



**RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT AGENCY
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

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AGENDA DATE: October 28, 2014

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>

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SUBJECT: Agreement with Galvin Preservation Associates for the Mineral King Bridge Project

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an Agreement with Galvin Preservation Associates in the amount of \$348,000 to provide Professional Environmental Consulting Services for the Mineral King Bridge Project; and
2. Authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement after review and approval as to form by County Counsel.

SUMMARY:
On August 14, 2013, Tulare County received federal authorization to proceed with the engineering and environmental document phase for the Mineral King Bridge Project.

The Mineral King Bridge is located on Mineral King Road and spans the East Fork Kaweah River, approximately 6.7 miles east of State Route 198 and the community of Three Rivers (see Attachment A – Vicinity Map). The existing structure was constructed in 1923, and is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, due to the age of the structure and the structure type (open spandrel arch structure). The structure qualifies to receive federal funding for rehabilitation or replacement because biennial inspections performed by Caltrans’ bridge inspectors have revealed deterioration of the concrete.

In December of 2013, the Resource Management Agency (RMA) issued a Request

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for Proposal (RFP) for qualified firms to provide environmental consulting services for this project. The environmental consultant will prepare the environmental document for this project to obtain both CEQA and NEPA clearance. The environmental consultant will also secure regulatory agency permits as required for this project.

On January 30, 2014, the RMA received eleven proposals from interested environmental consulting firms. The eleven firms that submitted were Quad Knopf, Dokken Engineering, Galvin Preservation Associates, First Carbon Solutions, LSA Associates, Provost & Pritchard, Drake Haglan & Associates, Environmental Services Associates, ICF International, SWCA Environmental, and TRC. Since the project is federally funded by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the proposals were reviewed based on criteria provided in the Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM), to meet federal requirements. Based on the LAPM, the selection criteria consisted of the following: 1) understanding of the work, 2) experience with similar kinds of work, 3) quality of staff and demonstrated technical ability and 4) familiarity with state and federal procedures. To meet federal requirements and state law, the selection of the consultant was based solely on qualifications of the consultants and the criteria described above; cost and office location of the consultants could not be considered per federal requirements.

The proposals were independently reviewed by a 4 member panel of staff from the RMA and Caltrans. After review of the proposals, the top three firms, consisting of Galvin Preservation Associates, ICF International, and SWCA Environmental were shortlisted and interviewed by the same panel. The interviews were scored based on the same criteria noted above and Galvin Preservation Associates was the top ranked consultant (see Attachment B – Interview Scoring Sheet).

Negotiations with Galvin Preservation Associates included review by RMA and Caltrans staff of a detailed scope of work and cost proposal submitted by the consultant, with staff-hour breakdowns for each task, and hourly rates that have been certified by the consultant to be in accordance with the cost principles of the Federal Acquisition Regulations of Title 48, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 31. After negotiations with Galvin Preservation Associates, it was determined that a fee of \$348,000 was fair compensation for the scope of services that are to be provided (see Attachment C – Consultant Agreement). The scope of services and fee were confirmed by Caltrans, and are in line with projects of similar complexity.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no net cost to the County General Fund.

County Road Funds will be used to fund this agreement, but will be fully reimbursed by Federal Highway Bridge Program funds in the amount of \$348,000.

The Highway Bridge Program will fund this project at a 100% reimbursement ratio (no local match required).

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT WITH)
GALVIN PRESERVATION ASSOCIATES) Resolution No. _____
FOR THE MINERAL KING BRIDGE) Agreement No. _____
PROJECT)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 28, 2014, BY THE
FOLLOWING VOTE:

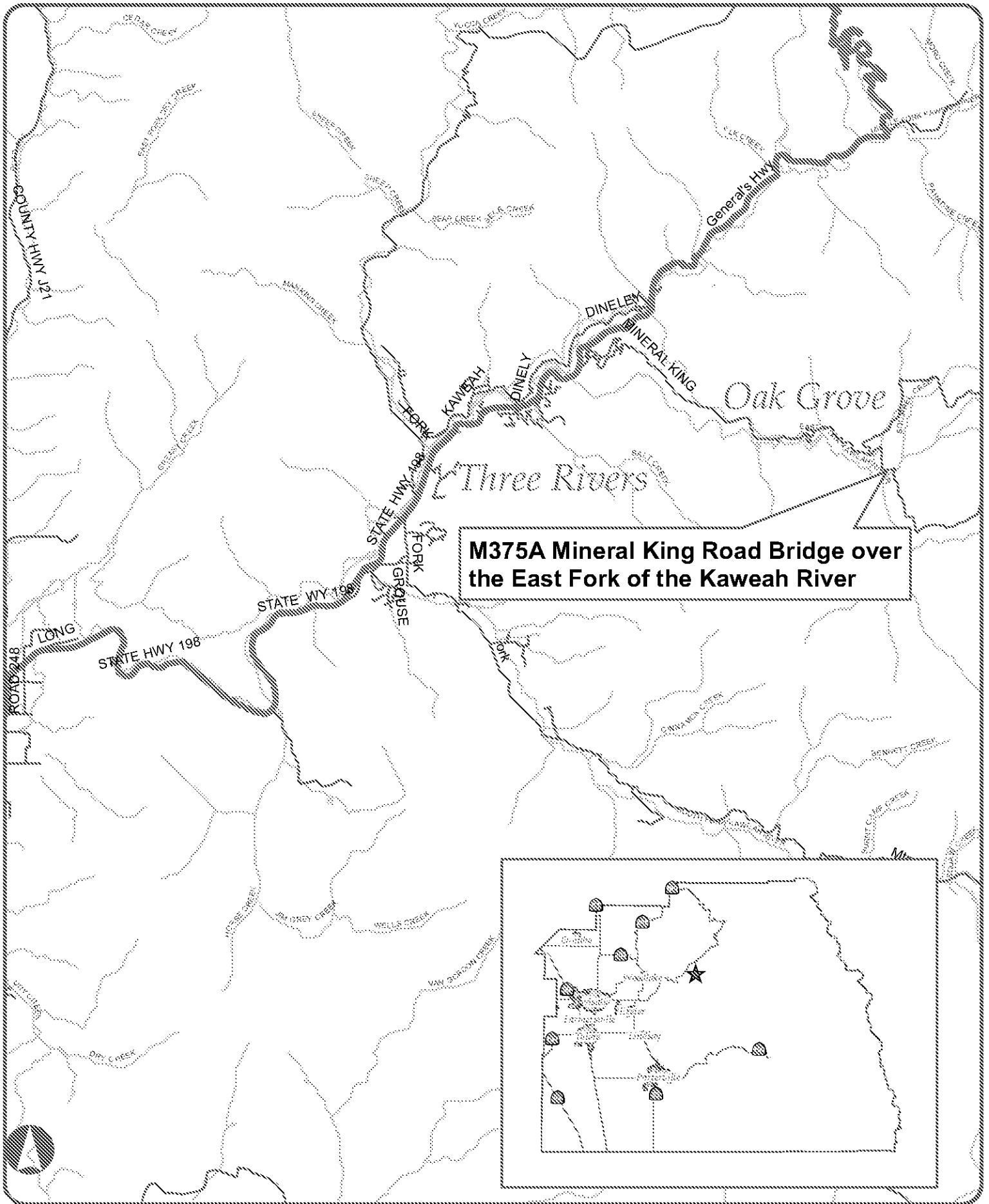
AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JEAN M. ROUSSEAU
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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Attachment A - Vicinity Map



M375A Mineral King Road Bridge over the East Fork of the Kaweah River

Attachment B – Interview Scoring Sheet

Scoring Summary - M375 Mineral King Bridge Environmental Services

	SWCA Environmental		GPA Consulting		ICF International	
	Score	Rank	Score	Rank	Score	Rank
Panel Member 1	74	3	89	1	76	2
Panel Member 2	90	2	100	1	85	3
Panel Member 3	95	2	97	1		
Panel Member 4	70	3	94	1	90	2
Average	82.25	2.50	95.00	1.00	83.67	2.33

TOP RANKED FIRM:

GPA CONSULTING

Subconsultants:

Applied Earthworks
Wallace Kuhl and Associates
Landscape Architect

PANEL MEMBERS:

Ben Ruiz, Tulare County RMA, Engineer IV
Reed Schenke, Tulare County RMA, Engineer III
Aaron Bock, Tulare County RMA, Chief Planner
Trais Norris, Caltrans Environmental, Senior Environmental Planner

Engineering Consultant Selection

The provisions of the Brooks Act (40 USC, Section 1104) requires local agencies to award federally funded engineering and design related contracts on the basis of fair and open competitive negotiations, demonstrated competence, and professional qualifications (23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 172), at a fair and reasonable price (48 CFR 31.201-3). Both federal and California state law (Government Code 4525-4529 et al) requires selection of A&E contract services on the basis of demonstrated competence and professional qualifications.