

CITY OF COOS BAY URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
July 21, 2026	3.a

TO: Chair Kilmer and Board Members

FROM: Greg Hamblet, Operations Administrator

THROUGH: Jennifer Wirsing, Public Works Director

ISSUE: Consideration to Award the Contract for the Empire Wave Attenuator and Pile Replacement Project

SUMMARY:

The URA Board is asked to award the contract for the Empire Wave Attenuator & Pile Replacement Project to West Coast Contractors, Inc.

ACTION REQUESTED:

If it pleases the Board, award the contract for the Empire Wave Attenuator & Pile Replacement Project to West Coast Contractors, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$685,769 which includes a 15% contingency.

BACKGROUND:

The Empire Boat Launch, located at 152 S. Ross Avenue in the Empire District of Coos Bay, is one of the City's primary public boating facilities. The existing debris boom system was installed in the 1990s and has experienced repeated failures due to storm events, tidal forces, vessel impacts, and heavy debris loading. Engineering evaluations, geotechnical investigations, and documented maintenance records identified failed and missing piles, damaged structural connections, and diminished effectiveness of the system. These deficiencies reduce protection of the boat ramp and boarding docks, increase maintenance costs, and create safety concerns for both the public and City staff.

The proposed project will remove the existing debris boom and deteriorated piles and replace them with a modern wave attenuator system supported by appropriately sized steel piles within the existing operational footprint. The project will also replace the guide piles that secure the boat launch floats. No expansion of the facility, increase in over-water impacts, or change in the facility's intended use is proposed. The improvements are intended to maintain safe recreational boating access, reduce long-term maintenance needs, and protect public infrastructure.

OSMB awarded the City a grant of \$595,192.86 to replace the aging debris boom system and associated piling infrastructure. OSMB prepared design plans and city staff advertised for bids. The City received four bids for the project (see attached Bid Tabulation). West Coast Contractors, Inc. submitted the apparent low responsive bid of \$596,320.29, which is below the OSMB engineer's estimate of \$657,712.50. Staff recommends awarding the contract to West Coast Contractors, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$685,769, including a 15% construction contingency.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

The total project cost, including a 15% construction contingency, is \$685,769. The Oregon State Marine Board awarded a grant of \$595,192.86. Because the construction bid came in just above the amount of the grant award, the City's required local match will be the difference plus the 15% contingency for a total of

\$90,576.14. Staff is proposing to use the Empire Urban Renewal Project Fund (58-945-530-312) for these matching funds.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Resolution 26-01_Grant Application Approval_OSMB
- Resolution 26-12 OSMB Grant Appropriations Authority
- BID TABULATION
- City and OSMB IGA
- Exhibit for Proposed Project
- Proposed Plans Prepared by OSMB
- Empire Boom Photo History