



City of Yachats

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 3rd, 2015

TO: Mayor-Ron Brean, Council President-Greg Scott, Councilmembers-Sandra Dunn, Barbara Frye, Max Glenn

FROM: Larry R. Blanchard, Public Works Director, Sandra Dunn-City Councilmember, Bob Bennett-Finance Committee and Public Works and Streets Commission Chair, Rick McClung-Water Systems Operator, and Dave Buckwald-Wastewater Systems Operator

**DIVISION/
SECTION:** Public Works Department

RE: South Yachats Reservoir

SUBJECT: Review Committee Design Engineering Firm Selection Recommendation

The above members of the Review Committee have completed the review of the Request for Proposals received from four (4) Consulting Engineering Firms for the selection of the Design Engineering Firm to provide the engineering design and construction management services for the South Yachats Reservoir. The initial review of the proposals narrowed the firms down to two (2) consulting engineering firms that the Review Committee determined should be interviewed.

Interviews were held on January 29th, 2015 and each firm was provided approximately three (3) hours each to provide a brief presentation of the firm and to answer eight (8) questions developed by the Review Committee. The two (2) Firms selected for interviews included Civil West Engineering Services, Newport, Oregon, and The Dyer Partnership Engineers and Planners Inc. of Coos Bay, Oregon.

The Review Committee selected The Dyer Partnership Engineers and Planners (hereinafter referred to as Dyer) to recommend to the City Council negotiating a contract with Dyer for the following reasons:

- 1) Dyer's familiarity with the City of Yachats Water System is unsurpassed by any of the engineering firms.
- 2) Dyer's more aggressive Work Schedule provided a completion date that is more in line with the City's expectations, primarily due to the one construction contract for both phases of work suggested in Dyer's proposal. Other firms proposed two phases. One Construction Contract places the

responsibility of each Phase of the project on the construction firm awarded the contract.

- 3) Dyer emphasized the South Yachats Reservoir must be an integral part of the overall water system regardless of its elevation or location.
- 4) The Water System Hydraulic Modeling has been completed by Dyer and will be used to run any scenario or multitude of options regarding Tank Size, Tank Height, Tank Elevation, and Tank Components. Although any of the firms would be able to use this data, the time and effort to get to the same place Dyer is currently would take time.
- 5) The track record the City has with Dyer regarding our water system has been quite successful and the relationship that Dyer has with the permitting agencies can only be positive as we work with Water Resources Department and the Oregon Health Division for approval of the South Reservoir.
- 6) Dyer is currently completing the design of the Horizon Hill Looping Project that includes the SCADA Master Plan. This information will be used in the design of the South Yachats Reservoir. Other firms would be able to use this information, but it would take time to be where Dyer is currently.

Based on the above factors the Review Committee recommends the City Council authorize the Public Works Director to proceed forward with the negotiations with Dyer to provide the Design and Construction Management Services for the South Yachats Reservoir.

Cc: South Yachats Reservoir File
Nancy Batchelder, City Recorder