

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-16
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
PHELAN PINON HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
APPROVING AWARD OF AGREEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION
OF WELL NO. 15 TO SOUTH WEST PUMP AND DRILLING, INC.

WHEREAS, the Phelan Pinon Hills Community Services District ("District") is a Community Services District organized and operating pursuant to California Government Code Section 61000 et seq.;

WHEREAS, the District is subject to Public Contracts Code Section 20682.5(b), which provides that "[a]ll contracts for the construction of completion of any building, structure, or improvement, when the cost exceeds ... \$25,000 ..., shall be contracted for and let to the lowest responsible bidder after notice";

WHEREAS, it is well-settled that exceptions to the competitive bidding requirement exist in the event that the specific facts and circumstances surrounding the particular work is such that the services sought for the proposed project are unique to a single contractor and the public agency must use such specialized services for efficient and effective completion thereof [see, e.g., Hiller v. City of Los Angeles (1962) 197 Cal. App. 2d 685, 17 Cal. Rptr. 579], or that engaging in the process would be undesirable or impracticable as a matter of public interest because a delay would result that would operate to undermine the public benefits to be gained by the proposed project [see, e.g., Graydon v. Pasadena Redevelopment Agency (1980) 104 Cal. App. 3d 631, 164 Cal. Rptr. 56];

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2022, the District's Board of Directors ("Board") adopted Resolution No. 2022-05 establishing purchasing policies and procedures for the District ("the Purchasing Policy") which set forth bidding and contract practices as part of the District's Rules and Regulations so as to provide guidance and direction to the District's staff in obtaining outside services for projects initiated by the District;

WHEREAS, Section 4206 of the Purchasing Policy provides that the District must comply with the competitive bidding requirements of Public Contracts Code Section 20682.5 with respect to the construction of completion of any building, structure, or improvement when the cost exceeds \$25,000;

WHEREAS, pursuant to legally-recognized exceptions to competitive bidding requirements, Section 4209.04 of the Purchasing Policy provides that the District may procure services on a negotiated basis "[w]hen competitive bidding would fail to produce an advantage and/or when the advertisement for Competitive Bidding would be undesirable, impractical, or impossible";

WHEREAS, pursuant to legally recognized exceptions to competitive bidding requirements, Section 4209.03 of the Purchasing Policy also provides that the District may procure services on a negotiated basis for any project in which a "Sole Source Contractor" has been designated;

WHEREAS, for purposes of Section 4209.03 of the Purchasing Policy, the term "Sole Source Contractor" is defined in Section 4203.16 thereof as "a contractor or consultant that has been evaluated to provide unique or specialized Services or Supplies that cannot be obtained from other contractors or consultants," which designation must be approved by the Board;

WHEREAS, the facts and circumstances of the proposed Agreement for Construction with South West Pump and Drilling, Inc., to perform drilling, development, and testing for a new water production well ("Project"), as described in the staff report attached hereto and incorporated herein ("the Staff Report"), supports a determination by the District's Board of Directors that imposing a formal competitive bidding requirement for the completion of the proposed Project would be undesirable or impracticable; and

WHEREAS, as further described in the Staff Report, South West Pump and Drilling, Inc., possesses the availability necessary to meet the timeline for the Project, and South West Pump and Drilling, Inc., was the lowest qualified bidder in a competitive bidding process for a similar project completed by Helendale Community Services District ("HCSD"), another local governmental agency possessing regulatory oversight, and the project was completed in a timely manner and with high-quality workmanship that has been accepted HCSD.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Phelan Pinon Hills Community Services District that, based upon the unique facts and circumstances described in the Staff Report and other evidence presented to the Board, the Board hereby finds and determines that the Agreement for Construction with South West Pump and Drilling, Inc., for the proposed Project is exempt from any otherwise-applicable formal competitive bidding requirement pursuant to Section 4209.04 of the Purchasing Policy because compliance therewith would be undesirable and impracticable as a matter of public interest.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Phelan Pinon Hills Community Services District that the Board hereby finds and determines that South West Pump and Drilling, Inc., be designated as a sole source contractor for the proposed Project pursuant to Section 4209.03 of the Purchasing Policy. The Board reserves the right to withdraw this designation in its entirety, or to suspend this designation pursuant to any termination of the Agreement for Construction in accordance with the terms and conditions thereof, in the exercise of its sole discretion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District's Board of Directors hereby approves the Project, and authorizes the award of an Agreement for Construction of Well No. 15 to South West Drilling, Inc., for a price not to exceed \$1,013,480, based upon the recommendations of the District's General Manager in the Staff Report, as well as the oral and written statements presented to, and considered by, the District's Board of Directors prior to adoption of this Resolution.

ADOPTED this 18th day of May, 2022.

AYES: Hoffman, Johnson, Kujawa, Phillips, Roberts

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:



President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Secretary, Board of Directors