Engineering, Operations, & Technology Committee

Hinds Pumping Plant Fuel Dispensing System Improvements

Item 7-1

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Hinds Pumping Plant Fuel Dispenser System Improvements

Subject

Award a $374,450 contract to The Quality Plus Group to replace the fuel dispensing system at the Hinds pumping plant

Purpose

Provide Metropolitan's desert facilities reliable fuel services for operations and maintenance activities

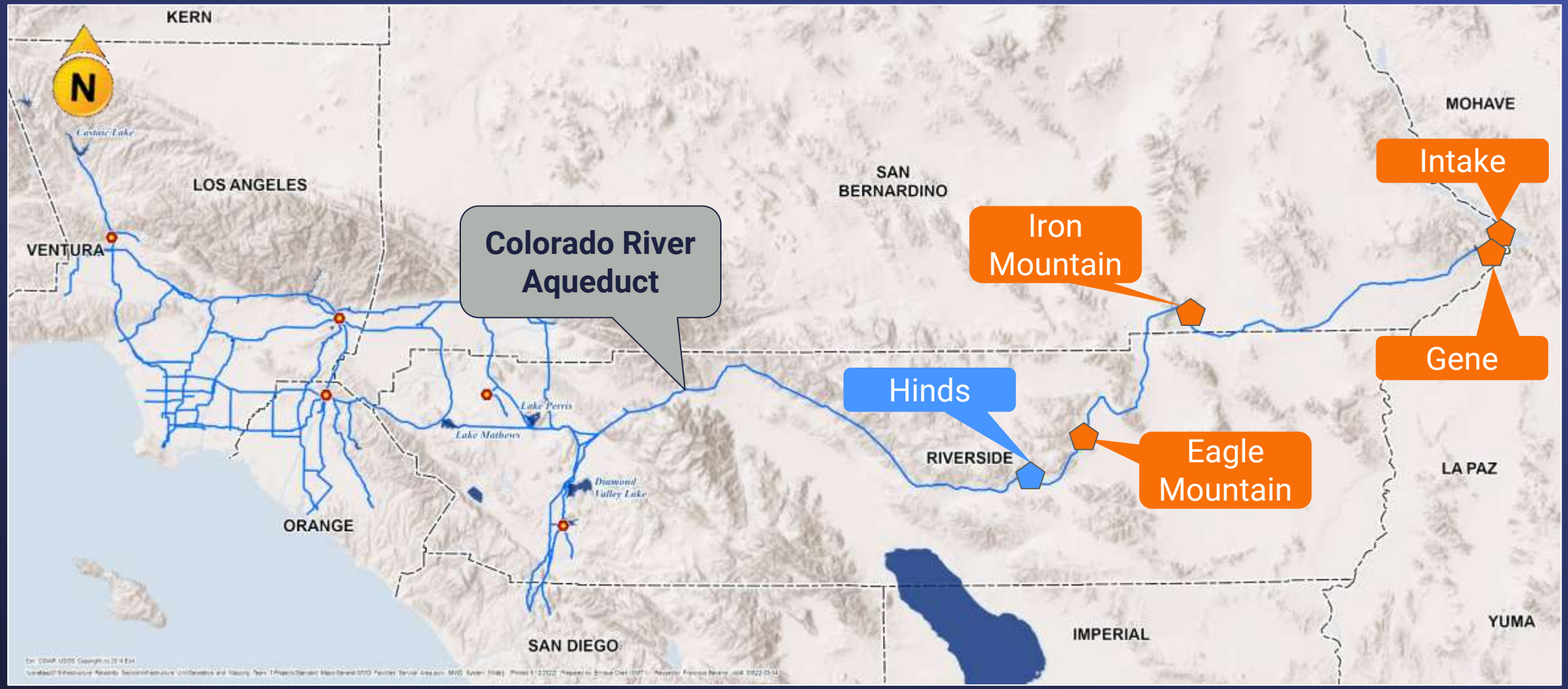
Recommendation and Fiscal Impact

Award a construction contract to replace the fuel dispensing system at the Hinds pumping plant

Fiscal Impact – $660,000

Budgeted

Location Map



Background

- Fueling stations at four Colorado River Aqueduct (CRA) pumping plants support operational needs
- Fuel dispensing systems were installed in 2003
  - Experiences frequent outages due to extreme temperatures & vapor lock
  - Outdated dispensing systems
  - No spare parts available

Existing Fuel Station
(Hinds Pumping Plant)

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Proposed Improvements

- Replace existing suction dispensing system with a pressurized system
- Upgrade vapor recovery & leak detection system
- Serves as a pilot prior to replacement at remaining plants

Existing Dispensers
(Hinds Pumping Plant)

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Alternatives Considered

- Considered Alternative – Provide access to commercial, off-site gas stations
  - Increases travel time for field staff due to remoteness
  - Delays emergency response time
- Selected Alternative – Replace existing system at the plant
  - Enhances response to emergencies in the most remote areas of the CRA system
  - Reduces maintenance cost & travel time

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Scope of Work

- Contractor
  - Replace fuel pump & dispenser
  - Install upgraded leak detection & vapor recovery system
- Metropolitan
  - Replace existing electrical panel
  - Perform construction management & site inspection
  - Perform contract administration & project management

Bid Results
Specifications No. 2116A

Bids Received	August 18, 2026
No. of Bidders	3
Lowest Responsible Bidder	The Quality Plus Group
Low Bid	$374,450
Range of Other Bids	$487,345 to $678,000
Engineer’s Estimate	$600,000
SBE Participation	100%

Allocation of Funds

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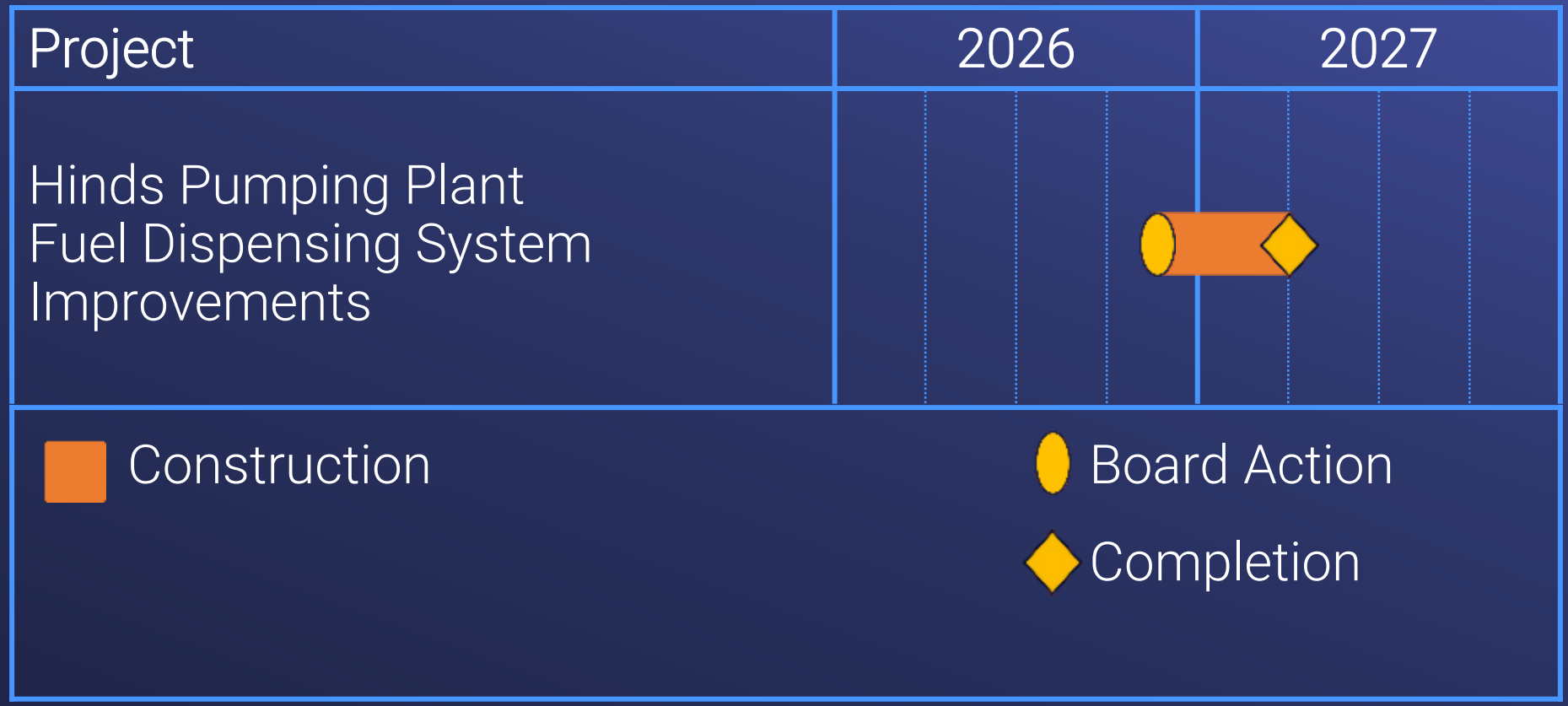
Metropolitan Labor		
Owner Costs (Proj. Mgmt., Contract Admin., Envir. Support)	$	75,000
Construction Inspection & Support		61,000
Force Construction		60,000
Submittals Review, Tech. Support, Record Drwgs.		40,000
Contracts		
The Quality Plus Group		374,450
Remaining Budget		49,550
Total	$	660,000

Project Schedule



Board Options

- Option #1

  Award a $374,450 contract to The Quality Plus Group to replace the fuel dispensing system at the Hinds pumping plant.
- Option #2

  Do not proceed with the projects at this time.

Staff Recommendation

- Option #1

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