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**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

FROM: Economic Development Agency

SUBMITTAL DATE:
May 9, 2007

SUBJECT: Construction Agreement; Mesa Verde/Blythe Airport Water System Improvements, Well No. 8

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the project budget in the amount of \$774,898;
2. Accept and award the construction contract to the low bidder, Southwest Pump & Drilling, Inc., in the amount of \$690,898.00;
3. Authorize the Chairman to sign the contract document on behalf of the Board; and
4. Delegate Change Order authority to the Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA or designee in amounts that are in accordance with the California Public Contract Code.

BACKGROUND: On February 27, 2007, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Agency to advertise for bids for the Mesa Verde/Blythe Airport Water System Improvements – Blythe Well No. 8 project. The Well No. 8 project is the first of four phases for this regional water system upgrade. The bid opening was held on March 19, 2007. Five (5) firms submitted bids; the lowest responsible bid was submitted by Southwest Pump & Drilling, Inc.

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 774,898	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2007/08

COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA:

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Blythe Redevelopment Agency, Project Area 1 Bond Proceeds	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

Jennifer L. Sargent
BY _____
Jennifer L. Sargent

County Executive Office Signature

- Policy
- Policy
- Consent
- Consent

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 3.3 of 4/02/02; 3.9 of 5/17/05; 4.3 of 9/27/05; and 3.37 of 2/27/07
District: 4
Agenda Number: 3.11

**ATTACHMENTS FILED
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD**

Form 10 (Rev 06/2003)

BACKGROUND (continued):

On May 17, 2005 the Board of Supervisors approved the Mesa Verde-Blythe Airport Water System Improvement Project. The construction of Blythe Airport Well No. 8 is the first component of the multi-phased project that will provide residents served by CSA 122 (Mesa Verde) with an adequate, dependable, and affordable supply of water for domestic uses and fire flow. The improved water system will also provide water for the Blythe Airport, existing and future commercial development north of Interstate 10, and fire flow for the two Blythe Energy power plants.

In 2002, the Board of Supervisors, the city of Blythe, and the Blythe Redevelopment Agency approved an inter-jurisdictional agreement designating the Blythe Redevelopment Agency as the Agency for territory added to Project Area No. 1. This territory included certain unincorporated areas of the County including the Blythe Airport and the community of Mesa Verde (CSA 122).

The Economic Development Agency (EDA) agreed to manage and administer the project on behalf of the Blythe Redevelopment Agency. The city of Blythe will own and operate all of the new water production facilities and pipelines north of Interstate 10. CSA 122 will be responsible for all water system improvements south of Interstate 10.

EDA staff recommends that the Board award the contract to the lowest qualified and responsive bidder, Southwest Pump & Drilling, Inc., in the amount of \$690,898 and approve the project budget as follows:

Project Budget:	
Construction	\$690,898
Contingency	69,000
Testing	<u>15,000</u>
TOTAL	\$774,898

County Counsel has reviewed the proposals and approved the Agreement as to form.

ATTACHMENTS:

Bid Summary
Contractor's Proposal
Agreement Form (3 original copies)
Performance Bonds/Payment Bonds
Certificate of Worker's Compensation Insurance/Certificate of Liability Insurance

BID SUMMARY

MESA VERDE - BLYTHE AIRPORT
WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

WELL #8

	Base Bid
1. Southwest Pump and Drilling	\$690,898.00
2. Best Drilling and Pump, Inc.	\$732,734.00
3. ZIM Bakersfield Well and Pump	\$811,902.00
4. AZCA Drilling and Pump, Inc.	\$904,332.00
5. Layne Christiansen	\$991,000.00
Engineers Estimate:	\$975,000.00

Bid Opening: March 19, 2007