

Staff Report

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Tina Haenny, Hydroelectric Compliance Analyst

DATE: August 28, 2024

SUBJECT: **Award Contract for 2024 Chicago Park Flume Vegetation Management Project Phase 2 (Consent)**

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RECOMMENDATION:

Award a contract in the amount of \$148,800 to All Phase Land Clearing, Inc. for the 2024 Chicago Park Flume Vegetation Management Project Phase 2 and authorize the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents.

BACKGROUND:

The Hydroelectric Department has been performing vegetation and fuel reduction work as part of fire mitigation and best management practice at Hydro facilities. This management is to prevent fire and damage to District facilities including but not limited to flumes, canals, transmission lines, and powerhouses. The removal of vegetation is necessary for compliance with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license requirements, safe access for maintenance and inspection of facilities, protection of infrastructure, and/or to reduce or mitigate the risk and impact of potential wildfires along the facilities.

The Chicago Park Conduit is a 21,700-foot-long facility comprised of concrete flume and gunite-lined canal which diverts water from the Dutch Flat Afterbay to the Chicago Park Forebay. This Phase 2 Vegetation Management project is a continuation of approximately 2,690 linear feet of vegetation removal that was completed in 2022. During the 2024 Chicago Park Annual Maintenance Outage, approximately 4,120 linear feet of trees and brush will be removed within 15 feet of the flume walls, and two large hazard trees threatening to strike the concrete wall have been identified for removal.

On July, 30, 2024, a Request for Quotes (RFQ) was distributed to six prospective bidders, and an optional job walk was conducted on August 8, 2024. The District received one responsive bid which was evaluated by District staff using criteria established in the RFQ. All Phase Land Clearing, Inc. was selected based on experience, scope of work, and completeness of bid.

Staff recommends awarding a Short Construction Contract in the amount of \$148,800 to All Phase Land Clearing, Inc.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

The 2024 Hydroelectric Fund 50 Budget includes funds under 50167-52615 for these services.

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Attachments: None