

Directors,

The following questions were raised this morning by Director Mark Smolley. Director Smolley's questions are in black; My responses to them are in red. I am providing these answers in advance of tomorrow night's meeting in an effort to expedite discussion. I will, of course, be happy to provide further detail in regards these questions and/or any others that Directors may have during the meeting.

1. Why did Caltrans solicit the bid from Gordon Ball and was this a sole source to GB or did they solicit other bids? **My understanding is that Caltrans bid this project out in their usual fashion and Gordon Ball (GNB) was the low bidder.**
2. Is the pipeline replacement happening concurrent with Caltrans work or does it precede Caltrans work? **Pipeline work must be completed prior to Caltrans work.**
3. Since this was a quick turnaround bid solicitation, what information did we provide to the bidders? **We provided a plan set which we developed, along with the Caltrans plan set and details of all of my discussions with Caltrans related to reductions in scope intended to expedite clearing the way for Caltrans' work.**
4. Does Caltrans have to approve of the pipeline contractor and if so, Is Reber Construction acceptable to Caltrans? **Caltrans has indicated that they are OK with Reber.**
5. What about the work that Reber indicated their proposal does not cover? Are we OK with their exclusions? **We are OK with Reber's exclusions.**
6. Reber's proposal is for Daytime work and Granite's is for Nighttime work. Are we and Caltrans OK with the work occurring during the day? **Day work is preferred for safety reasons. Because this area is not near an intersection, Caltrans is OK with day work.**

Respectfully,

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