

October 5, 2017

City of Merced 678 West 18<sup>th</sup> Street Merced, CA 95340

Attention: Joe Angelo, PG

Subject: Project No. 113026 Well Site No. 21 – Well Construction

Dear Joe,

This letter serves as our Notice of Intent to Protest for the above-mentioned project. Our contention is based on the selected bidder's failure to have the necessary experience, expertise, and capacity to execute this project with its specific construction materials which would not qualify the bidder as responsible. Specifically, the bidder does not have experience installing 18" diameter municipal wells, nor installing stainless steel casing which requires a difficult material handling and welding program. Nor-Cal Pump requests the City conduct a qualification evaluation on the selected bidder and provide a copy of their references for all other bidders to view and analyze along with the bid documents for this bidder and the next lowest bidder.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at (530) 674-5861.

Sincerely,

Hari Heer

Hari Heer Vice President

Enclosure: None

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