue to allow use of water resources at low cost, and additional farming would take up residual nitrogen in the soil resulting from previous applications of compost. The proposed purchase order would allow ORF to farm approximately 2,400 acres during the winter season and provide property maintenance services for an additional 12-month period. Sale of the resulting feed crops would result in revenue to the Districts that will defray a portion of the projected cost. In addition, ORF would farm another 2,000 acres of the agricultural property during the winter season at their own cost, which would require provision of low-cost water resources by the Districts. The farming of additional property by ORF would provide economies of scale to reduce the cost of the farming and property management services to the Districts. Staff has determined that the Project is exempt or

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otherwise not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (“CEQA Guidelines”) Section 15301. This item is consistent with the Districts’ Guiding Principles of commitment to operational excellence (protection of public health and the environment, regulatory compliance, and cost effectiveness); and to maximize use of our assets and resources (compost, recycled water, recyclables, and energy).

5. Authorize Extension of Purchase Orders as Follows:

- (a) To Infinitii AI Corporation (infinitii ai) in Amount of Approximately \$206,000 for Cloud-Based Sewer Flow Data Management Platform for One-Year Period

Summary: The Districts uses sewer flow monitoring data for sewer capacity analyses, design of sewer construction and repair projects, stormwater sewer diversion analyses, and long-term capital improvement planning. In October 2021, the Board awarded a purchase order to infinitii ai (formerly FlowWorks) for use of their cloud-based web application, maintenance and support, and professional services required to access, manage, and analyze flow monitoring data. Infinitii ai is specifically designed for water/wastewater utilities and was identified by staff as the best solution to centralize and manage all the sewer flow monitoring data collected. Infinitii ai has offered to extend the agreement for another one-year period subject to an annual three percent price increase. An extension at this time would be in the best interests of the Districts. This item is consistent with the Districts’ Guiding Principles of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship; and commitment to operational excellence (protection of public health and the environment, regulatory compliance, and cost effectiveness).

- (b) To SNF/Polydyne, Inc., (Polydyne) in Amount of Approximately \$6,500,000 to Furnish and Deliver Cationic Mannich Polymer for Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP) and Various Water Reclamation Plants (WRPs) for One-Year Period

Summary: Since 1998, Polydyne has provided Mannich-type polymer that is used at various wastewater treatment plants for dewatering biosolids, secondary clarification, and foam control. Polydyne is the sole source of this chemical and has offered to extend the existing agreement for an additional year at a unit price increase of approximately 3 percent for the JWPCP and WRPs. This price increase is due to labor cost increases and is based on the Consumer Price Index increase over the past year. The proposed unit price remains competitive with that paid by six other agencies surveyed. The product has performed satisfactorily, and it would be in the best interest of the Districts to extend the agreement at this time. This item is consistent with the Districts’ Guiding Principles of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship; and commitment to operational excellence (protection of public health and the environment, regulatory compliance, and cost effectiveness).

6. Approve and Order Executed Construction Management Agreement for On-Call Construction Management Services for Three-Year Period as Follows:

- (a) To [Carollo Engineers, Inc.](#), (Carollo) in Amount of \$1,500,000
(b) To [HDR Engineering, Inc.](#), (HDR) in Amount of \$1,500,000
(c) To [Hazen and Sawyer](#) (Hazen) in Amount of \$1,500,000
(d) To [Integrated Engineering Management, Inc.](#), (IEM) in Amount of \$1,500,000
(e) To [Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, Inc.](#), (KJ) in Amount of \$1,500,000
(f) To [MKN & Associates, Inc.](#), (MKN) in Amount of \$1,500,000

Summary: During peak demand periods, construction management services are required to augment Districts staff responsible for managing the construction of various wastewater and solid waste projects. It is more cost and time effective to use an on-call consultant to perform these services rather than to issue separate requests for proposals for each project. Due to the number and variety of upcoming projects, having multiple on-call consultants would ensure that there would be a consultant with the necessary expertise and availability. Proposals were solicited and received from six consulting firms. Carollo, HDR, Hazen, KJ, IEM, and MKN were all deemed highly qualified to provide the required services and proposed competitive rates. Services will be used on an as-needed basis for potentially all Districts. In accordance with the Purchasing Policy, District No. 2 will issue and administer the proposed agreements and expenditures will be allocated according to actual costs attributable to each District. This item is consistent with the Districts’ Guiding Principles of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship.

7. Approve [*Addendum No. 2 to Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration*](#) (Addendum No. 2) for Food Waste Receiving and Digestion Program (Project) at Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP) and Recommended Project Described Therein

Summary: In 2018, the Board adopted a Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (Final IS/MND) and approved the Project, which included construction of food waste receiving facilities and biogas pipelines at the JWPCP, and expansion of the biogas conditioning system (BCS) for production of renewable natural gas for use as vehicle fuel at the Districts' public fueling station. In 2019, the Board approved Addendum No. 1 to the Final IS/MND for construction of facilities to receive food waste with higher solids content. Subsequent to approval of Addendum No. 1, changes were proposed to increase the size and capacity of the BCS and construct a pipeline and equipment to inject biogas into a nearby Southern California Gas Company pipeline. Addendum No. 2 evaluates the environmental impacts associated with these changes and compares them to the original Project. Staff has reviewed the Final IS/MND and Addendum No. 2 and determined that, based on staff's independent judgement, the changes to the approved Project would not result in any new environmental impacts and would not trigger any additional or new mitigation measures. Therefore, preparation of a subsequent MND is not required and Addendum No. 2 is appropriate in accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles of commitment to operational excellence (protection of public health and the environment, regulatory compliance, and cost effectiveness); and to maximize use of our assets and resources (recycled water, recyclables, and energy).

8. Re: Sales Tax on Purchases of Chemicals Used for Wastewater Treatment

- (a) Approve and Order Executed [*Agreement for Tax Consulting and Advocacy Services*](#) with Equity Recovery Solutions, Inc. (ERS)
- (b) Approve and Order Executed [*Agreement for Tax Consulting and Advocacy Services*](#) with Dakessian Law, Ltd. (Dakessian)
- (c) Authorize Chief Engineer and General Manager to Take All Actions on Behalf of District Required Under Agreements

Summary: The Districts purchases a number of chemicals used in the production of treated wastewater and recycled water. Under state law, the sale or furnishing of water, including the recycled water produced by the Districts, is exempt from sales taxes. This exemption also applies to certain chemicals used in the production of the water. However, the state does not automatically exempt such chemicals. In 2017, the Districts entered into agreements with ERS and Dakessian to pursue claims for refunds of past sales taxes and exemption for future sales taxes on these chemical purchases for a five-year term. Over the term of the agreement, the Districts received over \$560,000 in sales tax refunds from these efforts. Originally, it was anticipated that either the state would make the exemption permanent or Districts staff would be able to administer this process for future claims. However, based on the outcome of the claims over the last five years, staff recommends continuing these efforts with the current firms. The proposed agreements are for an additional five-year term with the same conditions as the original agreements. The firms will perform the work on a contingency basis and will therefore not receive any fees if they are not successful with the claims. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle of fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship.

9. Authorize Chief Engineer and General Manager to Execute [*Special Use Permit*](#) (SUP) Issued by National Park Service (NPS) for Calabasas Landfill (CALF) Resulting in Expenditure of Approximately \$400,000 Over Five-Year Term

Summary: CALF is owned by the County of Los Angeles and operated by the Sanitation Districts. CALF is located within the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (Park), which is part of the National Park System. Federal regulations require the Districts to obtain a SUP in order to operate a solid waste facility within the boundaries of the Park. The existing SUP expires November 14, 2023, and must be renewed for an additional five-year term. There are no significant changes to the terms and conditions in the proposed SUP. The annual cost of the proposed SUP is approximately \$80,000 and includes NPS costs to administer the permit and required funding for research activities to support scientific programs and resource management at the Park. Staff has determined that renewal of the SUP does not constitute a "Project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21065 and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations ("CEQA Guidelines") Section 15378. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle of commitment to operational excellence (protection of public health and the environment, regulatory compliance, and cost effectiveness).

10. Reject Claim for Personal Injuries by Virginia Susie Saucedo, Alleging Injuries as Result of Being Struck by Motor Vehicle

Summary: A claim was received from Virginia Susie Saucedo on September 14, 2023, alleging personal injury as a result of being struck by a motor vehicle on or about March 12, 2023. The claim is related to the roadway conditions and other above ground improvements that are not owned or maintained by the

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Districts. District Counsel has reviewed the claim and recommends that the claim be rejected. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship.

Adjourn

Status Report:

Prior to or during the meeting session, the Chief Engineer and General Manager may update the Directors on various matters concerning the Districts that may be of current interest to the Directors.

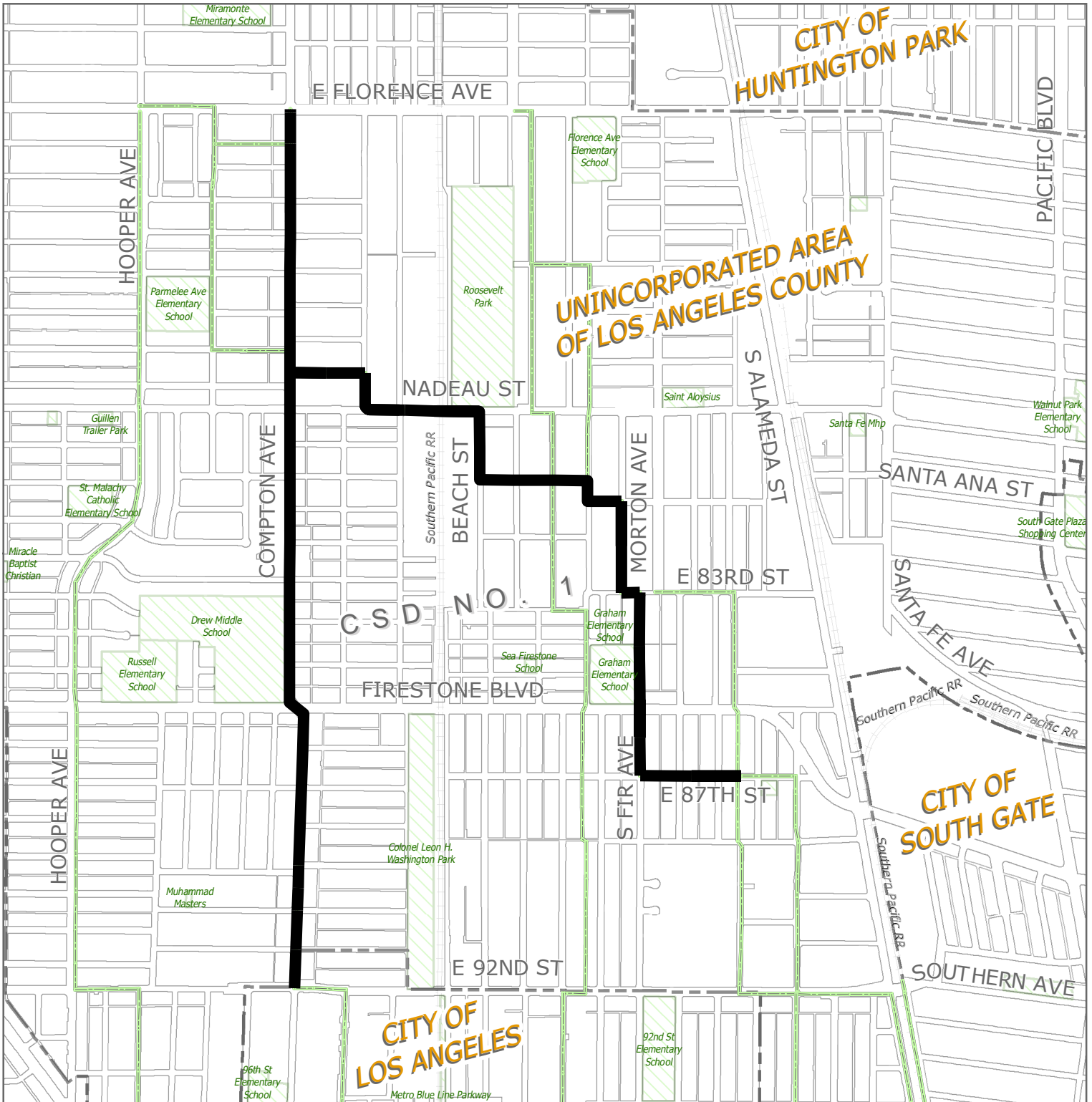
Public Comment:

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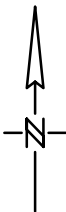
Document Requests:

Links to supporting documents are available online at the time of posting. Agendas and supporting documents or other writings that will be distributed to Board members in connection with matters subject to discussion or consideration at this meeting that are not exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act are available for inspection following the posting of this agenda at the office of the Secretary to the Boards of Directors located at the Districts' Joint Administration Building, 1955 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, California, 90601, or at the time of the meeting at the address posted on this agenda.

DISTRICT 1 TRUNK SEWERS GROUP 1 REHABILITATION



PROJECT ROUTE



TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF COUNTY SANITATION
DISTRICT NO. 2 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

RE: AGENDA ITEM NO. R-2(a)

FOR BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 25, 2023

BIDS were received at the District Office on September 7, 2023

FOR DISTRICT 01 TRUNK SEWERS GROUP 1 REHABILITATION

No. of Bids Received: 2

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Insituform Technologies, LLC	<u>\$3,749,240.00</u>
Southwest Pipeline and Trenchless Corp.	<u>\$4,132,233.00</u>

RECOMMENDATION:

Award contract to Insituform Technologies, LLC, low bidder, in the amount of approximately \$3,749,240.00.

Engineer's Estimate: \$3,700,000.00



Robert C. Ferrante
Chief Engineer and
General Manager

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF COUNTY SANITATION
DISTRICT NO. 2 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

RE: AGENDA ITEM NO. R-3

FOR BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 25, 2023

BIDS were received at the District Office on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

FOR FURNISH AND DELIVER ANNUAL GRANULAR VAPOR PHASE ACTIVATED CARBON

No. of Bids Received: 4

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>TOTAL BID AMOUNT</u>
Karbonous, Inc.*	\$215,600.00
Carbon Activated Corp.	<u>231,000.00</u>
CarbUSA, LLC.	239,800.00
Pacific Coast Carbon, LLC.*	259,600.00

*Bidder did not comply with submission requirements; therefore, its bid is considered non-responsive.

RECOMMENDATION:

Award purchase order to Carbon Activated Corp., the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder, in the amount of approximately \$231,000.00 to furnish and deliver annual granular vapor phase activated carbon.

Engineer's Estimate: \$363,000.00



Robert C. Ferrante
Chief Engineer and
General Manager