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City of Huntington Beach

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REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

SUBMITTED TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

SUBMITTED BY: Travis Hopkins, City Manager

VIA: Chau Vu, Director of Public Works

PREPARED BY: Michael Aguas, Capital Project Administrator

Subject:
Reject All Bids for the Abandonment of Old Pirate Drive Private Water Well Project, CC-1624, and Direct Staff to Re-Bid the Project

Statement of Issue:
On May 14, 2026, the Public Works Department received two (2) bids for the Abandonment of Old Pirate Drive Private Water Well Project. The apparent low bid, submitted by Living Water Industries, LLC., was $34,750. The Notice Inviting Bids was not published in a newspaper as required by Section 503 of the City Charter. Staff recommends that City Council reject all bids and direct staff to re-bid the project in accordance with the City Charter.

Financial Impact:
There are no fiscal impacts related to the recommended action.

Recommended Action:
Reject all bids for the Abandonment of Old Pirate Drive Private Water Well Project, CC-1624, and re-bid the Project.

Alternative Action(s):
Do not accept the recommended action, and direct staff accordingly.

Analysis:
The Engineering and Utilities Division identified the need to permanently abandon the existing non-operational private water well located on Old Pirate Drive. The project includes removal of the well pump, pressure grouting the existing 6-inch well from its total depth of approximately 150 feet to within 5 feet of the ground surface, removal and capping of the upper portion of the well casing, removal of the approximately 2,000-gallon water tank and concrete support pad, removal of the electrical service pole serving the well, and proper disposal of all associated equipment and site improvements. This project is supported through a State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)

Grant. In accordance with grant requirements and City purchasing policies, City Council authorization was necessary to award the construction contract.

Bids were opened on May 14, 2026. The Notice Inviting Bids was posted through the City's electronic bidding system. However, it was not published in a newspaper as required by Section 503 of the City Charter.

Staff recommends rejecting all bids and re-advertising the project. Staff will coordinate with the City Clerk's Office to ensure the Notice Inviting Bids is properly published prior to rebidding the project.

Environmental Status:

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment do not constitute a project.

Strategic Plan Goal:

Non Applicable - Administrative Item

For details, visit www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/strategicplan.

Attachment(s):

1. PowerPoint Presentation

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