

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda date: July 18, 2011
Reviewed by: BP

Subject: 2012 Sanitary Sewer Project

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council approve the Scope of Work and Budget for Design and Preparation of Construction Bid Documents and Authorize the City Manager to Enter into Standard Form of Agreement with Harris & Associates for the 2012 Sanitary Sewer Project.

BACKGROUND

Since the mid 1980's the City of Albany has been rehabilitating and replacing its sanitary sewer collection system pursuant to an Infiltration/Inflow Correction Program (I/ICP) approved by the State Regional Water Quality Control Board. I/ICP is funded by the City's sewer service charge. The City Council has approved a 5-year Sewer Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the fiscal year of 2011-2015 which includes the projects identified in the compliance plan, and as conditions may otherwise dictate.

The 2012 Sanitary Sewer Project generally consists of the replacement and/or rehabilitation of approximately 1,200 linear feet of 6-inch to 8-inch diameter sanitary sewer mains, including manholes and lower laterals in two separate locations within the City. The proposed improvements in Area 1 will include rehabilitation or relocation of sewers in rear and side yard easements and on various streets located on the West side of the Albany Hill. The proposed improvements in Area 2 consist of replacing and relocating existing 6-inch sewers in easements located north of Brighton Avenue between San Pablo and Evelyn Avenue, and tributary 6-inch sewers located on the perpendicular streets.

DISCUSSION

The City prepared and published a formal request for Statement of Qualifications for the 2012 Sanitary Sewer Project on April 12, 2011. The City received Statements of Qualifications from three Consultants including Nute Engineering, Harris & Associates and West Yost on May 24, 2011. The City's selection panel reviewed the proposals and interviewed all three consultants in the first week of June. Harris & Associates was

determined to be the most qualified for this Project and was requested to submit the attached Fee Proposal, Scope of Services, Fee assumptions and Rate Sheet.

SUSTAINABILITY

Ensuring that the City has a tight sanitary sewer system is essential to preventing inflow and infiltration into the storm drain system which then flows to the Bay. Thus, actively improving the City's sanitary sewer system will help improve the water quality in the Bay, which leads to a healthier fish and wildlife population.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS

The City Engineer and Project Manager reviewed the Scope and Budget. The proposed services will be charged on a time and materials basis with a contract not to exceed the amount of \$224,496. The fees are comparable with the recently completed sanitary sewer project on the East Side of Albany Hill which was similar in size and type of work. The preparation of the design documents is scheduled to commence this summer so that the Project can be built in the summer of 2012.

The source of funding is from the Sewer Enterprise Fund. The adopted Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) allocates \$140,000 (FY 10/11) in design work for the North of Brighton project, and \$200,000 (FY 11/12) for the West Side of Albany Hill. Thus, existing funding is available and allocated for this work.

Attachments:

1. Harris Fee Proposal with Sub-consultants
(Estimate of Level of Effort) & Scope of Services
2. Harris Rate Sheet