

- **Board of Directors**  
**Diamond Valley Lake & Lake Skinner Oversight Subcommittee**

November 23, 2004 Board Meeting

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**5-1**

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**Subject**

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Award a \$3.638 million contract to Southern California Grading, Inc. for rough grading of the Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District site within the Diamond Valley East Recreation Area; and amend an agreement with The Keith Companies, Inc.

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**Description**

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The Diamond Valley East Recreation Area (ERA) consists of rolling hills and swales which were created during construction of the East Dam. The current topography of the recreation site is not suitable for presently envisioned and authorized projects. Projects within the ERA which have been authorized by Metropolitan's Board include: (1) The Center for Water Education, (2) the Western Center for Archaeology and Paleontology, (3) the Valley-Wide Community Park and Aquatic Facility, and (4) a recreation lake and associated facilities.

The Valley-Wide Community Park and Aquatic Facility is an 85-acre facility that will include baseball and soccer fields, basketball and tennis courts, and an olympic-size swimming pool. Through its lease agreement with Valley-Wide, Metropolitan is responsible for providing a graded site suitable for the above intended uses. In July 2003, Metropolitan's Board authorized final design of the entire 85-acre site for grading, drainage improvements, preparation of building pads, and subgrade preparation for future parking areas and roadways. This action awards a construction contract in the amount of \$3.638 million to Southern California Grading, Inc. for rough grading of the Valley-Wide Community Park and Aquatic Facility site.

The project was advertised for bids on October 12, 2004 under Specifications No. 1520. A total of six bids were received and opened on November 16, 2004. The low bid was non-responsive and has been rejected. The second low bid from Southern California Grading, Inc. in the amount of \$3.638 million, complies with the requirements of the specifications. The engineer's estimate was \$4.895 million. For this project, Metropolitan requires Small Business Enterprise (SBE) participation of at least 20 percent of the total construction bid. Southern California Grading, Inc. has committed to meet this requirement. Construction management and inspection will be performed by Metropolitan staff. For this project, the anticipated cost of construction inspection is approximately 10.9 percent of the construction cost. The Engineering Services goal for inspection of projects with construction costs less than \$10 million is 9 to 15 percent.

This project was designed by The Keith Companies, Inc., which will provide technical support during construction. The Keith Companies was selected through a competitive process (Request for Proposals No. 580) to perform design services, and authority to enter into the agreement was approved by Metropolitan's Board in November 2002. This action authorizes an increase of \$40,000 to The Keith Companies' existing agreement, for a new not-to-exceed total of \$1.195 million.

This project has been evaluated and recommended by Metropolitan's Capital Investment Plan Evaluation Team and funds have been included in the fiscal year 2004/05 capital budget, under the Diamond Valley Recreation Program (Approp. 15334). This action authorizes expenditure of funds previously appropriated by the Board. The total project estimate for this action is \$4.48 million, which includes the construction contract, project management, environmental monitoring, and construction inspection and support activities.

See [Attachment 1](#) for the Abstract of Bids and [Attachment 2](#) for a location map.

## Policy

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Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code § 8113: Construction Contract Award  
 Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code § 8117: Professional and Technical Consultants

### California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

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CEQA determination for Option #1:

To comply with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines, Metropolitan as the Lead Agency prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Diamond Valley Lake Park Specific Plan. The MND was distributed for a 30-day public review period that began on August 13, 2002. The Board later adopted the MND and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) on October 8, 2002. The present proposed board actions are solely based on amending an existing professional services agreement and awarding a construction contract and not on any substantial changes to the approved project itself. Hence, the previously adopted environmental documentation in conjunction with the current proposed actions fully complies with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines. Accordingly, no further environmental documentation is necessary for the Board to act on with respect to the proposed actions.

The CEQA determination is: Determine that the proposed actions have been previously addressed in the adopted 2002 MND and its MMRP and that no further environmental analysis or documentation is required.

CEQA determination for Option #2:

None required

### Board Options/Fiscal Impacts

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#### Option #1

Adopt the CEQA determination and

- a. Award a contract for \$3.638 million to Southern California Grading, Inc. for rough grading of the Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District facility site; and
- b. Authorize an increase of \$40,000 to an agreement with The Keith Companies, Inc. for a new not-to-exceed total of \$1.195 million to provide engineering support during construction.

**Fiscal Impact:** \$4.48 million in budgeted, previously appropriated funds under Approp. 15334

#### Option #2

Do not award the contract for rough grading at this time. This option will impact the schedule and would jeopardize Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District's grant status.

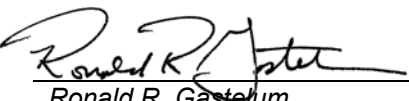
**Fiscal Impact:** None

### Recommendation

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Option #1

	11/18/2004
Roy L. Wolfe Manager, Corporate Resources	Date

	11/19/2004
Ronald R. Gastelum Chief Executive Officer	Date

[Attachment 1 – Abstract of Bids](#)

[Attachment 2 – Location Map](#)

**The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California**

**Abstract of Bids Received on November 16, 2004 at 2:00 P.M.**

**Specifications No. 1520**

**Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District Rough Grading Improvements**

The project consists of site rough grading, preparation of building pads, and preparation of subgrade for future parking, driveways, and roadways of approximately 85 acres of rolling hills to accommodate future Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District facilities. The project also includes construction of storm drain pipes, box culverts, miscellaneous drainage improvements and other appurtenant work.

**Engineer's Estimate: \$4.895 million**

<b>Bidder and Location</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>SBE \$</b>	<b>SBE %</b>	<b>Met SBE *</b>
Sema Construction Lake Forest, Ca.	\$3,199,200 **	N/A	N/A	N/A
Southern California Grading, Inc. Irvine, Ca.	\$3,638,000	\$3,638,000	100%	Yes
PALP, Inc. dba Excel Paving Company Long Beach, Ca.	\$3,909,634	N/A	N/A	N/A
SRD Engineering, Inc. Anaheim, Ca.	\$3,940,000	N/A	N/A	N/A
LD Anderson, Inc. Bloomington, Ca.	\$4,117,000	N/A	N/A	N/A
Road Builders, Inc. Murrieta, Ca.	\$4,218,000	N/A	N/A	N/A

\* The required Small Business Enterprise (SBE) participation is 20 percent.

\*\* The bid was non-responsive.

