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DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC WORKS

ENGINEERING DIVISION

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July 18, 1989

City Council  
Sacramento, California

SUBJECT: Pocket Road Bridge Widening (PN:TD61) - Bid Rejection

SUMMARY

This project has been advertised for bids. Only one bid was received and rejection is recommended.

BACKGROUND

This project would widen the existing Pocket Road Bridge and roadway approaches to match the width of the existing Pocket Road roadway. The work consists of pile driving, construction of the foundation, piers, and the concrete slab deck with safety barriers, as well as the construction of the new approaches, curb, gutter and sidewalk. The existing canal access fencing and gates would be relocated to accommodate the widened bridge and approaches.

On May 16, 1989, the City Council approved the plans and specifications for this project. On June 13, 1989, only one bid was received and opened by the City Clerk. The bid received was:

Benco Contracting and Engineering	\$709,651
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The engineer's estimated construction cost was \$300,000. The sole bid submitted was 136.6% above the engineer's estimate. Several other contractors from the planholders list were contacted regarding their failure to submit bids. The major areas of concern appear to be the volume of dewatering called for in the specifications and the lack of accessibility to drive piles. It is believed to be in the best interest of the City to reject the bid that was received. The plans and specifications will be reviewed to eliminate the dewatering problem and the project will be readvertised for bids in the late winter or early spring of 1990.

FINANCIAL DATA

The current budget for this project is \$400,000, which was approved in the Capital Improvement Program with \$100,000 from Major Street Construction Funds (209) and \$300,000 from Bridge Construction Funds (249). The funds currently available for this project amount to \$361,000 as of June 20, 1989.

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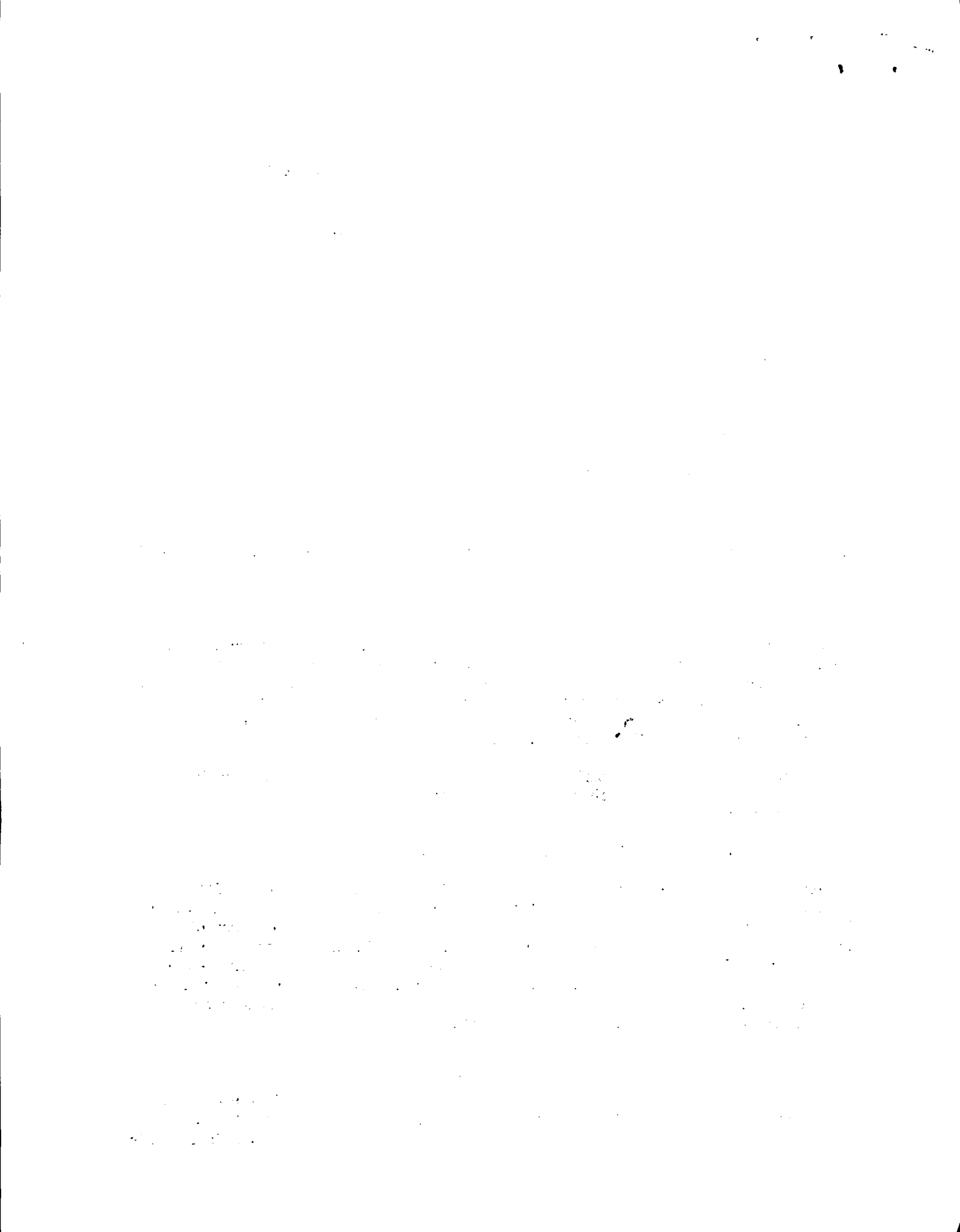
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POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

None.

MBE/WBE EFFORTS

Plans and specifications were sent to nineteen (19) plan rooms and construction services organizations for publication and use by the construction industry in Northern California. There are four (4) organizations on the distribution list that are directly involved with MBE/WBE contractors. There were nineteen (19) planholders for this project, only one of whom is a certified WBE subcontractor.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council reject the bid of Benco Contracting and Engineering in the amount of \$709,651.

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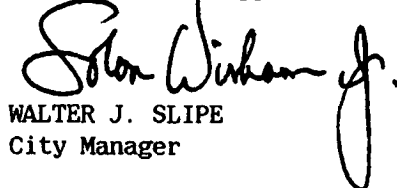
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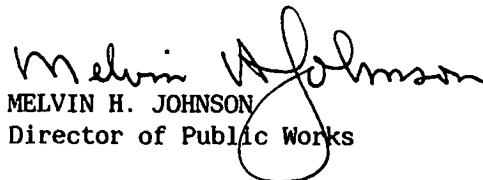
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