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Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Brian M. Balbas, Public Works Director/Chief Engineer  
Date: March 23, 2021

Subject: Construction Contract for the Alhambra Valley Road Realignment-West of Bear Creek Road, Martinez and Pinole areas..

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

(1) APPROVE plans, specifications, and design for the Alhambra Valley Road Realignment-West of Bear Creek Road Project, Martinez and Pinole areas. (County Project No. 0662-6U4095) (District V)

(2) DETERMINE that McGuire and Hester, the lowest monetary bidder, has complied with the requirements of the County's Outreach Program and has exceeded the Mandatory Subcontracting Minimum for this project, as provided in the project specifications; and FURTHER DETERMINE that it has submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid for the project.

(3) AWARD the construction contract for the above project to MCGUIRE AND HESTER in the listed amount (\$421,850.05) and the unit prices submitted in the bid, and DIRECT that MCGUIRE AND HESTER shall present two good and sufficient surety bonds, as indicated below, and that the Public Works Director, or designee, shall prepare the contract.

(4) ORDER that, after the contractor has signed the contract and returned it, together with the bonds as noted below and any required certificates of insurance or other required

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **03/23/2021** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor  
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: March 23, 2021

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Stacey M. Boyd, Deputy

Contact: Kevin Emigh,  
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documents, and the Public Works Director has reviewed and found them to be sufficient, the Public Works Director, or designee, is authorized to sign the contract for this Board.

## RECOMMENDATION(S): (CONT'D)

(5) ORDER that, in accordance with the project specifications and/or upon signature of the contract by the Public Works Director, or designee, bid bonds posted by the bidders are to be exonerated and any checks or cash submitted for security shall be returned.

(6) ORDER that, the Public Works Director, or designee, is authorized to sign any escrow agreements prepared for this project to permit the direct payment of retentions into escrow or the substitution of securities for moneys withheld by the County to ensure performance under the contract, pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22300.

(7) DELEGATE, pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 4114, to the Public Works Director, or designee, the Board's functions under Public Contract Code Sections 4107 and 4110.

(8) DELEGATE, pursuant to Labor Code Section 6705, to the Public Works Director, or to any registered civil or structural engineer employed by the County, the authority to accept detailed plans showing the design of shoring, bracing, sloping, or other provisions to be made for worker protection during trench excavation covered by that section.

(9) DECLARE that, should the award of the contract to MCGUIRE AND HESTER be invalidated for any reason, the Board would not in any event have awarded the contract to any other bidder, but instead would have exercised its discretion to reject all of the bids received. Nothing in this Board Order shall prevent the Board from re-awarding the contract to another bidder in cases where the successful bidder establishes a mistake, refuses to sign the contract, or fails to furnish required bonds or insurance (see Public Contract Code Sections 5100-5107).

### FISCAL IMPACT:

The Project will be funded by 88% Local Road and 12% Measure J Return to Source (RTS) Funds.

### BACKGROUND:

The above project was previously approved by the Board of Supervisors, plans and specifications were filed with the Board, and bids were invited by the Public Works Director. On February 23, 2021 the Public Works Department received bids from the following contractors:

### BIDDER, TOTAL AMOUNT, BOND AMOUNTS

McGuire and Hester: \$421,850.05; Payment: \$421,850.05; Performance: \$421,850.05  
GradeTech Inc., \$423,563.50  
Patterson Taber General Engineering, Inc., \$453,027.40

Ghilotti Bros., Inc., \$468,496.00  
Redgwick Construction Co., \$487,669.50  
Kerex Engineering, Inc., \$495,924.00  
Granite Rock Company, \$504,117.20  
Maggiora & Ghilotti, Inc., \$535,535.00  
Bay Cities Paving & Grading, Inc., \$553,615.00  
W.R. Forde Associates, Inc., \$592,697.00

The Public Works Director has reported that MCGUIRE AND HESTER documented an adequate good faith effort to comply with the requirements of the County's Outreach Program and exceeded the Mandatory Subcontracting Minimum, and the Public Works Director recommends that the construction contract be awarded to MCGUIRE AND HESTER.

The Public Works Director recommends that the bid submitted by MCGUIRE AND HESTER is the lowest responsive and responsible bid, which is \$1,713.45 less than the next lowest bid, and this Board concurs and so finds.

The Board of Supervisors previously determined that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a Class 1(c) Categorical Exemption, and a Notice of Determination was filed with the County Clerk on May 6, 2020.

The general prevailing rates of wages, which shall be the minimum rates paid on this project, have been filed with the Clerk of the Board, and copies will be made available to any party upon request.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Construction of the project would be delayed, and the project might not be built.