



Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Thaxton Van Belle, Director of Water Reclamation
BY: Thaxton Van Belle, Director of Water Reclamation
DATE: January 20, 2026
SUBJECT: Public Works Agreement for Repairs and Protection of City Sewer Mainline within Ephemeral Drainage Ditch

Description: Award a Public Works Agreement to MB General Engineering Inc. for Repairs and Protection of City Sewer Mainline within Ephemeral Drainage Ditch.

Background and Analysis:

On March 3, 2025, City Staff were notified of a major sewer mainline failure in the Fairway Canyon community caused by slope erosion south of Hogan Drive. The incident led to a manhole collapse and subsequent 15-inch sewer mainline failure.

On March 4, 2025, City Council adopted a Resolution titled "A Resolution of The City Council Of The City Of Beaumont Declaring A Local Emergency And Authorizing The City Manager To Take Necessary Action", which authorized emergency expenditures in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, directed staff to provide ongoing reports at each subsequent City Council meeting under California Public Contract Code Section 22050, and authorized the City Manager to take all necessary actions to mitigate further damage and ensure public health and safety.

On April 1, 2025, City Staff brought a follow-up status report regarding the emergency repairs in Fairway Canyon. An additional \$500,000 were approved by Council to increase the total allocation to \$1,000,000 to cover the costs for repairs.

On August 26, 2025, the City contracted with Tory R. Walker Engineering (TRWE) to evaluate the ephemeral drainage ditch. TRWE issued a letter stating that the conditions constituted an emergency, requiring repairs beyond the initial response. Further, the letter states that immediate action is required to prevent the failure of essential public services – namely sewer and storm drain structures. TRWE designed a proposed repair to protect City infrastructure, while taking care not to worsen conditions within the channel reaches upstream and downstream.

California Public Contract Code, Section 22050 provides that, in the case of an emergency, a public agency, pursuant to a four-fifths vote of its governing body, may repair or replace a public facility, take any directly related and immediate action required by that emergency, and procure the necessary equipment, services, and supplies for those purposes, without giving notice for bids to let contracts.

Four contractors with known experience in the field were contacted, and due to the urgency under emergency status, were requested to provide immediate and direct quotes for the repair work. Good and Roberts General Contracting declined the job because it was smaller than their typical engagement. Apex Contracting declined due to scheduling conflicts. The remaining two companies submitted bids as follows:

- CTE Inc.: \$480,698
- MB General Engineering Inc.: \$323,815

Fiscal Impact:

The current budget does not support the amount of the contract. Available surplus reserves of \$3.5M will be used to fund this agreement and will still leave surplus reserves at \$3.2M. A budget amendment will need to be completed with the mid-year financial report.

The estimated cost to prepare this report is \$500.

Recommended Action:

Approve the agreement with MB General Engineering Inc. for the in an amount not to exceed \$323,815;

Approve the contingency of \$32,382 for a total not to exceed \$356,197 and authorize the City Manager to sign off on any preceding amendments or purchase change orders within the authorized contingency amount; and

Authorize the issuance of a purchase order to MB General Engineering in the amount of \$356,197 for the purchase of construction services.

Attachments:

- A. Walker Letter
- B. CTE Inc. Quote

- C. MB General Engineering Inc. Quote
- D. Public Works Agreement