Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD) has mandated that the District install three backflow preventers to the Kentfield campus due to the amount of new construction. The backflow preventers were bid as one package in order to gain cost efficiency. The project includes installation and testing of new equipment, coordination with MMWD, and the construction of minor a retaining wall, asphalt repaving and restriping.

On May 11, 2010 six (6) bids were received. The apparent low bidder was determined by the base bid price only. The base bid results were as follows:

WR Forde Associates $ 78,650  
Fort Bragg Electric, Inc. $ 83,890  
Sebastapol Construction Svcs, Inc. $ 88,480  
Magiorra & Ghilotti, Inc. $ 88,777  
D&D Pipelines, Inc. $ 96,000  
Greener Excavations & Construction $ 96,615

The apparent low bid is 7% below the cost estimate. The spread of bids is 21% from low to high.

The District recommends the Board of Trustees award the Backflow Replacement PE/FA/SMCP Project construction contract to WR Forde Associates following the completion of the five (5) day bid protest period ending on May 18, 2010, in the amount of $ 78,650.

FISCAL IMPACT:
This project will be paid from bond funds. The engineer’s estimate for this project is $ 85,000.

RECOMMENDATION:
The President/Superintendent District recommends that the Board award a construction contract for the Backflow Replacement PE/FA/SMCP Project (308B-306C-305A) to the low responsive bidder, WR Forde Associates, in the amount of $ 78,650 following successful completion of the mandatory five (5) day bid protest period.