



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 11/29/2022

File #: 22-1484

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Public Works

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Bid Award Authorization for Storm Damage Repair to Elk Creek Road (C6D060) at Post Mile 0.95-2.42

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive and file the bid proposals submitted for Storm Damage Repair to Elk Creek Road at Post Mile 0.95-2.42;
2. Award the project agreement to Van Meter Logging, Inc., for the total amount of \$2,388,398;
3. Authorize the Chair of the Board to execute the project agreement upon submittal of the appropriate bonds and insurance; and
4. Authorize the Public Works Director to execute contract change orders up to the amount of \$131,920.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Humboldt County Road Fund (1200); Federal Highway Administration Emergency Relief Funds

DISCUSSION:

On Sept. 20, 2022, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise Storm Damage Repair to Elk Creek Road at Post Mile 0.95-2.42 for bids. On Oct. 25, 2022, the County of Humboldt received four (4) bids for the project, which are attached hereto as Attachment 1.

The Department of Public Works recommends that the Board of Supervisors: receive and file the bid proposals submitted for Storm Damage Repair to Elk Creek Road at Post Mile 0.95-2.42; award the attached project agreement to Van Meter Logging, Inc., for the total amount of \$2,388,398; authorize the Chair of the Board to execute the attached project agreement upon submittal of the appropriate bonds and insurance; and authorize the Public Works Director to execute contract change orders up to the amount of \$131,920.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Storm Damage Repair to Elk Creek Road at Post Mile 0.95-2.42 is being funded by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Emergency Relief Funds (88.53%) and the Humboldt County Road Fund (11.47%). The contract bid amount is \$2,388,398. The total project cost is estimated at \$2,985,500. The Humboldt County Road Fund will be responsible for \$342,436.85 of the total costs associated with the Elk Creek Road at Post Mile 0.95-2.42 Storm Damage Project.

Expenditure appropriations relating to completion of the Elk Creek Road at Post Mile 0.95-2.42 Storm Damage Project are included in the approved fiscal year (FY) 2022-23 Road Fund Budget (1200321-2118).

Projects are paid in arrears with anticipated funding coming from FHWA as mentioned above. The FY 2020-21 Annual Road Report, completed by the State of California, reflected an estimated negative fund balance of \$5.9 million in the county's Road Fund. Even after allocating nearly \$6.8 million of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds to the Road Fund in order to reduce the negative fund balance the current estimated fund balance remains negative by approximately \$4 million.

This negative balance is partially due to the timing of Federal Emergency Management Agency reimbursements to the county, which can take years for the county to receive repayment. The department utilizes other state and local funding, such as Regional Surface Transportation Program funds, for the Humboldt County Road Fund match for reimbursable projects. Despite those additional funding sources, Road Fund projects are underfunded and will very likely have a negative impact on the General Fund if additional revenue sources are not secured.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by providing for and maintaining infrastructure .

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

California Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board of Supervisors may choose not to award the project agreement for Storm Damage Repair to Elk Creek Road at Post Mile 0.95-2.42 to avoid increasing the negative fund balance. However, this alternative is not recommended because the project will restore the roadway to pre-disaster conditions using funds that would not otherwise be available to the County of Humboldt.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Bid Results for Storm Damage Repair to Elk Creek Road at Post Mile 0.95-2.42
2. Construction Agreement for Storm Damage Repair to Elk Creek Road at Post Mile 0.95-2.42

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: D-24

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