

Mitigation/Construction Committee

October 23, 2020

01:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

WATER TANK REPAIR & MAINTENANCE PROGRAM PLANNING

Project 2020-2021-01

PROJECT NOTES

District Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 13th, 2020

Shailer Nicholas with Suez Tank Solutions presented a basic overview of their proposed repair and service plan. Frank Cornejo discussed mostly water quality compliance and the need for proposed equipment to assist the District in maintaining compliance.

- Board questions:
 - Sole sourcing – who else is out there?
 - Pittsburgh Tank (not responsive)
 - Palmer Tank (performed minor repairs to South Tank in July 2018)
 - Paso Robles Tank (was not responsive for 2018 job)
 - Thompson Tank (manufacturer of most bolted steel tanks)
 - SUEZ
 - This can be broken down into two categories:
 - Who can “repair” the tanks.
 - Who can “repair” and “manage” the tanks.
 - Who else uses SUEZ?
 - The Cities of: El Centro, Holtville, Calexico and Banning just to name a few...
 - SUEZ operates all over the US.
 - Warranty info; **will be specific to each contractor.**
 - Replacement tank cost/ Return on Investment (ROI)
 - Shai touched on this.
 - Drinking water 40K tanks would be approx. \$300-500k each to replace.
 - Irrigation/Fire Suppression tank approx. \$350-550k to replace.
 - Sewer Plant (as a package) in the neighborhood of \$2.5-3.5 million.
 - Equipment benefits?
 - Shai and Frank discussed during meeting.
 - Mainly compliance management (water quality)
 - Heavily regulated!!!
 - Fines starting at \$5k per day at WP.
 - Minimum of \$12k per day/occurrence at WWTP.
 - Any evidence of negligence can be prosecuted by the AG’s office.

- Maximize tank life.
- Financing options
 - Will be discussed after RFQ have been received. **Will be specific to each contractor.**
- Can we pair work with other Districts/Operators?
 - No, due to timing and difficulty. This can be discussed further with ICDPH as they may have more oversight in organizing a “valley-wide” purchasing or bidding program.
 - *Will reach out to Valley operators to inquire who they use for this type of work.*

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Present: Laura Dubbe, Liz Goff, Judy Tagg (Zoom), Alexa Horne (Zoom), Armando Lopez, Frank Cornejo, Nick Curry

- Discussed Project Scope/Needs/Phasing.
- Agreed that we first put out an RFQ, then proceed to RFP’s.
- Discussed timelines, i.e. Board Meetings, advertisements, site walk, submission deadlines.
- Frank & Nick reporting on who was contacted (Water Operators) throughout the Valley, asking specifically if they currently have or are planning to have any work done to their tanks.
 - City of Calexico; Jose Saldana
 - Three tanks recently inspected by MCS Inspection Group.
 - Will be performing minor repairs, disinfecting and cleanout services.
 - Replied to Frank on 10/20/2020.
 - City of El Centro; Rudy Nunez
 - Will need to perform inspections in the next few years.
 - Does not have an active contract for inspection/repairs.
 - Responded to Frank on 10/15/2020.
 - City of Brawley; Jorge Valle
 - No response back.
 - City of Calexico; Luis Estrada
 - No response back.
 - City of Calipatria; David Godsey
 - No active contracts with any vendors.
 - Tanks are inspected by dive team.
 - No plans for any future work at this time.
 - Responded to Frank on 10/14/2020.
 - Seeley Water District; Aron Garcia
 - No upcoming work.
 - Responded back to Frank verbally.
 - Imperial Valley College; Manuel Sanchez
 - Recent dive inspections & cleaning by Municipal Diving.

- No active maintenance or repair contracts.
 - Will need to perform repairs in the future (no timeline)
 - Responded to Nick on 10/23/2020.
- Heber Public Utility District; Francisco Rodriguez
 - Diving inspections/cleaning scheduled for late 2020 (Inland Potable Services)
 - No other maintenance contracts.
 - Replied to Nick on 10/23/2020.
- City of Holtville; Frank Cornejo
 - 2.4mg tank will be rehabilitated late 2020 by SUEZ.

RFQ PREPERATION AND ADVERTISEMENT

- 11/2/2020; Draft RFQ prepared by Nick Curry and emailed to Frank Cornejo for approval.
- 11/3/2020; Final revision made to RFQ and reviewed with Liz Goff.
- 11/5/2020; Contacted Tiffany Sarpy (Communication Specialist) at AWWA. They do not directly advertise on their site except for vendors. They do have a quarterly publication, but the deadline for their printing and our project timelines differ and will not work for this project.
Contacted Chris Palmer at California Special Districts Association (CSDA). They do allow advertising to members only. Inquiring as to member details/costs.
- 11/9/2020; RFQ completed and emailed to Frank & Liz for review/approval. Advertisement draft
for public notification written and submitted to IV Press for proofing.
- 11/10/2020; RFQ and public notification posted to school website. Press advertisement proofed and approved for printing. Print dates: Friday, November 13th and Friday, November 20th. Website links emailed to Jason Leary, Editor at BC Water News (provided by marketing at AWWA) for distribution. Plan to email the following companies directly starting tomorrow:
Pittsburgh, Suez, Palmer, Paso Robles, Olympus Tank. Updates on project to be provided at tonight's Board meeting. Liz provided brief update. No questions asked by members of the Board.

TIMELINE

- 11/10/2020 – RFQ posted to website, November Board Meeting Project Update
 - 11/13/2020 – First publication in IV Press
 - 11/20/2020 – Second publication in IV Press
 - 12/9/2020 – RFQ Submission Deadline Date/Opening
 - 12/9-12/11/2020 – RFQ Submission Evaluations/Prepare for December Board Update
 - 12/15/2020 – December Board Meeting Project Update
 - 12/16/2020 – Mandatory Job Site Walk
 - 1/6/2021 – Project Bids Due/Opening
 - 1/6-1/11/2021 – Review Bids, Prepare for January Board Update
 - 1/12/2021 – January Board Meeting Update/Pre-Approval
 - 1/12/2021 on – Prepare for February Board Meeting (Approval)
 - 2/9/2021 – Seek Board Approval at February Meeting
 - 2/10/2021 – Issue Notice to Proceed
 - 2/11/2021 – Issue Purchase Order, Schedule Pre-Construction Meeting
- Future dates TBD.