

**CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL**  
**Agenda Staff Report**

<b>MEETING DATE</b> June 7, 2016	<b>AGENDA ITEM NUMBER</b>
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TO: Mayor Shoji and City Councilors

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THROUGH: Rodger Craddock, City Manager *cc*  
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ISSUE: Consideration of Approval of Award of Contract for the Construction of Pump Station 1

**BACKGROUND:**

Pump Station 1 was originally constructed in 1951 and updated in 1989. The pump station is located on the southwest corner of Front Street and Birch Avenue, behind the Chevron Station. The existing pumps and motors are very old and require frequent maintenance. Additionally, the pumps and generator have been the cause of noise complaints from neighboring residents. Pump Station 1 is the largest pump station in the City of Coos Bay. It is at overcapacity and during intense storms it does not have the pumping capability to handle the storms and as such causes surcharges in the downtown sewer system. The pump station has exceeded its design life and is in need of an upgrade.

On October 24, 2014, the City of Coos Bay approved the award of contract for design to The Dyer Partnership. Additionally, the Council directed staff on November 3, 2015 to incorporate an architectural fence and a robust, low maintenance landscape theme. With this direction, Staff presented the project to the Planning Commission in conjunction with a Site Plan and Architectural Review application. The Planning Commission provided further direction on the landscaping as well as the building materials and color scheme. All of the Council's and Planning Commission's comments were incorporated and the project advertised bids in early May. Two bids were received and opened on May 26, 2015 and summarized below:

Contractor	Bid
Pacific Excavating	\$1,975,000
TEK	\$1,718,195.40

Within 24 hours of the bid opening the City received a letter from TEK requesting the right to rescind their bid due to a \$300,000 mistake in their bid. Per the bidding rules, this is allowed and the City acknowledged their request and allowed them to rescind their bid thus leaving only one responsive bid: Pacific Excavating.

Originally this project was budgeted at \$1.5M and it is included in the Infrastructure Finance Authority (IFA) Loan Number 2 that was obtained in 2014.

**ADVANTAGES:**

The loan and grant obtained from IFA are for the completion of a portion of the projects from the City's 20-year take down list for sanitary sewer and storm drain improvements. The upgrade for Pump Station 1 is one of the projects from that take down list. If Council approves the award of this contract, the City can complete the project and upgrade and expand the capacity of the City's largest pump station thus minimizing the potential for future sanitary sewer overflows.

**DISADVANTAGES:**

A portion of Birch Avenue will be closed for the duration of the project. There will also be detours along Front Street during a portion of the construction. This will cause minor impacts to the local traffic within the project vicinity. Staff has coordinated with the local businesses and sent out letters to the property owners of the surrounding area to inform the public about the project.

The responsive bid exceeds the City's approved IFA budgeted amount. In order to proceed forward with this project up to 3 Inflow and Infiltration projects may have to be postponed.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:**

Funds for this project will come from the IFA loan, Wastewater Improvement Fund, Wastewater Collection – IFA #2 (29-810-530-3019). The construction bid is \$1,975,000 and Staff has recommended a 15% contingency of \$296,250 for a total amount of \$2,271,250.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

If it pleases the City Council, award the contract for the construction of Pump Station 1 to Pacific for an amount not to exceed of \$2,271,250.