

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

BUREAU OF CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION  
BUREAU OF ENGINEERING  
JOINT REPORT NO. 1  
December 16, 2024

C.D. No. 15

MACHADO LAKE PIPELINE PROJECT – EASTERN REACHSZC13450RECOMMENDATION

1. Accept this contract.
2. Find that OHL USA, Inc. dba Group OHL USA, Inc. (OHL) utilized one unapproved bid-listed SBE subcontractor and one unapproved bid-listed OBE subcontractor but not assess them with a penalty in the amount of \$80,062.06 as discussed in this report.
3. Instruct the Director, Office of Accounting, to release the potential penalty amount of \$80,062.06 from the project fund to the Contractor.

TRANSMITTALS

1. Email dated April 13, 2022 from the Office of Contract Compliance (OCC) to OHL.
2. Email dated April 13, 2022 from OHL to OCC.
3. Letter dated November 26, 2018 from BCA to OHL.

DISCUSSION

This contract was executed by the Board on June 13, 2018, in the amount of \$15,921,294.00. The construction, under Contract No. C-131470, Bond No. 168174, was completed on November 15, 2021 by OHL USA, Inc. dba Group OHL USA, Inc.

The project consisted of the installation of approximately 6,500 linear feet of 24-inch ductile iron recycled water pipeline. The alignment starts at E Street and Quay Avenue, travels north on Quay Avenue, east on Anaheim Street to just east of Alameda Street. Three sections were installed via pipe jacking on Anaheim Street. One segment of recycled water pipe was installed via pipe jacking on L Street between Hyatt Avenue and McFarland Avenue, and another segment via pipe jacking on Quay Avenue at G Street.

This project was awarded for \$15,921,294.00 with a contingency of \$3,184,259.00, giving a total authorized budget of \$19,105,553.00. Seventy-six (76) change orders were issued increasing the contract amount by \$2,005,975.34, bringing the total cost of this project to \$17,927,269.34. The project was completed at 12.60 percent above the awarded amount and 6.17 percent below its authorized budget. The project exceeded 5 percent of the original contract amount due to significant unforeseen conditions that were encountered relating to excessive groundwater, the LA

County Dominguez Gap Barrier system, and coordination with the railroad companies. Additionally, the pipe alignment encountered excessive contamination due to deteriorated oil lines that were abandoned in place and required remediation before the new pipe could be installed".

Final corrections were completed on November 15, 2021. A request to release \$220,238.71 in retention funds, less disputed funds, was processed on January 3, 2022, via Progress Payment No. 31. A request to release \$401,475.00 in disputed funds was processed on April 13, 2022, via Progress Payment No. 33, after the Bureau of Contract Administration (BCA) received additional information from the Contractor. A final release of \$4,337.94 in disputed funds was processed on July 7, 2022, via Progress Payment No. 34 (final), after BCA received all required information from the Contractor. Progress Payments were submitted from BCA to the Office of Accounting.

There are disputed funds in the amount of \$80,062.06 which were withheld pending action by your Board. Therefore, \$ 0 in disputed funds are due to the contractor upon adoption of this report.

Funds were provided in the Sewer Construction Maintenance Fund.

The contractor has complied with the Equal Employment and labor compliance requirements of the contract.

This project was advertised with anticipated participation levels of 4.00 percent MBE, 2.00 percent WBE, 25.00 percent SBE, 8.00 percent EBE, and 3.00 percent DVBE. The contract was awarded with a bidder's pledge of 1.26 percent MBE, 0.00 percent WBE, 0.77 percent SBE, 0.00 percent EBE, 0.00 percent DVBE, and 28.49 percent OBE. The actual participation levels achieved were 1.30 MBE, 0.00 percent WBE, 1.55 percent SBE, 0.00 percent EBE, 0.00 percent DVBE, and 18.99 percent OBE. The Mandatory Subcontracting Minimum (MSM) requirement for this project was 25.00 percent. The contract was awarded with the bidder's pledge of 31.56 percent and the actual participation level achieved was 22.34 percent, after deducting \$404,913.00 of fixed cost items paid to the Contractor from the total cost of the project.

OHL achieved the following subcontractor participation levels:

Gender/Ethnicity Codes:

AA = African American	HA = Hispanic American
APA = Asian Pacific American	SAA = Subcontinent Asian American
NA = Native American	C = Caucasian
M = Male	F = Female

Subcontractor	MBE/ WBE/ SBE/ EBE/ DVBE/ OBE	Gender/ Ethnicity	Pledged Dollar (\$) Amount	Achieved Dollar (\$) Amount	Difference (\$)	Achieved Percentage (%)
Calmex Engineering, Inc.	SBE	-	\$123,000.00	\$278,144.28	\$155,144.28	1.55%
Savala Equipment Rental	MBE	F/HA	\$200,000.00	\$232,767.59	\$32,767.59	1.30%

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Subcontractor	MBE/ WBE/ SBE/ EBE/ DVBE/ OBE	Gender/ Ethnicity	Pledged Dollar (\$) Amount	Achieved Dollar (\$) Amount	Difference (\$)	Achieved Percentage (%)
Griffin Dewatering Corp.	OBE	-	\$521,000.00	\$522,476.31	\$1,476.31	2.91%
Nada Pacific Corp. <sup>1</sup>	OBE	-	\$2,964,750.00	\$2,246,491.00	(\$718,259.00)	12.53%
BC Traffic Specialist <sup>1</sup>	OBE	-	\$175,000.00	\$123,559.67	(\$51,440.33)	0.69%
HRM Construction <sup>1</sup>	OBE	-	\$875,000.00	\$511,665.94	(\$363,334.06)	2.85%
<b>Total MBE</b>			<b>\$200,000.00</b>	<b>\$232,767.59</b>	<b>\$32,767.59</b>	<b>1.30%</b>
<b>Total WBE</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Total SBE</b>			<b>\$123,000.00</b>	<b>\$278,144.28</b>	<b>\$155,144.28</b>	<b>1.55%</b>
<b>Total EBE</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Total DVBE</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Total OBE</b>			<b>\$4,535,750.00</b>	<b>\$3,404,192.92</b>	<b>(\$1,131,557.08)</b>	<b>18.99%</b>
<b>Total MSM</b>			<b>\$4,858,750.00</b>	<b>\$3,915,104.79</b>	<b>(\$943,645.21)</b>	<b>22.34%<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Final Contract Amount</b>						<b>\$17,927,269.34</b>
<b>Actual Fixed Cost Items Amount</b>						<b>\$404,913.00</b>
<b>Adjusted Final Contract Amount (Final Contract Amount - Actual Fixed Cost Items Amount)</b>						<b>\$17,522,356.34</b>

<sup>1</sup>City-issued change order(s) reduced this firm’s scope of work.

<sup>2</sup>Calculated using the Adjusted Final Contract Amount.

Calmex Engineering, Inc. (Calmex) was bid-listed to perform asphalt paving and trench work totaling \$123,000.00. Staff verified that the subcontractor performed \$278,144.28 worth of work, but was not approved to perform work on the project. Therefore, the Contractor may be assessed a penalty of \$27,814.43 (ten percent of the amount of work performed). The Contractor was informed of the potential penalty on April 13, 2022 (Transmittal No. 1). They responded the same day and stated that Calmex “performed worked on the project but [we] do not have any records to indicate why they weren’t approved” (Transmittal No. 2). They continued, “[We] are sure they were submitted for approval to BCA but the reason why they weren’t approved should have come from BCA” (Transmittal No. 2). Staff consulted BCA’s Special Research & Investigation (SRI) Section who confirmed that Calmex was neither submitted for nor approved to perform work, but added that had the Contractor requested approval of this firm, they would have been approved. Per bid proposal requirements as they relate to subcontractors, “All Subcontractors working on the project shall be approved in writing prior to any work being performed by said subcontractor. A Contractor violating any provisions of this section shall be deemed in violation of the Contract and the Board of Public Works at its discretion may assess the Contractor a penalty of not more than ten (10) percent of the amount of the Subcontract involved.” However, since the Contractor’s use of Calmex did not put the

City at risk due to confirmation that the subcontractor would have been approved, Staff recommends that a penalty in the amount of \$27,814.43 not be assessed.

Griffin Dewatering Corp. (Griffin) was bid-listed to perform dewatering work totaling \$521,000.00. Staff verified that the subcontractor performed \$522,476.31 worth of work, but was not approved to perform work on the project. Therefore, the Contractor may be assessed a penalty of \$52,247.63 (ten percent of the amount of work performed). The Contractor was informed of the potential penalty on April 13, 2022 (Transmittal No. 1). They responded the same day and stated that Griffin “performed worked on the project but [we] do not have any records to indicate why they weren’t approved” (Transmittal No. 2). They continued, “[We] are sure they were submitted for approval to BCA but the reason why they weren’t approved should have come from BCA” (Transmittal No. 2). Staff consulted BCA's SRI Section who confirmed that Griffin was submitted for approval, but under the name “Griffin Contract Dewatering” [emphasis added]. SRI rejected the approval request since the bid-listed firm was “Griffin Dewatering” (Transmittal No. 3) but added that had the Contractor followed-up and requested approval of the correct firm, they would have been approved. Per bid proposal requirements as they relate to subcontractors, “All Subcontractors working on the project shall be approved in writing prior to any work being performed by said subcontractor. A Contractor violating any provisions of this section shall be deemed in violation of the Contract and the Board of Public Works at its discretion may assess the Contractor a penalty of not more than ten (10) percent of the amount of the Subcontract involved.” However, since the Contractor’s use of Griffin did not put the City at risk due to confirmation that the subcontractor would have been approved, Staff recommends that a penalty in the amount of \$52,247.63 not be assessed.

The following summarizes the contractor’s performance on the targeted hiring component of the *Department of Public Works Project Labor Agreement (PLA)* and the *Public Works Infrastructure Stabilization Policy (Policy)*:

LOCAL HIRE	Tier 1 Residents	Tier 2 Residents	Non-Local Residents	Total Project	Local Hire Percentage (Mandate ± 30%)
<b>Hours</b>	11,965.84	2,494.23	27,538.28	41,998.35	<b>34%</b>

LOCAL APPRENTICE	Local Apprentices	Non-Local Apprentices	Total Apprentice	Local Apprentice Percentage (Mandate ± 50%)
<b>Hours</b>	6,842.00	521.50	7,363.50	<b>93%</b>

TRANSITIONAL HIRING	Transitional Worker	Non-Target Residents	Project Total	Transitional Worker Percentage (Mandate ± 10%)
<b>Hours</b>	6,421.50	35,576.85	41,998.35	<b>15%</b>

When the Project first started, both the prime contractor and subcontractors had initial difficulties meeting the PLA local hire targeted hiring mandate. When the project reached 47 percent completion, local hire target hiring mandate was achieved. The project then maintained its compliance with all PLA and Policy targeted hiring mandates for the duration of the project.

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Additionally, the OCC Labor Compliance Section has reviewed its files and confirms that there are no other labor compliance issues relating to this project.

There are no unresolved property owners' complaints in connection with this project.

The Contractor Performance Evaluation Reports (CPEs) have been submitted to the Bureau of Contract Administration as required for compliance with Article 13, Chapter 1, Division 10 of the City of Los Angeles Administrative Code.

When monies may be held for stop work notices, the Board of Public Works, Executive Officer will notify the stop notice sub-contractors of this contract acceptance.

Ezam Khazeni of OHL USA, Inc. was notified on March 22, 2024, of our recommendation to not assess a penalty in the amount of \$80,062.06 and has indicated that they will not appear before the Board. A copy of the report was sent to the contractor.

The Inspector of Public Works, John L. Reamer, Jr., in accordance with generally accepted quality assurance/control procedures and construction inspection methods and practices, including such special inspections that were deemed necessary and prudent, hereby attests that this project has been constructed in accordance with the plans, specifications, change orders, and contract provisions.

( RM – AM )

Report Prepared by:

A. Martinez

Angela Martinez, Chief Construction Inspector  
General Services Division  
213-798-5543

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Machado Lake Pipeline Project – Eastern Reach SZC13450

Respectfully submitted,



JOHN L. REAMER, JR.  
Inspector of Public Works



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Electronically Signed by Ted  
Allen on 2024 11 25 11:25 AM

TED ALLEN, PE  
City Engineer



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## Retention OHLA Projects

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**Enrique Peralta** <enrique.peralta@lacity.org>  
To: Omid Kazemi <omid.kazemi@ohla-usa.com>

Wed, Apr 13, 2022 at 10:48 AM

Good morning Omid,

We were able to reduce retention for project SZC13450 but to release all retention please explain the following.

Did the following bid-listed subcontractors perform work on the jobsite?

1. Calmex Engineering, Inc
2. Savala Equipment Rental
3. Griffin Dewatering Corp.

Lastly, is there a reason as to why they were not approved by the City?

Thank you,

**Enrique Peralta**

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**Retention OHLA Projects**

**Omid Kazemi** <omid.kazemi@ohla-usa.com>  
To: Enrique Peralta <enrique.peralta@lacity.org>

Wed, Apr 13, 2022 at 11:49 AM

Enrique,

These 3 performed worked on this project. I do not have any records to indicate why there weren't approved. All I have is this attached letter from BCA to the subs.

I am sure they were submitted for approval to BCA. But the reason why they weren't approved should have come from BCA, Do you have a document to provide?

I really have no lead to go back and figure this out.



**Omid Kazemi**

Project Manager

M: 714-404-5730

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Judlau Contracting, Inc. | OHLA Systems & Electric, LLC

**From:** Enrique Peralta <enrique.peralta@lacity.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 13, 2022 10:48 AM  
**To:** Omid Kazemi <omid.kazemi@ohla-usa.com>  
**Subject:** Re: [External]Re: Retention OHLA Projects

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On Wed, Apr 13, 2022 at 9:55 AM Omid Kazemi <omid.kazemi@ohla-usa.com> wrote:

Enrique,

Would you please give me an update for SZC13450 release of retention letter.

For EW40067F, please let me know if you have any other questions, I followed up with the remaining subs, you should have something soon



Omid Kazemi

Project Manager

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From: Omid Kazemi

Sent: Wednesday, April 6, 2022 3:13 PM

To: Enrique Peralta <enrique.peralta@lacity.org>

Subject: RE: [External]Re: Retention OHLA Projects

Enrique,

Here is a list of subs that we listed, as well as unlisted subs that performed more than 0.5%.

Let me know if you need anything else.

SUB name	paid	listed amount	difference	percent complete	note
ACE FENCE COMPANY	\$ 233,867.06	\$ 122,360.00	\$ 111,507.06		
AYALA BORING INC.	\$ 552,662.00	\$ 512,225.00	\$ 40,437.00		
CGO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY INC.	\$ 63,300.00	\$ 63,300.00	\$ -		
DN TANKS INC.	\$ 7,473,246.25	\$ 7,307,000.00	\$ 166,246.25		
EC APPLICATIONS LLC-	\$ 1,025,689.64	\$ 1,018,662.00	\$ 7,027.64		
GRANSTROM MASONRY INC-	\$ 191,384.31	\$ 184,800.00	\$ 6,584.31		
GRIFFIN CONTRACT DEWATERING-	\$ 734,321.80	\$ 458,287.00	\$ 276,034.80		
LEED ELECTRIC INC-	\$ 714,308.00	\$ 584,935.00	\$ 129,373.00		
MARINA LANDSCAPE,LLC-	\$ 1,008,989.39	\$ 1,300,000.00	\$ (291,010.61)		CO-37 attached reduced their scope of work by \$335,559.33
INTEGRITY REBAR		\$ 887,887.00	\$ (887,887.00)		sub declined the award of contract, due to escalation in price
NICKOLAS STEEL	\$ 497,517.64	\$ 412,757.00	\$ 84,760.64		
SAVALA	\$ 58,272.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ (191,728.00)		operated equipment was not acceptable as a subcontractor
SOUTHLAND PIPE CORP	\$ 531,135.00	\$ 410,000.00	\$ 121,135.00		
316 ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION	\$ 502,657.71	Not Listed		1.33%	added to perform pipe work in Station
HRM CONSTRUCTION-	\$ 191,577.63	Not Listed		0.51%	Added to install blowers
STANTRU REINFORCING STEEL-	\$ 1,223,780.01	Not Listed		3.24%	took over Integrity scope of work



Omid Kazemi

Project Engineer

SR-91 Project

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From: Enrique Peralta <enrique.peralta@lacity.org>

Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 9:43 AM

**To:** Omid Kazemi <[omid.kazemi@ohla-usa.com](mailto:omid.kazemi@ohla-usa.com)>  
**Cc:** Juan Escobar <[juan.escobar@ohla-usa.com](mailto:juan.escobar@ohla-usa.com)>  
**Subject:** [External]Re: Retention OHLA Projects

Good morning,

EW40067F:

The following subcontractors have yet to provide final dollar amounts.

1. CGO Construction Company, Inc.
2. EC Applications, LLC
3. Integrity Rebar Placers
4. Leed Electric, Inc.
5. Griffin Dewatering LLC
6. DN Tanks, Inc.
7. Marina Landscape, Inc.

SZC13450:

I will be recommending the release of retention in today's staff meeting.

Thank you for your help,

**Enrique Peralta**

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On Mon, Apr 4, 2022 at 11:18 AM Omid Kazemi <[omid.kazemi@ohla-usa.com](mailto:omid.kazemi@ohla-usa.com)> wrote:

Enrique,

Thanks for trying to get SZC13450 paid by end of this week.

For EW40067F:

- I will send you total contract value of bid listed subs that ended up lower than bid amount, and explanation.
- Please send me a list of subs that haven't responded to your invoice request. I can reach out to them and get the information.
- I will check to see if there are any unlisted subcontractors that performed more than % 0.5 of total contract value, and why



**Omid Kazemi**

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**From:** Omid Kazemi

**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2022 9:37 AM

**To:** Enrique Peralta <[enrique.peralta@lacity.org](mailto:enrique.peralta@lacity.org)>

**Cc:** Juan Escobar <[juan.escobar@ohla-usa.com](mailto:juan.escobar@ohla-usa.com)>

**Subject:** Retention OHLA Projects

Enrique,

Following up on email chain below. Would you please clarify which project retention is being released this week, and if there is any further information you need to proceed with releasing the other one.

Argo project           EW40067F  
Machado Project       SZC13450

Chris is no longer with OHLA, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions

thanks



**Omid Kazemi**

Project Engineer

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**From:** Chris Ballantyne <[chris.ballantyne@ohla-usa.com](mailto:chris.ballantyne@ohla-usa.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 4:18 PM  
**To:** Enrique Peralta <[enrique.peralta@lacity.org](mailto:enrique.peralta@lacity.org)>  
**Cc:** Omid Kazemi <[omid.kazemi@ohla-usa.com](mailto:omid.kazemi@ohla-usa.com)>; Juan Escobar <[juan.escobar@ohla-usa.com](mailto:juan.escobar@ohla-usa.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: [External]Re: [External]Re: [External]RE: [External]Re: [External]SZC13450 - Machado Lake Pipeline Project – Eastern Reach

Enrique,

Please confirm you are talking about the **Argo project WO EW40067F?** not SZC13450

I understand you already provided the notice on SZC13450, but I was wondering if you are also working on **EW40067F**

Sincerely,



**Chris Ballantyne**

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**From:** Enrique Peralta <[enrique.peralta@lacity.org](mailto:enrique.peralta@lacity.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 3:54 PM  
**To:** Chris Ballantyne <[chris.ballantyne@ohla-usa.com](mailto:chris.ballantyne@ohla-usa.com)>

Cc: Omid Kazemi <[omid.kazemi@ohla-usa.com](mailto:omid.kazemi@ohla-usa.com)>; Juan Escobar <[juan.escobar@ohla-usa.com](mailto:juan.escobar@ohla-usa.com)>

Subject: [External]Re: [External]Re: [External]Re: [External]RE: [External]Re: [External]SZC13450 - Machado Lake Pipeline Project – Eastern Reach

Good afternoon,

I will be notifying the accounting department to release retention by the end of this week after finalizing my review regarding the mentioned change orders on your FSR.

Thank you for your patience,

**Enrique Peralta**

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On Tue, Mar 29, 2022 at 11:30 AM Chris Ballantyne <[chris.ballantyne@ohla-usa.com](mailto:chris.ballantyne@ohla-usa.com)> wrote:

Hi Enrique,

Currently the City is holding \$1M in retainage for this project due to subcontractor compliance. Please let me know what you need from us in order to help expedite this process?

Sincerely,



**Chris Ballantyne**

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**From:** Enrique Peralta <[enrique.peralta@lacity.org](mailto:enrique.peralta@lacity.org)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 3:24 PM

**To:** Chris Ballantyne <[chris.ballantyne@ohla-usa.com](mailto:chris.ballantyne@ohla-usa.com)>

**Subject:** [External]Re: [External]Re: [External]RE: [External]Re: [External]SZC13450 - Machado Lake Pipeline Project – Eastern Reach

Good afternoon,

I have been assigned to close this project. I will provide a status update as soon as tomorrow.

Thank you,

**Enrique Peralta**

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On Tue, Mar 15, 2022 at 6:53 AM Chris Ballantyne <[chris.ballantyne@ohla-usa.com](mailto:chris.ballantyne@ohla-usa.com)> wrote:

Good Morning Enrique,

Would you happen to know who the compliance person from your office will be assigned to the closeout of the Argo project WO EW40067F?

Sincerely,



**Chris Ballantyne**

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**From:** Enrique Peralta <[enrique.peralta@lacity.org](mailto:enrique.peralta@lacity.org)>

**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2022 4:42 PM

**To:** Chris Ballantyne <[chris.ballantyne@ohla-usa.com](mailto:chris.ballantyne@ohla-usa.com)>

**Subject:** [External]Re: [External]RE: [External]RE: [External]SZC13450 - Machado Lake Pipeline Project – Eastern Reach

Good afternoon,

I have submitted my recommendation to release retention as of today.

Thank you for your support to close this project.

Have a great day,

**Enrique Peralta**

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On Wed, Feb 23, 2022 at 1:03 PM Chris Ballantyne <[chris.ballantyne@ohla-usa.com](mailto:chris.ballantyne@ohla-usa.com)> wrote:

Enrique,

Are we all good on this project? Have all the subs responded, and have I provided sufficient responses?

Sincerely,



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**From:** Chris Ballantyne  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 17, 2022 9:06 AM  
**To:** Enrique Peralta <[enrique.peralta@lacity.org](mailto:enrique.peralta@lacity.org)>  
**Subject:** FW: [External]RE: [External]Re: [External]SZC13450 - Machado Lake Pipeline Project – Eastern Reach

Hi Enrique,

See below email from Griffin. Will this work?

Sincerely,



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**From:** Ben Stewart <[Ben.Stewart@griffindewatering.com](mailto:Ben.Stewart@griffindewatering.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 17, 2022 9:02 AM  
**To:** Duke Wilson <[Duke.Wilson@griffindewatering.com](mailto:Duke.Wilson@griffindewatering.com)>; Chris Ballantyne <[chris.ballantyne@ohla-usa.com](mailto:chris.ballantyne@ohla-usa.com)>  
**Cc:** Steve Morris <[Steve.Morris@griffindewatering.com](mailto:Steve.Morris@griffindewatering.com)>  
**Subject:** [External]RE: [External]Re: [External]SZC13450 - Machado Lake Pipeline Project – Eastern Reach

Good Morning Chris,

I hope your day is going well. Enrique Peralta was asking for this information in an email he sent this morning. Will I also need to send to him or will this take care of that? Below is the final amounts on the Machado and Argo project, do you know when the Argo retention will be released? I hope you have a great day.

**Final Dollar Amount Form: - Machado**

1. Work Order Number: **SZC13450**
2. Total Amount Invoiced on this Project: \$522,476.31 – Total Receipts \$503,795.13 – Retention Due \$18,681.18

3. Submitted by: Benjamin Stewart
4. Title: Admin
5. Date:2/17/2022

**Final Dollar Amount Form: - Argo**

1. Work Order Number: EW40067F
2. Total Amount Invoiced on this Project: \$734,321.57 – Total Receipts \$697,605.70 – Retention Due \$36,715.87
3. Submitted by: Benjamin Stewart
4. Title: Admin
5. Date:2/17/2022

Thank You

**Ben Stewart**

Project Manager



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**From:** Duke Wilson <[Duke.Wilson@griffindewatering.com](mailto:Duke.Wilson@griffindewatering.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 17, 2022 8:36 AM  
**To:** Chris Ballantyne <[chris.ballantyne@ohla-usa.com](mailto:chris.ballantyne@ohla-usa.com)>  
**Cc:** Steve Morris <[Steve.Morris@griffindewatering.com](mailto:Steve.Morris@griffindewatering.com)>; Ben Stewart <[Ben.Stewart@griffindewatering.com](mailto:Ben.Stewart@griffindewatering.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: [External]Re: [External]SZC13450 - Machado Lake Pipeline Project – Eastern Reach

Chris,

I will look into it for you.

Thank you,

**Duke Wilson**

Superintendent | Estimator



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**From:** Chris Ballantyne <[chris.ballantyne@ohla-usa.com](mailto:chris.ballantyne@ohla-usa.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 17, 2022 8:33 AM  
**To:** Duke Wilson <[Duke.Wilson@griffindewatering.com](mailto:Duke.Wilson@griffindewatering.com)>

Cc: Steve Morris <[Steve.Morris@griffindewatering.com](mailto:Steve.Morris@griffindewatering.com)>; Ben Stewart <[Ben.Stewart@griffindewatering.com](mailto:Ben.Stewart@griffindewatering.com)>  
Subject: FW: [External]Re: [External]SZC13450 - Machado Lake Pipeline Project – Eastern Reach

Duke,

I really need help with this in order to get our retention released on the project. Can someone please reach out Enrique from the City of LA? They need to confirm your final contract amounts.

Sincerely,



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**From:** Enrique Peralta <[enrique.peralta@lacity.org](mailto:enrique.peralta@lacity.org)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 16, 2022 4:23 PM  
**To:** Chris Ballantyne <[chris.ballantyne@ohla-usa.com](mailto:chris.ballantyne@ohla-usa.com)>  
**Subject:** [External]Re: [External]SZC13450 - Machado Lake Pipeline Project – Eastern Reach

Good afternoon,

We are in need of Griffin's FDA response but if you can send over their invoices it can speed things.

Lastly, J.A. PLACEK CONSTRUCTION CO.'s FDA states they performed \$102,149.96 which exceeds the 1/2 of 1 percent. Can you please provide change orders that may have increased their scope of work?

Thank you,

**Enrique Peralta**

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On Wed, Feb 16, 2022 at 8:21 AM Chris Ballantyne <[chris.ballantyne@ohla-usa.com](mailto:chris.ballantyne@ohla-usa.com)> wrote:

Enrique,

Did you receive the responses from the below subs? What are you missing?

Sincerely,



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**From:** Enrique Peralta <[enrique.peralta@lacity.org](mailto:enrique.peralta@lacity.org)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 4:23 PM  
**To:** Chris Ballantyne <[chris.ballantyne@ohla-usa.com](mailto:chris.ballantyne@ohla-usa.com)>  
**Subject:** [External]SZC13450 - Machado Lake Pipeline Project – Eastern Reach

Good afternoon,

We are currently awaiting a final dollar amount from the following bid listed subs;

1. Calmex Engineering, Inc
2. Savala Equipment Rental
3. Griffin Dewatering Corp.
4. HRM Construction

Can you please provide copies of their invoices to speed up the process.

Lastly, can you please provide answer the following;

1. Nada Pacific Corp. was bid listed for \$2,964,750.00. This sub submitted a final dollar amount of \$1,250,000.00, can you please clarify?
2. BC Traffic Specialist was bid listed for \$175,000.00. This sub submitted a final dollar amount of \$123,559.67, can you please clarify?

If you have any city issued change orders that may have reduced or added work, please submit a copy.

Thank you,

**Enrique Peralta**

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(213) 847-1922<http://bca.lacity.org>OHL USA, Inc.  
Attention: Brian Presti  
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November 26, 2018

Dear Mr. Presti:

**MACHADO LAKE PIPELINE PROJECT - EASTERN REACH  
W.O. SZC13450**

In response to your revised written request received November 16, 2018, **Griffin Contract Dewatering, LLC** cannot be approved as the dewatering subcontractor on the above referenced project. According to our records, **Griffin Dewatering, LLC** was bid-listed for dewatering on this project.

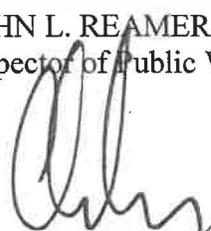
For your reference, a memorandum detailing the information required when submitting subcontractor approval requests has been enclosed. To expedite future subcontractor approval requests, please include the necessary information as indicated in the aforementioned memorandum.

If you have any questions please contact Arturo Gomez at (213) 847-2409.

bc: ✓GSD

R. Bagby  
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Sincerely,

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Inspector of Public Works  
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CHRIS SMITH, Assistant Director  
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