

AGENDA DATE: November 14, 2006



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AGENDA ITEM

**Sitting as the Board of Directors of the
Tulare County Redevelopment Agency**

ITEM NO. _____
District 2

SUBJECT:

Award and approve the construction contract for the construction of the Richgrove Stormwater Drainage, Air Quality Improvement and Recreation Project – Phase 2 and authorize the Chairman to sign said contract.

REQUEST(S):

1. Award a construction contract for the Richgrove Stormwater Drainage, Air Quality Improvement and Recreation Project – Phase 2, to Bill Nelson General Construction as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in the amount of \$1,111,798.00.
2. Authorize the Chairman to sign the construction contract upon receipt of certificates of insurance, bonds and evidence that the contractor possess a valid State Contractor's License, after review and approval as to form by County Counsel.

SUMMARY:

The Tulare County Redevelopment Agency is utilizing a \$1,627,000 Rural Utilities Service loan from the United States Department of Agriculture- Rural Development (USDA- RD) to fund construction of Phase Two of the overall Richgrove Stormwater Drainage, Air Quality Improvement and Recreation Project. Phase Two of the project will entail the construction and/or installation of stormwater drainage appurtenances such as drainage inlets, catch basins, cross gutters, pipelines and discharge facilities as well as landscape and irrigation improvements for the soon-to-be-constructed Phase 1 3.9 acre dual-purpose stormwater basin expansion/recreation park.

Upon completion of Phase One (basin excavations), Phase Two (stormwater drainage system, basin landscaping and irrigation improvements) and Phase Three (shoulder pave-outs, curb, gutter and sidewalks), the Tulare

County Redevelopment Agency (TCRA) will turn the responsibilities of ownership and operations of the dual-purpose stormwater basin/recreation park over to the Richgrove Elementary School District with the Richgrove Community Services District taking responsibility for performing routine and emergency maintenance. All operations, maintenance and emergency response costs will be funded by a community-wide assessment district that was established by a successful Proposition 218 election on February 25, 2004.

On August 22, 2006, your Board authorized and approved the advertisement for bids for the Richgrove Stormwater Drainage, Air Quality Improvement and Recreation Project – Phase 2 and bids were opened on September 27, 2006. A total of 4 complete bids were received and the low bid of \$1,111,798.00 was approximately 24% less than the engineer's estimate of \$1,377,840.00.

Construction is to be completed within 200 calendar days upon issuance of a Notice to Proceed.

FINANCING:

Construction of Phase 2 of the project will be funded through a \$1,627,000 Rural Utilities Service loan provided by United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development. Future tax increment generated by the Richgrove Redevelopment Project Area has been pledged toward debt service for period not to exceed 25 years from the date of the loan closing. All operations, maintenance and emergency response costs will be funded by a community-wide assessment district that was established by a successful Proposition 218 election on February 25, 2004.

ALTERNATIVES:

None recommended; however, your Board could choose to reject all bids and negotiate for costs or re-bid the project.

INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:

Tulare County Resource Management Agency, County Counsel, Risk Management, Richgrove Elementary School District (RESA) and the Richgrove Community Services District (RCSA). The RESA and RCSA will jointly own, operate and maintain the basin and improvements at completion of the stormwater project.

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:


Chairman of the Board of Directors to sign all copies of the contract upon receipt of approved bonds and insurance. Secretary to the Board of Directors or Authorized Deputy to attest to the Resolution and the Contract.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN OFF:

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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George Finney, Assistant Director
Long Range Planning


Henry Hash, Executive Director
Tulare County Redevelopment Agency

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TULARE COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING A CONTRACT)
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE RICHGROVE)
STORM WATER DRAINAGE, AIR QUALITY AND) RESOLUTION NO. RA- _____
RECREATION PROJECT – PHASE TWO TO BILL)
NELSON GENERAL CONSTRUCTION AND)
AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN’S SIGNATURE)
ON THE CONTRACT.)**

**UPON MOTION OF DIRECTOR _____, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR
_____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AT AN
OFFICIAL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 14, 2006, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:**

**ATTEST: C. BRIAN HADDIX
SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BY: _____
Deputy Clerk**

Based upon the agenda item, staff report and other evidence presented, the Board of Directors:

1. Awarded a construction contract for the Richgrove Stormwater Drainage, Air Quality Improvement and Recreation Project – Phase 2, to Bill Nelson General Construction as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in the amount of \$1,111,798.00.
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