

- **Board of Directors**
Asset, Real Estate and Infrastructure Policy Committee
Diamond Valley Lake and Lake Skinner Oversight Subcommittee

November 9, 2004 Board Meeting

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Subject

Award an \$8,986,566 construction contract to PALP, Inc. dba Excel Paving Company for street and utility improvements for Searl Parkway Phase 1 within the Diamond Valley Lake East Recreation Area; and amend an agreement with The Keith Companies, Inc. for engineering support during construction

Description

The Diamond Valley Lake East Recreation Area is located on Metropolitan property bounded by Domenigoni Parkway, State Street, Newport Road, and reserve lands adjacent to the East Dam. Although the area was rough-graded as part of the East Dam construction, the site remains undeveloped. Metropolitan's Board approved installation of infrastructure to support planned recreation amenities. The recreation amenities currently planned for this area include but are not limited to: (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 infrastructure required to support these planned facilities includes roadways, utilities, drainage facilities, and miscellaneous grading.

Searl Parkway provides the primary access into the area and the planned recreation amenities. Parkway design and construction have been split into two phases to accommodate construction activities associated with the recreation amenities. In November 2002, Metropolitan's Board authorized an agreement with The Keith Companies, Inc. to perform infrastructure design including Searl Parkway Phases 1 and 2. In August 2004, the Board authorized service agreements with four local utility providers: Verizon, Adelphia, The Gas Company, and Southern California Edison. Utility design and installation have been included within the Searl Parkway Phase 1 construction bid package.

On October 13, 2004, bids were received and opened under Specifications No. 1490 for the Searl Parkway Street and Utility Improvements Project Phase 1. The low bid from PALP, Inc. dba Excel Paving Company in the amount of \$8,986,566, complies with the requirements of the specifications. The engineer's estimate is \$9.144 million. For this project, Metropolitan requires Small Business Enterprise participation of at least 28 percent of the total construction bid. Excel Paving Company has committed to meet this requirement.

This action awards an \$8,986,566 construction contract to Excel Paving Company to construct Phase 1 street and utility improvements, and authorizes construction inspection and support for this project. Metropolitan staff will perform construction inspection and The Keith Companies, Inc. will provide engineering support. This action authorizes an increase of \$75,000 to The Keith Companies' existing agreement, for a new not-to-exceed total of \$1.155 million, for engineering support during construction. For this project, the anticipated cost of construction inspection is 7.2 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 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 estimate for this project is \$11.3 million, which includes the construction contract, project management, and construction inspection activities.

See [Attachment 1](#) for the Abstract of Bids and [Attachment 2](#) for the Location Map.

Policy

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

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

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

Option #1

Adopt the CEQA determination and

- a. Award a contract for \$8,986,566 to PALP, Inc. dba Excel Paving Company to construct the street and utility improvements of Searl Parkway Phase 1; and
- b. Authorize a \$75,000 increase to the agreement with The Keith Companies, Inc. for a new not-to-exceed total of \$1.155 million to provide engineering support during construction.

Fiscal Impact: \$11.3 million in budgeted, previously appropriated funds under Approp. 15334

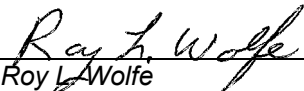
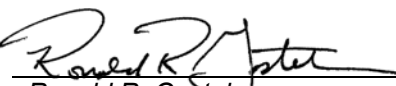
Option #2

By not going forward, this will impact the schedule to improve various recreational facilities currently planned within the East Recreation Area.

Fiscal Impact: Unknown

Recommendation

Option #1

 _____ Roy L. Wolfe Manager, Corporate Resources	10/15/2004 Date
 _____ Ronald R. Gastelum Chief Executive Officer	10/19/2004 Date

Attachment 1 – Abstract of Bids

Attachment 2 – Location Map

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Abstract of Bids Received on October 13, 2004 at 2:00 P.M.
Specifications No. 1490
Searl Parkway Phase 1 Street & Utility Improvements

The project consists of demolition of existing curb, gutter, and roadway structural section; grading and construction of a new roadway and drainage channel; sewer, water, storm drain pipes; signing, striping, and street lighting; installing electrical distribution and telephone conduits; trenching and backfilling of The Gas Company-installed gas main and Adelpia-installed communication conduit; seeding within the disturbed areas, and other appurtenant work.

Engineer's Estimate: \$9.144 million

Bidder and Location	Total	SBE \$	SBE %	Met SBE
PALP, Inc. dba Excel Paving Company Long Beach, Ca. 90806	\$8,986,566	\$3,795,629	42.2	Yes

The required Small Business Enterprise (SBE) participation is 28 percent.

