



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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Consent  
**December 18, 2007**

**Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council**

**Title: Fairbairn Water Treatment Plant (FWTP) Low Lift Pumps – Phase II Project  
(PN: ZL71)**

**Location/Council District:** The E.A. Fairbairn Water Treatment Plant (FWTP) is located at 7501 College Town Drive near California State University Sacramento / Council District 3 (see Attachment 2 – Project Location Map).

**Recommendation:** Adopt a **Resolution** rejecting all bids received for the FWTP Low Lift Pumps – Phase II Project (PN: ZL71).

**Contact:** David L. Brent, Engineering Manager, 808-1420; Dave Hansen, Supervising Engineer, 808-1421.

**Presenters:** None

**Department:** Department of Utilities

**Division:** Engineering Services

**Organization No:** 3332

### **Description/Analysis**

**Issue:** The Department of Utilities is recommending the rejection of all bids so that the project can be rebid.

**Policy Considerations:** The rejection of all bids is authorized under Chapter 3.60 of the City Code.

**Environmental Considerations:** CEQA does not apply to the rejection of bids.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the City Council reject all bids for the FWTP Low Lift Pumps – Phase II project because bidding for the project was not advertised as required by the City Code. In addition, the two lowest bidders withdrew their bids based on mistakes by their equipment suppliers and the third low bid significantly exceeds the engineer's estimate.

**Financial Considerations:** The expense of readvertising the project after bids are rejected is minor and sufficient funds to pay this cost is available as part of this project (PN: ZL71).

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** This project includes participation goals of 20% for emerging and small business enterprises as required by Ordinance 99-007 and Resolution 99-055 relating to ESBD participation goals and policies, adopted by City Council on February 9, 1999.

Respectfully Submitted by:   
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Director of Utilities

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City Manager

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**Attachment 1****Background**

In 2001 the Department of Utilities completed construction of modifications to the intake structure at the Fairbairn Water Treatment Plant. The upgrades restored the plant's original design capacity of 200 mgd and consisted of constructing a 78 foot extension to allow placement of three additional pumps. Two of these pumps have been purchased. This contract is for the installation of the electrical and control systems for these pumps.

Seven (7) bids were received and opened by the City Clerk on October 31, 2007, and are summarized below:

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Bid Amount</b>
Central Pacific Construction Inc.	\$168,000
MIB Enterprises.	\$186,000
Johnson Mechanical Co.	\$280,000
J. R. Sharp Construction, Inc.	\$302,868
BRC Construction Inc.	\$327,544
Division 515	\$345,593
Interstate Construction, Inc.	\$369,369

The engineer's construction estimate was \$202,000.

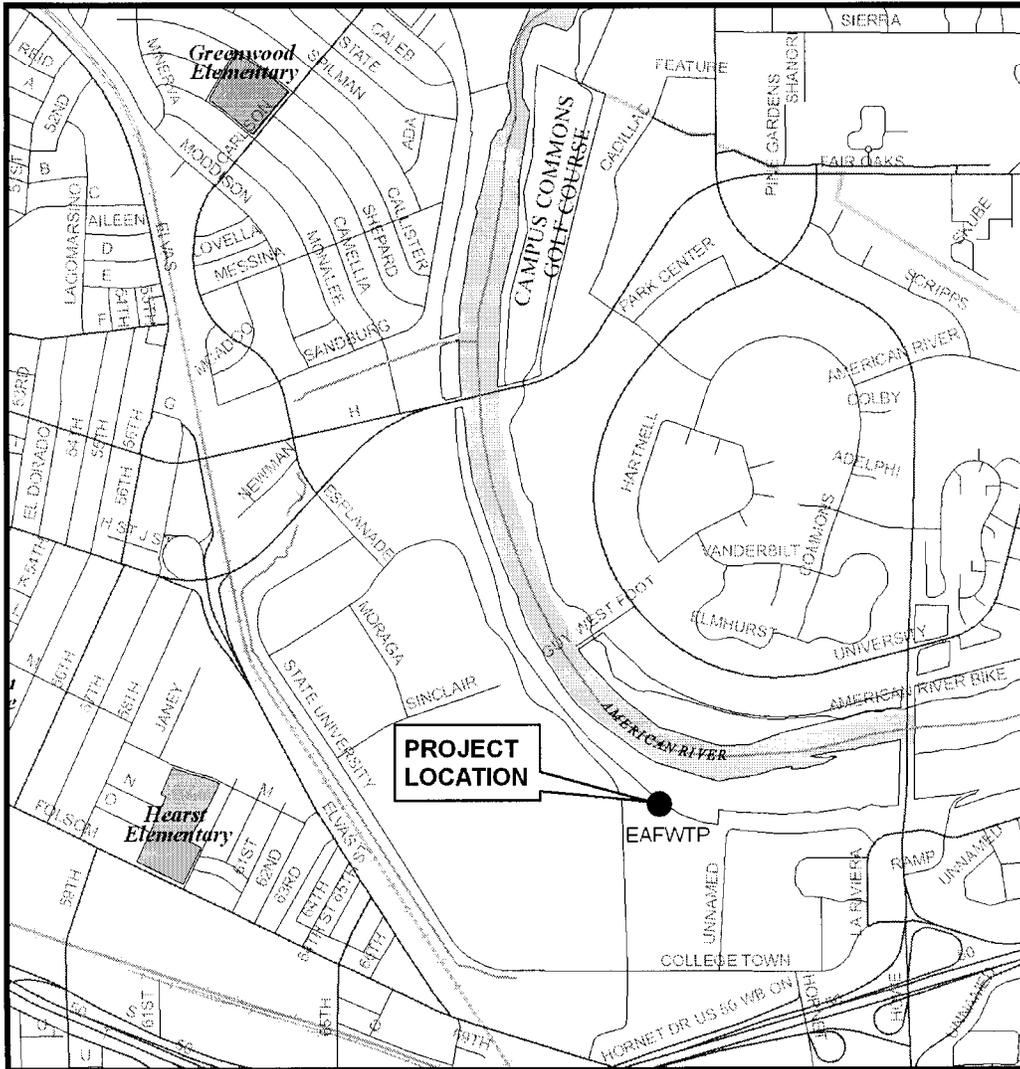
The two lowest bidders, Central Pacific Construction Inc. and MIB Enterprises, have withdrawn their bids due to mistakes made by their equipment suppliers, as authorized under the City Standard Specifications, Section 2-12, and State law. As a result, the third low bidder is the lowest responsible bidder, at \$280,000.

The project was advertised on EbidBoard, the City's website, Local Builder's Exchanges and other media through Signature Reprographics. However, the City Code also requires notice of bidding by official publication not less than 15 days prior to bid opening. This notice, that typically is placed in the Daily Journal, was not provided due to a problem with the City's Groupwise system (the e-mail requesting that the project be advertised was not received and therefore no advertisement ran).

Due to this procedural defect, City staff is recommending that the City Council reject all the bids for this project, so the project may be rebid with the proper notice.

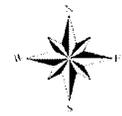
### ATTACHMENT 2

#### FWTP LOW LIFT PUMPS - PHASE II (PN:ZL71)



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Map Prepared By  
City of Sacramento  
Department of Utilities



**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**REJECT ALL BIDS FOR THE FWTP LOW LIFT PUMPS – PHASE II PROJECT  
(PN: ZL71)**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. Bids for the FWTP Low Lift Pumps – Phase II project were opened on October 31, 2007.
- B. Due to a problem with the City’s Groupwise system, the e-mail requesting that bids for the project be advertised in the Daily Journal was not received, and as a result the project was not advertised as required by the City Code.
- C. Staff recommends that the City Council reject all the bids for this project due to this procedural defect.

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

- Section 1. All bids received for the FWTP Low Lift Pumps – Phase II project (PN: ZL71) are rejected.