
Memorandum

Date: November 21, 2024
To: Board of Directors
From: Kellyx Nelson
Re: Recommendation to contract with L.D. Giacomini Enterprises Inc. for the Pescadero Marsh Habitat Restoration and Resiliency Project

RCD staff recommends the board of directors approve contracting with L.D. Giacomini Enterprises Inc. (“Giacomini”) to implement the Pescadero Marsh Habitat Restoration and Resiliency Project. This project will restore the ecological, geomorphic, and hydraulic processes in the North Marsh North Pond and improve habitat for native fish and wildlife.

The RCD designed this project in partnership with California State Parks to achieve a broad range of habitat, resiliency, and water quality benefits for the Pescadero marsh and lagoon system. Work will include culvert removal in three locations, excavation and lowering of two levees, channel and ditch filling, installation of 38 wood habitat structures, and vegetation management and removal of invasive plants.

A Request for Bids was distributed to approximately 15 construction contractors and shared publicly via the RCD’s website, San Mateo Daily Journal, and four trade journals. Six firms attended a mandatory pre-bid site tour. Two of the six firms submitted bids, both by the deadline of October 8, 2024. Bids were opened during a public bid opening held on October 10, 2024 with the following results:

- L.D. Giacomini Enterprises Inc. (\$2,712,965.00)
- Gordon N. Ball, Inc. (\$3,016,795.00)

The RCD and the consulting engineer for the project, Stillwater Sciences, reviewed the bid documents and determined that Giacomini was the lowest cost responsible bidder for the project. Giacomini has local experience on projects involving creeks, large wood, and restoration. Additionally, the RCD worked with the firm to successfully complete both phases of the Butano Creek Backfield Floodplain and Streamflow Enhancement Project, and the Dark Gulch Crossing Stabilization Project.

Figure 1. Project Location Map

