



**PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD MEETING
AGENDA ITEM**

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, August 09, 2017**

SUBJECT

Reject Bid Number 30-17, Canutillo Wastewater Vacuum System Replacement Phase I – Crystal Marie Gravity Main

BACKGROUND

The Canutillo service area is served by a vacuum collection system. Staff has encountered several operational and maintenance issues, including pipe leaks and excessive maintenance and corrosion of the vacuum components at the vacuum lift station. Staff recommended replacement of the entire vacuum system with a traditional gravity system; due to the size of vacuum system, it will be completed in phases.

EVALUATION PROCESS

El Paso Water (EPWater) received three bids for this project on July 6, 2017, and all three bids were in excess of the Engineer's Estimate. The unit prices for similar small diameter sanitary sewer pipeline work were higher than the average costs received in recent months. Staff believes the higher unit prices were due to a high groundwater table requiring extensive dewatering. Staff recommends rejecting this bid and rebidding when the seasonal groundwater levels are lower. In addition, staff will combine phase 1 with phase 2 to increase the scope of work and contract value, generating more interest in the project from more contractors.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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PROPOSED ACTION REQUESTED

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED

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