RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2012-195

MEETING: April 17, 2012
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Peter Rei, Public Works Director
RE: Fish Camp and Midpines Fire Station Bids

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Reject the Fish Camp and Midpines Fire Station bids.

On March 29, 2012, the County received four bids for the Fish Camp Fire Station. The low bidder was Fortune-Ratliff Construction with a bid of $1,113,593.05. This bid exceeds the architect’s estimate by $253,214.05. Staff is unable to award the project without additional funding being approved for the project by the Board. This project needs to be awarded or all bids rejected no later than 30 days following receipt of the bids (April 28, 2012) as required by law.

On April 6, 2012, the County received one bid for the Midpines Fire Station. The lone bidder was Schreder Construction with a bid of $913,106. This bid exceeds the architect’s estimate by $337,392.80. Staff is unable to award the project without additional funding being approved for the project by the Board. This project needs to be awarded or all bids rejected no later than 30 days following receipt of the bids (May 5, 2012) as required by law.

Following receipt of the bids for both projects, Public Works staff contacted contractors who originally expressed interest in the projects, but who did not bid on them. These contractors indicated that the time frame required in our bid packages for completion of construction was too short to successfully complete the projects and as a result they declined to submit a bid. The dates staff included for completion of construction were selected in order to meet the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant deadline.

In order to re-advertise the projects and provide the contractors with a longer time frame to complete the projects the County will need concurrence from FEMA to extend the grant deadline for a minimum of one full year. This time frame will allow another construction season to complete the projects. By adding this additional time it is very likely that the County would see lower construction bids.

Public Works will continue to meet with Fire Department staff and County Administration to
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explore all possible options regarding the construction of the fire stations and will report on these options at a Board meeting in the near future.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

On February 28, 2012, the Board of Supervisors approved the Fish Camp and Midpines Fire Station project plans and specifications, and authorized Public Works to proceed with advertisement of the projects for bids.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not reject the bids. The Board will need to identify additional funding in order for Public Works to accept the bids that were received.

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

[Signature]
Rick Benson, County Administrative Office 11/11/2012

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVED: Jim Allen, District V Supervisor
SECONDER: Lyle Turpin, District II Supervisor
AYES: Stetson, Turpin, Bibby, Cann, Allen
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REJECT THE FISH CAMP AND MIDPINES FIRE STATION BIDS
TO: PETER REI, Public Works Director
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
SUBJECT: Reject the Fish Camp and Midpines Fire Station Bids

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THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on April 17, 2012

ACTION AND VOTE:

Reject the Fish Camp and Midpines Fire Station Bids
Discussion was held with Pete Rei relative to the status of the bids that were received and he advised of his revised recommendation after meeting with staff to consider awarding the bid for the Fish Camp station and to rebid the Midpines station. Rick Benson reviewed the status of the budget for these projects, and discussion was held. Steve Dahlem/County Counsel provided input on the action that is scheduled for this meeting and options to give direction. Jim Wilson/Fire Chief provided input on the status of the request to FEMA to extend the grant deadline.

Input from the public was provided by the following:
Donn Harter, Chair of the Fish Camp Fire and Rescue Association, advised of the status of funds that they have available to help with the shortfall for the Fish Camp station.
Gary Taylor/Assistant Director of Public Works-Operations, provided input relative to rebidding the projects.
Donn Harter provided input relative to consideration of rebidding the Fish Camp station.

The Board recessed at 2:32 p.m. and reconvened at 2:39 p.m.
Supervisor Allen suggested that following his discussion with Donn Harter, the Fire Chief, and the Public Works Director, that the Fish Camp station be rebid. The recommended action to reject the Fish Camp and Midpines fire station bids was approved. Direction was given to schedule an item on the April 24th agenda to rebid these projects; and County Counsel noted action could be taken subject to receiving the written extension from FEMA; and the Public Works
Director concurred.
RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Jim Allen, District V Supervisor
SECONDER: Lyle Turpin, District II Supervisor
AYES: Stetson, Turpin, Bibby, Cann, Allen

Cc: Bill Davis, Auditor
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