
RE: Circle Pines.

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Nick/Tom/John:

On September 8, I provided an estimate on a suggested contribution from RCWD based on the WSB memo. I have now updated with the actual unit cost from Sunram's bid (in red):

1. Starting point – Replacement of the first pipe section on the upstream side of the structure. This was indicated as replacing in our plan set, yet pipe was reused by the Contractor. Here's what the associated cost would be to replace this pipe, based on WSB's estimate:
 - a. Remove sewer pipe (8ft @ \$45/ft): **\$360**
 - b. Connect into existing drainage structure: (1 @ \$1,200 each): **\$1,200**
 - c. 15" Reinforced Concrete pipe: (8 ft @145/ft): **\$1,160**
 - d. TOTAL: **\$2,720**
2. It's a little bit of a stretch, but the District could also justify expense in stabilizing the slope because it is in the interest of the ditch as the drainage authority to keep the ditch banks stable. I.e. if this was a private outlet, the District would probably do these items independently to keep the bank from eroding further. Here are items related to stabilizing the slope:
 - a. Common Topsoil Borrow: **\$1,000**
 - b. Erosion control blanket: **\$375**
 - c. Seeding and seed: **\$3,275**
 - d. Riprap and geotextile: **\$1,440**
 - e. TOTAL: **\$6,090**

Total of (1) and (2) are now \$8,810. This is up from the prior estimate (roughly \$6,000). The biggest change is the seeding....Sunram put a very high cost on that item (compared to \$700 and \$900 from the other two bidders, respectively).

**Let me know if you have any questions.
Chris**

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Tom,
I just read your report and I am very frustrated with your conclusion. You NEVER asked for an itemized list for the project. Of course, we have that so will you please update your memo to reflect that you have received the itemized cost to determine the cost of the subcomponents of the project. So please redo your report and send an update to the managers as this is blatantly hiding information from them.

Regards,

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