

DATE: June 18, 2026
TO: WCA Governing Board
FROM: Robert Segarra, Senior Director of Project Management
THROUGH: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Item 16: Consideration of a resolution to reject all bids received for Bid No. 2026-04, San Gabriel River Center and Gardens (SGRCG) Phase 2 Construction Project

RECOMMENDATION

That the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) Governing Board adopt a resolution rejecting all bids received for Bid No. 2026-04, San Gabriel River Center and Gardens (SGRCG) Phase 2 Construction Project, and authorize staff to re-procure the work as two separate solicitations: (1) a dedicated procurement for the prefabricated visitor center building, and (2) a re-bid of the general contractor scope for the remaining site improvements.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The San Gabriel River Center and Gardens (SGRCG) Phase 2 Project is located at 12936 Valley Blvd, La Puente, CA. The project converts the historic 1929 Spanish Colonial Revival farmhouse (the “Duck Farm House”) into a public environmental education and visitor facility, together with approximately two (2) acres of demonstration gardens.

On May 12, 2026, the WCA received two (2) bids in response to Bid No. 2026-04, in the amounts of \$5,988,540 and \$6,203,000. Both bids substantially exceeded the WCA’s budgeted amount for the construction work, which is approximately \$2.9 million. Following consultation with WCA’s legal counsel, staff recommends rejection of all bids.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 20166, a public agency may, in its discretion, reject any and all bids and re-advertise when it is in the public interest to do so. The WCA has determined that rejection of all bids is in the best interest of the public and the Authority, given that both bids received substantially exceeded the authorized construction budget.

Following the rejection of all bids, WCA will re-procure the work as two separate packages rather than re-advertising the project as a single contract. WCA will issue a dedicated solicitation for the prefabricated visitor center building (assigned Bid No. 2026-07) and will separately re-bid the general contractor scope for the remaining site

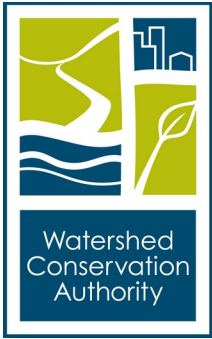
improvements. This bifurcated procurement approach is expected to accelerate the project schedule and provide the Authority with greater control over project costs. Written Notices of Intent to Reject All Bids were issued to both bidders on May 29, 2026, and are attached as Exhibit A.

EXHIBITS

1. Exhibit A: Notices of Intent to Reject All Bids (KASA Construction and 1st California Construction), issued May 29, 2026

FISCAL INFORMATION

Approval of this item authorizes the rejection of all bids received for Bid No. 2026-04. No funds will be expended as a result of this action. The project is funded through RMC Grant Nos. 22013 and 25009 and the Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP). The two-package procurement approach is intended to deliver the project within the authorized construction budget prior to award.



May 26, 2026

1st California Construction, Inc.
Attn: Alireza (Alex) Zamani, President
firstconstruction@yahoo.com

Re: Notice of Intent to Reject All Bids — Bid No. 2026-04, San Gabriel River Center and Gardens (SGRCG) Phase 2 Construction Project

Dear Mr. Zamani,

Thank you for your interest in and response to the Watershed Conservation Authority's ("WCA") Invitation for Bids for Bid No. 2026-04 — San Gabriel River Center and Gardens Phase 2 Construction Project, which closed on May 12, 2026.

After careful review, the WCA has determined that, in accordance with the terms of the bid documents and the applicable provisions of the Public Contract Code, it is in the public's interest and best interest of the WCA to reject all bids received and to re-procure the work under a revised scope and approach. The bids exceeded the amount the WCA budgeted for the work, and following a value engineering review the WCA has determined that re-scoping the procurement is in the public's best interest.

An agenda item will be brought before the WCA Board at its next board meeting on June 18, 2026, in which the Board will consider adopting a resolution rejecting all bids. In the event the Board adopts the resolution rejecting all bids, the WCA intends to re-procure the work under a revised scope. Future solicitations will be issued in due course, and all interested contractors are encouraged to participate.

We appreciate the time and effort each bidder invested in preparing their submission. If you have questions regarding this notice, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Mark Stanley
Executive Officer

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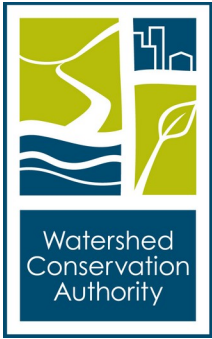
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May 26, 2026

KASA Construction, Inc.
Attn: Hector Zavala
hectorz@kasaconstruction.com

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Dear Mr. Zavala,

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June 18, 2026 – Item 16

RESOLUTION 2026-26

**CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO REJECT ALL
BIDS RECEIVED FOR BID NO. 2026-04, SAN GABRIEL
RIVER CENTER AND GARDENS (SGRCG) PHASE 2
CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, The Watershed Conservation Authority has been established as a joint powers agency between the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District); and

WHEREAS, the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) has further been established to focus on projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, the WCA issued Bid No. 2026-04, Invitation for Bids for the San Gabriel River Center and Gardens (SGRCG) Phase 2 Construction Project, with bids closing on May 12, 2026; and

WHEREAS, two (2) bids were received and, upon review, WCA staff determined that both bids exceeded the authorized construction budget for the project and that the project scope warrants revision prior to re-solicitation; and

WHEREAS, Public Contract Code Section 20166 authorizes the WCA Board, in its discretion, to reject any bids presented and re-advertise when it is in the public interest to do so; and

WHEREAS, WCA staff has determined, following consultation with legal counsel, that rejection of all bids and re-solicitation of the project is in the best interest of the public and the WCA; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the WCA hereby:

1. **FINDS** that this action is consistent with the purposes and objectives of the WCA.
2. **FINDS** that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
3. **ADOPTS** the staff report dated June 18, 2026.

Resolution 2026-26

4. **APPROVES** the rejection of all bids received for Bid No. 2026-04 — San Gabriel River Center and Gardens (SGRCG) Phase 2 Construction Project, and
5. **AUTHORIZES** staff to re-procure the work under a revised scope and approach through a new Invitation for Bids to be issued at a future date.

~ End of Resolution ~

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Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstentions: _____

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
On June 18, 2026

Vincent Chang
Governing Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
John Natalizio
Deputy Attorney General