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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street
Oakland, CA 94612

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO PROCUREMENT CONTRACT NO. 25318 WITH TELSTAR INSTRUMENTS FOR THE ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS AT ETTIE STREET AND LAKE MERRITT PUMP STATIONS IN OAKLAND, ALAMEDA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, SPECIFICATION NO. FC 00-07; IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Find that competitive bidding for change order work in connection with the Electrical Improvements at Ettie Street and Lake Merritt Pump Stations in Oakland, Alameda County; Specification No. FC 00-07, would be unavailing, impractical, would not produce any public advantage and waive the competitive re-bid requirements; and,
- B. Authorize the Director of Public Works to execute Contract Change Order No. 1 to Procurement Contract No. 25318 with Telstar Instruments, (Principal: Robert S. Marston; Location: Concord) to include compensation for bid item quantity overruns incurred during construction activities and increasing the contract amount from \$1,383,482.10 to \$1,683,482.10 (an increase of \$300,000.00).

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Your Board previously approved this project for advertisement on 2/28/23. The work to be done at Ettie Street Pump Station consists, in general, of installing plant control system; installing conduit, wire, and field connections for all motors, motor controllers, control devices, control panels and electrical equipment; installing conduit, wiring, and terminations for all field-mounted instruments; modifications to existing lighting panelboards; providing a complete cathodic protection system for existing structures; testing of systems; and all miscellaneous work necessary to complete said project.

During construction, additional work was required to modify and relocate the configurations of the utility meters per meeting with PG&E, demo of the existing ceiling for the contractor to install the

new lights, and installing new Rexa valves' wiring, panels, and parts to incorporate the new signals for the new control system, which caused an increase in the project bid items and overruns.

Preparing a separate bid for this unforeseen work and overruns would be unavailing, be impractical, and not produce any public advantage for the following reasons: 1) Utilizing the same contractor will ensure that the work is completed in a timely manner, and 2) A separate bid would add administrative costs to the project and 3) A separate bid would require duplicate efforts to integrate these prolong the closeout of this project.

SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS:

The prime contractor and its subcontractors will continue to utilize the County's Compliance system to ensure labor and business utilization compliance.

FINANCING:

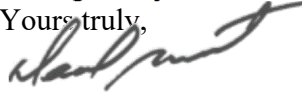
Funding for this contract change order is included in the Alameda County Flood Control District Flood Funds Fiscal Year 2025-26 approved budget. There will be no impact to the County General Fund, and no increase in net County cost as a result of this action.

VISION 2036 GOAL:

Construction of this flood control project helps advance the 10X goal of **Accessible & Integrated Infrastructure** by ensuring that this portion of flood control infrastructure meets the highest safety standards which will ultimately help us achieve our shared visions of **Safe and Livable Communities** and a **Thriving and Resilient Population**.

Signed by:

Yours truly,



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Director of Public Works

Attachment

c: County Administrator
Clerk of the Board
Auditor-Controller
Deputy County Counsel
County Administrator's Office