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Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Montgomery and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Geoff Dolan, City Manager

FROM: Jim Arndt, Director of Public Works
Dana Greenwood, City Engineer
Raul Saenz, Utilities Manager
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DATE: September 2, 2008

SUBJECT: Reject Bid for Well No. 15 Rehabilitation Project and Authorize Staff to Re-Advertise the Project

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council pass a motion to reject the bid received for the Well No. 15 Rehabilitation Project and authorize staff to re-advertise the project.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

Funds in the amount of \$60,000 are included in the current fiscal year budget for this project.

DISCUSSION:

The water production rate at Well No. 15 (located at the intersection of Manhattan Beach Boulevard and Vail Avenue) has been steadily decreasing over the past ten years since the well was last rehabilitated. Staff had prepared a set of specifications for the rehabilitation of the well based on the same procedure that was used the last time the well had been rehabilitated. The project was bid in accordance with the State's Public Works Contract Code. A total of six sets of specifications were sent to interested contractors. However, when the bids were opened on August 19, 2008, only one bid was received. That bid was in the amount of \$287,243. Subsequent discussions with this contractor indicated that some of the items of work could be eliminated, resulting in a reduction of the cost of the project. Also, staff feels that there may be other methods that could be utilized to rehabilitate the project, which would also result in a reduced bid price.

Staff is therefore recommending that the one bid received be rejected in accordance with Section 20166 of the Public Contract Code and that the project specifications be revised and the project re-advertised.