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Douglas McCartney, P.E., L.S.
Senior Engineer
Western Municipal Water District
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Re: Well 7 Equipping Project (W-296B) Bid Analysis

Dear Mr. McCartney,

MKN and Associates (MKN) has completed the review of the bids received at 2:00 p.m. on November 21, 2024, for the construction of Well 7 Equipping Project (W-296B). Western Municipal Water District (District) received five (5) bids from: Ventura Construction and Management, Canyon Spring Enterprises, Williamson Development Group, MMC Inc., and Metro Builders & Engineers Group.

Upon analysis of the five submitted bids, Ventura Construction and Management's bid was found to be "not responsive". Considering the remaining four bids, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder is Canyon Spring Enterprises with an overall bid price of \$998,500.00. The difference between the lowest bidder, Canyon Spring Enterprises, and the next lowest bidder, Williamson Development Group was \$33,500.00 (~3.3% difference).

Based on our review of the bid items distribution, completeness of bid forms, and completed projects in the past five years, we find the apparent low bid to be compliant with the requirements of the Contract Documents and recommend the District to award the project to Canyon Spring Enterprises.

Several items of interest that we have documented during our review of the bids include the following:

- Our opinion is that the information provided by the apparent low bidder to each specific bid form is responsive.
- Bid item distribution appears normal and consistent with the type of project, and therefore acceptable.
- While the low bid is about 20% higher than the engineer's estimate, considering the continued inflation, the complicated nature of this project, and the un-knowns associated



with freight fees for the pre-purchased equipment, this increase may be considered reasonable.

Thank you for the opportunity to continue our service to you and the Western Municipal Water District. Please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail at skamangar@mknassociates.us or by phone at 949.637.3999 if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Safa Kamangar". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Safa Kamangar, PE, PMP, CCM

Project Manager