

# **WASHOE COUNTY**

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# STAFF REPORT **BOARD MEETING DATE: November 10, 2015**

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DATE:

October 23, 2015

TO:

**Board of County Commissioners** 

FROM:

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**THROUGH:** Dwayne Smith, P.E., Division Director, Engineering and Capital Projects.

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**SUBJECT:** 

Recommendation to reject all bids for the STMWRF Utility Operations

Maintenance Building Project. (Commission District 2.)

#### **SUMMARY**

Sealed bids for construction of the STMWRF Utility Operations Maintenance Building project were opened on October 23, 2015. The list of bids received for the project is as follows:

STMWRF Utility Operations Building Project	
Bidder	Amount
Reyman Brothers Construction	\$775,500.00
Ranger Construction	\$829,888.00
<b>Building Solutions</b>	\$854,262.00
Engineer's Estimate	\$375,000.00

Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) reject all bids for the proposed STMWRF Utility Operations Maintenance Building since the lowest submitted bid far exceeds the engineers estimate which is the maximum threshold established for this project. And, there are insufficient funds available to cover the gap between the established maximum threshold and the lowest bid.

Previously, a plan for a utility storage building and office space was developed and bid. Due to the extreme high cost, that bid was rejected and a new approach developed. At this time staff is looking into other alternatives which may or may not include a steel building at this location.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, secure and healthy communities.

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On August 11, 2015, the Board rejected all bids submitted for the previous building design of the STMWRF Utility Operations Maintenance Building.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The STMWRF Utility Operations Maintenance Building Project involved the construction of a new 4,000 square foot metal framed building shell. The structure was planned to store sensitive equipment and parts as well as provide work space for maintenance staff.

The need for this facility is the outcome of the December 31, 2014 consolidation of the Washoe County water utility with the Truckee Meadows Water Authority and the subsequent termination of the lease of office and warehouse space at 4930 Energy Way, Reno.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no direct fiscal impact for this item.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject all bids for the STMWRF Utility Operations Building project.

# **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be "Move to reject all bids for the STMWRF Utility Operations Building project."