

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-278

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

July 31, 2012

SUSPENDING COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANTS REHABILITATION PROJECT

BACKGROUND

- A. The Sacramento River Water Treatment Plant (SRWTP) was constructed in the 1920's and the E.A. Fairbairn Water Treatment Plant (EAFWTP) was constructed in the early 1960's. Many of the older structures at these facilities have reached the end of their service life and need to be rehabilitated or replaced.
- B. The Department of Utilities performed a condition assessment study that was completed in 2009 that identified major infrastructure at the treatment plants requiring replacement or rehabilitation.
- C. On April 13, 2010, City Council approved a Professional Services Agreement for design of the Treatment Plants Rehabilitation Project, and design of the Project is underway. Bids for Project construction are anticipated to be opened in January 2013.
- D. On March 20, 2012, the City Council passed Resolution No. 2012-067, which adopted the mitigated negative declaration and mitigation reporting program for the Water Treatment Plants Rehabilitation project, pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
- E. The Water Treatment Plants Rehabilitation Project construction will be complex and represents an infrastructure investment of some \$150 million. The Contractor will have to work around existing facilities that are to remain in operation.
- F. Staff recommends that the City Council suspend competitive bidding for the Project, to allow the Department of Utilities to utilize a prequalification procedure to select prequalified construction contractors to bid on the Project, and then limit bidding on the Project to only prequalified contractors.
- G. Under the City Charter and City Code, the City Council can suspend competitive bidding for a public project when it determines, on a 2/3 vote, that it is in the City's best interests to do so.
- H. It is in the best interests of the City to suspend competitive bidding for the Project so that City staff can utilize a prequalification process to create a list of prequalified

contractors, and limit bidding on the Project to only prequalified contractors. Using a prequalification process will assure that contractors bidding on the Project possess the requisite qualifications and experience to successfully perform the Project, which should minimize unanticipated costs and delays, and should minimize potential disruptions to ongoing water treatment plant operations. The water treatment plants are essential to the health and safety of the City and City residents. A similar prequalification process has been used successfully on other large Utilities projects.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Competitive bidding is suspended for the Water Treatment Plants Rehabilitation Project (Z14006000) in the best interests of the City.

Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on July 31, 2012 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Ashby, Cohn, D Fong, R Fong, McCarty, Pannell, Sheedy, and Mayor Johnson.

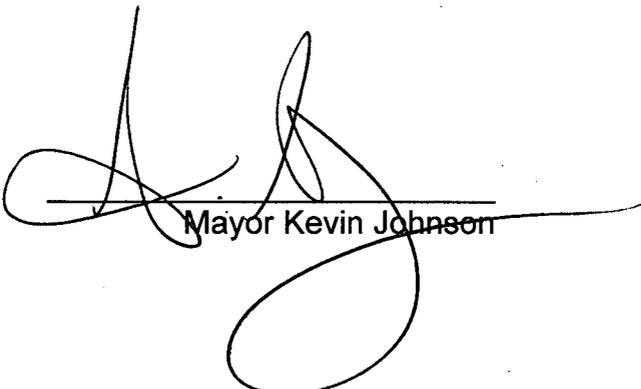
Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

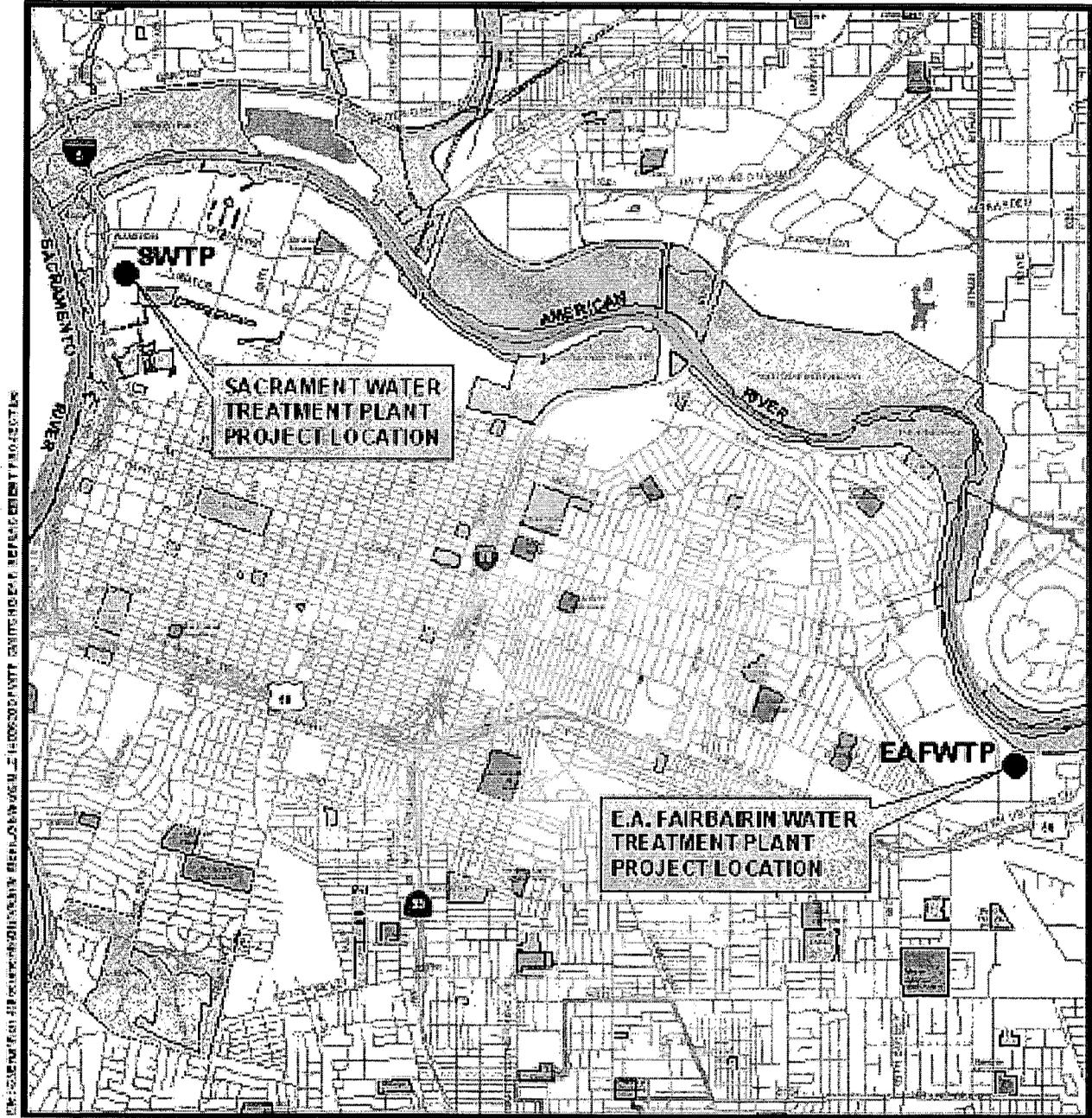
Absent: Councilmember Schenirer

Attest:


Shirley Concolino, City Clerk


Mayor Kevin Johnson

ATTACHMENT 3
WATER TREATMENT PLANTS
REHABILITATION PROJECT
(PN: Z14006000)



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