

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
County of Placer

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DATE: July 10, 2012

FROM: KEN GREHM / PETER KRAATZ

SUBJECT: FORESTHILL ROAD LOWER LAKE CLEMENTINE PROJECT AND FORESTHILL
ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
CONTRACT NO. 1127 – CONTRACT AWARD

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Chair of the Board to award and execute the construction contract for the Foresthill Road Lower Lake Clementine Project and Foresthill Road Safety Improvement Project, with County Counsel and Risk Management review and approval, to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, Western Engineering Contractors Inc. for \$1,547,457, and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute contract change orders up to an amount of 10% of the contract amount.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY

The Department of Public Works has combined two federally funded projects into one construction contract to maximize construction and management efficiencies. The proposed project is located on Foresthill Road, approximately 3.2 miles east of the intersection of Interstate 80 and the Auburn Ravine-Foresthill exit in Placer County, California. See Location Map.

DPW, in conjunction with Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is proposing to excavate a hill immediately east of the intersection of Foresthill Road and Old Auburn Foresthill Road, and construct a mechanically stabilized earthen retaining wall 1,000 feet to the east of the intersection; these improvements will allow the County to realign the horizontal geometry (smooth out the curves), improve sight distance, and reconstruct this segment of Foresthill Road to improve roadway safety. The curves within the project area have a high accident history, substandard geometry, and poor sight visibility which qualified this project for federal road safety improvement grant funding. The primary goal of the project is to increase public safety by improving the geometry within this segment of Foresthill Road. Long-term local traffic patterns are not altered; however, temporary lane closures or detours may be required during construction.

Your Board authorized the Department of Public works to advertise for bids on April 24. The bid opening was on May 31, 2012. The Department of Public Works is seeking authorization from the Board for the Chair to award and execute the construction contract to Western Engineering Contractors Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

ENVIRONMENTAL

The Board of Supervisors certified and approved the Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) with the required findings and mitigations under CEQA on January 24, 2012. A Notice of Determination was filed on January 25, 2012. The project was granted a Categorical Exclusion under NEPA on January 26, 2012.

FISCAL IMPACT

The construction contract cost is \$1,547,457. This project is primarily funded through two separate federal grants administered by Caltrans, including the High Risk Rural Road program and the Highway Safety Improvement Program. Federal project grant funds are matched by California State Proposition 1B (Transportation Bond Program) funds, Traffic Impact Fees, and other local funds. There are sufficient funds available in the 2011/2012, and future Fiscal Year Budgets for this contract.

Attachments: Resolution
Location Map
Procurement Memo

**Before the Board of Supervisors
County of Placer, State of California**

In the matter of: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD TO AWARD AND EXECUTE THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE FORESTHILL ROAD LOWER LAKE CLEMENTINE PROJECT AND THE FORESTHILL ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, WITH COUNTY COUNSEL AND RISK MANAGEMENT REVIEW AND APPROVAL, TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE BIDDER, WESTERN ENGINEERING CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR \$1,547,457 AND AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS UP TO AN AMOUNT OF 10% OF THE CONTRACT AMOUNT.

Resol. No:.....

Ord. No:.....

First Reading:.....

The following RESOLUTION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held _____, by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

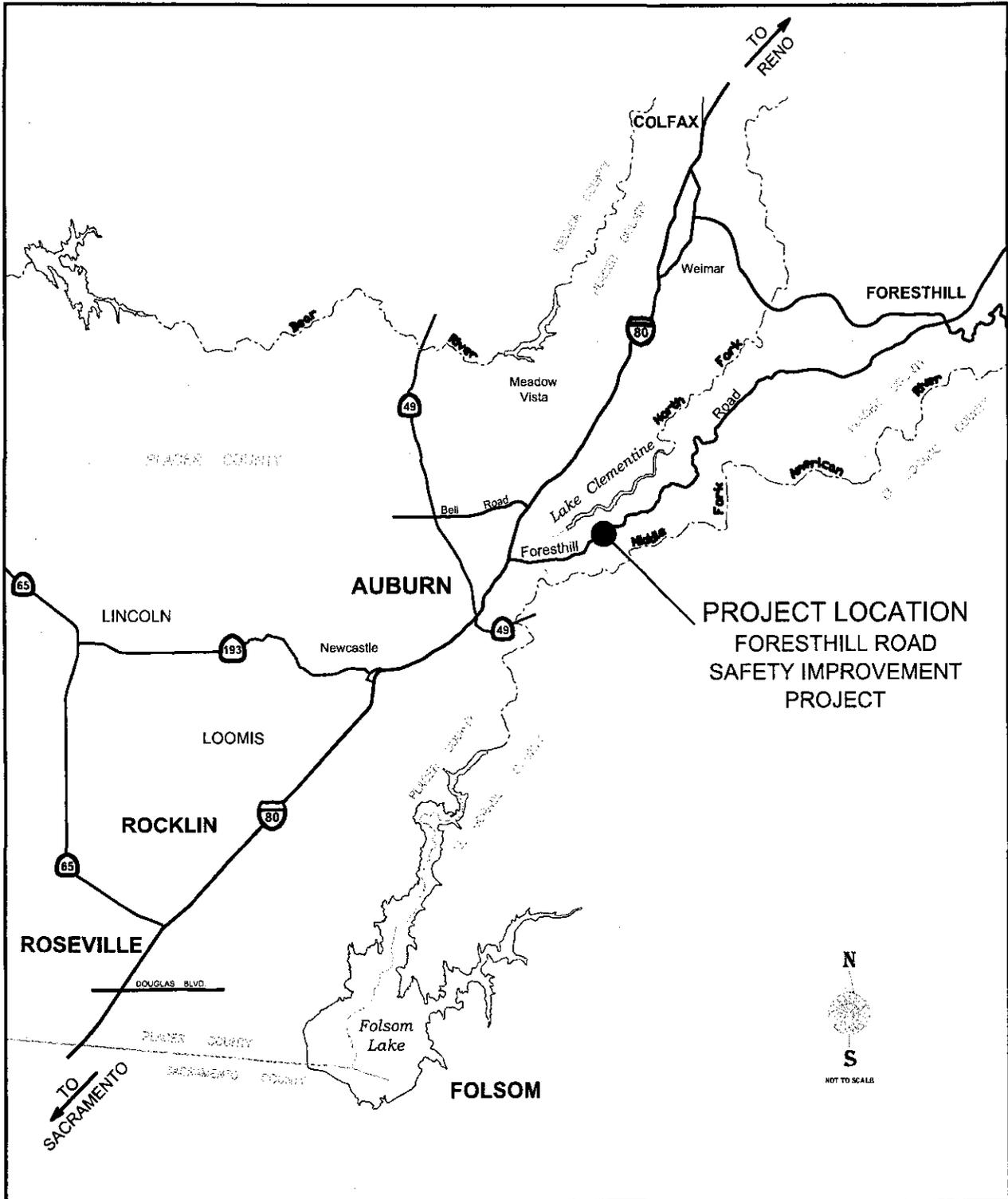
Attest:
Clerk of said Board

Chair, Board of Supervisors

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, State of California, that the Board adopts a Resolution authorizing the Chair of the Board to award and execute the construction contract for Foresthill Road Lower Lake Clementine Project, and Foresthill Road Safety Improvement Project, with County Counsel and Risk Management review and approval, to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, Western Engineer Inc. for \$1,547,457 and authorizes the Director of Public Works to execute contract change orders up to an amount of 10% of the contract amount.

FORESTHILL ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

LOCATION MAP



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PROCUREMENT SERVICES DIVISION
County of Placer

TO: KEN GREHM, DIRECTOR DATE: June 20, 2012
FROM: BRETT WOOD, PURCHASING MANAGER *BW*
SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD BID NO. 9291P, FORESTHILL RD.
LOWER LAKE CLEMENTINE PROJECT & FORESTHILL RD. SAFETY
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, CONTRACT NO.1127

The subject project was advertised in accordance with the Public Contract Code and plans and specifications were sold to eleven (11) prospective bidders (Attachment A). Four (4) bids were received. The responding firms and their bids are:

	<u>Base Bid</u>
1. Western Engineering Contractors	\$1,547,457.00
2. Ken's Water Tender, Inc.	\$1,609,237.00
3. Gabe Mendez, Inc.	\$1,791,159.50
4. KW Emerson, Inc.	\$1,873,293.00

If there are sufficient funds available and if the bidder's license is adequate and in good standing, Procurement Services would concur in recommending an award to Western Engineering Contractors, Inc. of Loomis, California, in the amount of \$1,547,457.00.

Attachments:
Plan Holder's List
Bid Summary List