

## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** May 27, 2025

**CATEGORY:** Consent Calendar 17

**SUBJECT:** Take the following actions regarding the “2025 Redding Regional Septage Impoundment 1B Cleanout Project,” Contract No. 207613, (Contract): (1) Reject the bid from Synagro-WWT, Inc., as non-responsive; (2) award the Contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Iron Mountain General Engineering, Inc., on a unit cost basis in the amount of \$583,000; and (3) approve and authorize the Public Works Director, or their designee, to sign a Notice of Completion and record it within 15 days of actual completion of the work.

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT #:** District 2

**DEPARTMENT CONTACT:** Don Renz, Principal Engineer, (530) 225-5661

**STAFF REPORT APPROVED BY:** Troy Bartolomei, Public Works Director

<b><u>Vote Required?</u></b>	<b><u>General Fund Impact?</u></b>
Simple Majority Vote	No General Fund Impact

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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### **DISCUSSION**

Shasta County operates a septage pond complex west of Anderson. This facility accepts waste pumped from private septic tanks. The waste is mostly water and biodegradable material. Water evaporates and most of the materials break down. Solids gradually accumulate. Impoundment 1B is at capacity. The sludge will be dried and hauled to a solid waste disposal facility.

On April 22, 2025, the Board approved plans and specifications and authorized bidding for the Septage Pond 1B Cleanout Project. On May 15, 2025, two bids were received and opened. The low bidder, Synagro-WWT, Inc., did not acknowledge the addenda that was issued on May 12, 2025, failing to strictly comply with the bid specifications. Staff recommends the Board reject the bid from Synagro-WWT, Inc., as non-responsive.

In the Special Provisions, the “Notice to Bidders” section titled “Bidding Documents” states: “The County shall not in any way be responsible or liable for failure of a document holder to receive notification. It is the bidder’s responsibility, prior to submitting the bid, to check the website or otherwise inquire to determine whether the County has issued any addenda.” Further, this section states: “No bid will be considered unless it is made on the bid to the County of Shasta form found in the Contract Documents and is made in accordance with the provisions of the bid Requirements and Conditions set forth under Section 2 of these Special Provisions.” It continues with: “The County of Shasta reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to waive any irregularity in any bid.”

Staff recommends that the bid be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Iron Mountain General Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$583,000. The bid is 30% above the Engineer’s Estimate.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

The Board may decline to award the contract. Pond 1B is at capacity, without a cleanout 1B will not have the ability to take more septage. The other primary pond, 1A, will fill quicker and will need to be cleaned out sooner as a result. Without capacity in either of the two primary ponds the facility would be required to stop taking septage until remedied. The Board may decline to authorize the filing of a Notice of Completion. The lien period would extend for 90 days instead of 30. Final payment to the Contractor would be delayed by 60 days.

### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT**

Risk Management has approved the contract documents. County Counsel has approved the contract documents as to form. The recommendation has been reviewed by the County Administrative Office.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The total estimated cost of the project is \$640,000, including design, construction, project administration, and contingencies. Sufficient funds have been included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 and proposed FY 2025-26 Solid Waste Budget. The septage ponds are funded through tipping fees collected from septage haulers.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1: Bid Summary Detail