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May 6, 2026

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Gaub Trucking Corp.  
Attn: Chandler Gaub  
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San Ramon CA 94583

Re: Pinole Creek Bank Erosion Repair Project  
Project No.: 7532-6D9N03

Dear Mr. Gaub:

Our office has reviewed the bid and Good Faith Effort documentation submitted by your firm on the above project. Based upon our review, we have determined that your firm's Good Faith Effort documentation does not comply with the requirements of the County's Outreach Program, as set forth in Section 2-1.12 of the project specifications. We have identified the following deficiencies:

1. Your firm did not provide documentation of a valid advertisement (Indicator #4) or valid written notices (Indicator #5) that identified, listed and selected specific work items in the project to be performed by sub-bidders/subcontractors. (Indicator #3, 0 out of 13 points)
2. As stated in your firm's initial GFE submittal on April 16, 2026, no advertisement was placed in a paid publication. While a plan holder advertisement from the Builders Exchange of Santa Clara County was later submitted on April 17, 2026, this does not meet the specification requirement, which states that the advertisement may not be a plan holder advertisement provided by the publication. (Indicator #4, 0 out of 9 points)
3. Although your firm did provide email notices to subcontractors 10 calendar days prior to bid opening, the notices did not identify areas of work to be subcontracted; attaching the project specifications to the emails or requesting quotes for all work items does not satisfy this requirement (Indicator #5, 0 out of 10 points)
4. Although your firm submitted a telephone log indicating that follow-up calls were made after the initial solicitation, the log is not acceptable because several recorded dates occurred after the bid opening date of April 14, 2026 and not all subcontractors who received the initial notices were followed up with. (Indicator #6, 0 out of 10 points)

Based upon these deficiencies, we have determined that your firm has not documented an adequate Good Faith Effort to comply with the Outreach Program requirements, having achieved 58 out of 100 points (75 minimum required). Therefore, we plan to recommend that your firm's bid be rejected as non-responsive for failure to comply with the Outreach Program requirements and that the contract be awarded instead to the second lowest bidder, Kerex Engineering Inc. ,

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which has fully complied with these requirements, scoring 80 out of 100 GFE points and exceeding the 20% MSM goal.

Should your firm disagree with our determination, you may appeal it in writing to the Public Works Director at 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez, CA 94553. Your firm's appeal must be received at that address no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 12, 2026, and must describe in detail all facts and arguments on which your firm relies.

It is anticipated that the contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive bidder, Kerex Engineering, Inc., who has complied with the requirements of the contract by the Board of Supervisors at its meeting on May 19, 2026 which begins at 9:00 a.m. If you wish, you may appear at the Board meeting to comment on this matter. Any comments to the Board will be limited to the facts and arguments set forth in your firm's appeal.

Sincerely,



Adelina Huerta  
Division Manager  
Design/Construction Division

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