



**SAN BENITO COUNTY  
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**Item Number: 1.15**

**MEETING DATE:** 05/23/2023

**DEPARTMENT:** RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

**AGENDA ITEM PREPARER:** Deems Katada

**DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR:** Steve Loupe

**SUBJECT:**

**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY – S. LOUPE, PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR**

Approve a contract with MNS Engineers, Inc., to provide full construction contract administration, engineering, inspection, materials testing services and public outreach for the construction of the PWB-2208 Union Road Bridge At San Benito River Bridge Replacement Project – Federal Aid Project No. BRLS-5943(043) in the amount not to exceed \$4,239,321.65; Authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the Contract with MNS Engineers, Inc.  
SBC FILE NUMBER: 105.3

**AGENDA SECTION:**

CONSENT AGENDA

**BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:**

This project is funded under the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Highway Bridge Program (HBP) to replace the existing bridge structure on Union Road spanning the San Benito River that is deemed to be structurally deficient and scour critical as the foundation have been subject to severe erosion. The project was initiated after federal funds were obligated by FHWA to fund the project in 2007. The new structure as proposed will be constructed based on the current design and construction standards as well as current site requirements. It will be constructed along a new alignment to the south from the existing location to remove a substandard curve and the intersection of San Benito Street and Union Road would be relocated with a 350-foot extension of San Benito Street to the realigned portion of Union Road. The intersection at Cienega Road and Union Road would be reconstructed with a slight

adjustment to orient the intersection with the realigned Union Road. The existing structure will remain to carry the existing traffic during the construction of the new structure and then removed once the new structure is built and traffic diverted onto it. Existing and previous bridge structures would be removed from the river channel following completion of the new bridge, and riparian vegetation would be restored.

The preliminary engineering phase of the project has been completed and the project has received the required environmental clearances, right of way certification and Caltrans project approval to proceed to construction. The project plans and specifications was adopted by the Board on December 13, 2023 and the project was advertised for bidding purposes on February 23, 2023 followed by board approval to award the construction contract on March 25, 2023 to MCM Construction Inc. of North Highlands, California

To assist RMA Public Works staff to administer the construction contract and oversee construction activities in compliance with Caltrans and FHWA requirements, a Request For Proposal (RFP) was posted to the eBidboard and County's website in September 2022 to solicit consultant proposals to provide full construction contract administration and construction engineering services including materials testing services and public outreach. RMA Public Works received three proposals from CMPROS, MNS Engineers, Inc., and Prescience (Bureau Veritas Co.). Based on the Request for Proposal Process in compliance with the procedures in Chapter 10 of the Caltrans Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM), entitled "Consultant Selection", RMA selected MNS Engineers, Inc. to be the most qualified consultant to provide the requested services. RMA Public Works staff has also received approval from Caltrans to proceed with the consultant contract award as required for federal aid reimbursement associated with the requested consultant services.

**RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:**

No

**CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:**

Yes

**CONTRACT AND RFP HISTORY:**

N/A

**LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:**

N/A

**STATE IF THIS IS A NEW CONTRACT/ HOW MANY PAST AMENDED CONTRACTS/ OR N/A:**

New Contract

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence**

No

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth**

Yes

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology**

Yes

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 4. Community Engagement**

Yes

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 5. Health & Safe Community**

No

**BUDGETED:**

Yes

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NEEDED:**

No

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

Non-general Fund

**UNFUNDED MANDATE:**

N/A

**SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:**

210.70.2020.1211.650.201

**CURRENT FY COST:**

\$11,015,667.00

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

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**BOARD ACTION RESULTS:**

Approved contract per staff recommendation. (5/0 vote)

**ATTACHMENTS:**

MNS Engineering Inc. Contract

Fully Executed MNS Engineering, Inc. Contract