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CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Meeting: October 2, 2018

<u>Subject</u>

Reject all bids for a construction contract for the McClellan Ranch Preserve Community Garden Project

Recommended Action

Reject all bids related to the construction of the McClellan Ranch Preserve Community Garden Improvements Project (Project No. 2019-06) and authorize the rebid of the project.

Description

This project will construct the approved conceptual design for the McClellan Ranch Preserve Community Garden Improvements project. The goals of this project are to increase the number of garden plots, increase the aesthetics and sense of community and provide increased protection from non-beneficial wildlife. The improvements include, improved perimeter fencing, more efficient garden configuration, additional rodent protection, ADA compliant pathways and planters, enhanced irrigation system and an informal meeting/education space.

Discussion

The project was advertised for bids on August 21, 2018 and bids were opened on September 18, 2018. Three bids were received, with the low bid amount approximately 64% over the engineer's estimate. The low bid was received from Suarez & Munoz Construction.

| Bidder | Bid Amount |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Engineers Estimate | \$1,000,000 |
| Suarez & Munoz Construction | \$1,639,000 |
| McGuire & Hester | \$1,971,501 |
| QLM, Inc. | \$2,129,367 |

Based on the bids received and the high costs associated with those bids Staff recommends that Council reject all bids for this project and return the contractor's bidder's bond. Staff will analyze the construction documents, review outreach efforts and look for cost reduction opportunities with the goal of revising the design and rebidding the project in early Spring 2019.

Sustainability Impact

None

CEQA

Exempt

Fiscal Impact

The FY 2018-19 CIP budget for the MRP Community Gardens Project (budget unit 280-99-066) is inadequate to implement the project. The project will be redesigned to conform with the available budget.

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Attachments: None