



AGENDA REPORT

Public Works

DATE:	August 26, 2025
TO:	Mayor Martinez and Members of the City Council
FROM:	Daniel Chavarria, PE, Director of Public Works Robert Armijo, PE, Deputy Director of Public Works / City Engineer Hillal Hamdan, PE, Senior Civil Engineer
Subject:	Task Authorization for Construction of Cutting Blvd. and Harbour Way South Wet Weather Improvement Project
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	The total project cost will not exceed \$4,715,645, which includes a base construction and professional services cost of \$3,627,420 and a 30 percent contingency of \$1,088,225. Funding is available from the Wastewater Enterprise Fund and has been budgeted in the FY 2025–26 Capital Improvement Program (Account No. 40322931-400708-22103).
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:	None
STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:	To comply with the 2018 Baykeeper Settlement Agreement, City staff recommends that the City Council authorize a Task Authorization to Veolia Water West Operating Services, Inc. for construction of the Cutting Blvd – Harbour Way South Wet Weather Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project. The project involves installation of approximately 3,700 linear feet of new 30-inch diameter relief sewers within Cutting Boulevard and near Harbour Way South.
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	ADOPT a resolution authorizing the issuance of a Task Authorization to Veolia Water West Operating Services, Inc. for the Cutting Blvd – Harbour Way South Wet Weather Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project, in an amount not to exceed \$4,715,645, to comply with the City's obligations under the 2018 Baykeeper Settlement

	Agreement - Public Works (Robert Armijo 510-620-5477 /Hillal Hamdan 510-621-1612).
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DISCUSSION:

The Cutting Blvd – Harbour Way South Wet Weather Improvement project was identified in the 2018 Baykeeper Settlement Agreement as part of the Capacity Related Capital Improvement Projects to mitigate sanitary sewer overflows during wet weather events. The project consists of installing approximately 3,700 linear feet of new 30-inch diameter relief sewer within Cutting Boulevard and near Harbour Way South. This improvement will help relieve hydraulic stress during peak flows and reduce infiltration/inflow (I&I) into the wastewater collection system. The construction phase is expected to last 18 months . The settlement agreement requires construction to be completed by June 30, 2026.

On March 3, 2025, City of Richmond issued a Request for Bids (RFB) for contractors interested in the Cutting Blvd – Harbour Way South Wet Weather Improvement project. The notice was downloaded by 44 firms through the City of Richmond BidsOnline website. On April 8, 2025, six (6) contractor bids were received from (in alphabetical order): APB General Engineering (San Pablo), Bay Pacific Pipelines (Novato), Kolos Engineering, Inc. (San Francisco), K.J. Woods Construction, Inc. (South San Francisco), Ranger Pipelines, Inc. (San Francisco, and W.R. Forde, Inc. (Richmond).

Contractor (in alphabetical order)	Contractor Bid Amount
APB General Engineering	\$4,168,000
Bay Pacific Pipelines	\$2,692,500
Kolos Engineering Inc.	\$3,547,000
K.J. Woods Construction	\$5,868,000
Ranger Pipelines Incorporated	\$4,318,000
W. R. Forde Associates	\$6,829,275

A panel of City staff and Veolia water representatives evaluated the bids. Bay Pacific Pipelines was selected based on its low bid of \$2,692,500 and demonstrated qualifications to perform the work (Attachment 1).

City staff also confirmed that Bay Pacific Pipelines' bid was responsive to the requirements set forth in the RFB. The firm was further evaluated and determined to be a responsible bidder, meeting all applicable licensing, bonding, and performance criteria required under the Public Contract Code.

In addition to the construction contract with Bay Pacific Pipelines, Veolia—under its existing agreement with the City for wastewater system operations—will manage the project and subcontract with the following pre-qualified firms:

- Questa Engineering Corp.: Testing and inspection services (\$161,580)
- V.W. Housen and Associates: Engineering services during construction (\$205,582)

- J. Majors and Associates: Public outreach services (\$50,000)

The total project cost is not to exceed \$4,715,645, which includes a base construction and professional services cost of \$3,627,420 and a 30 percent contingency of \$1,088,225. The contingency covers unforeseen field conditions, potential scope adjustments, and includes Veolia's 16.5 percent program management markup pursuant to their existing agreement with the City. This amount also includes subcontracted services for construction, testing and inspection, engineering services during construction, and public outreach. Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2025–26 Wastewater Enterprise Fund, and the not-to-exceed amount ensures the City remains compliant with the Baykeeper Settlement Agreement while managing the risk of unexpected construction-related costs

City staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance of a Task Authorization to Veolia Water West Operating Services, Inc. for the management and implementation of the Cutting Blvd – Harbour Way South Wet Weather Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project (Attachments 2 and 3).

SYNERGISTIC POLICIES:

Strategic Goal 3.2e – Create New Infrastructure: Implement existing Capital Improvement Projects

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Attachment 1 – Canvass of Bids

Attachment 2 – Resolution

Attachment 3 – Task Authorization with Veolia Water West Operating Services, Inc. for Cutting Blvd – Harbour Way South Wet Weather Project