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FROM: **McKINLEYVILLE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**
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SUBJECT: **TEEN & COMMUNITY CENTER**

McKinleyville, CA – The McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) Board of Directors met on Wednesday, January 7, 2015 to discuss the outcome of the bid process for the construction of the new teen & community center in McKinleyville.

The bid opening was held in November 2014, three (3) bids were received and the lowest bid in the amount of \$2,114,600 was found to be responsive.

Architect firm LDA Partners has an exceptional track record of coming in at or below their estimates. Their bid estimate was \$1.85 million and MCSD staff was surprised when the low bid came in at more than \$264,000 over the estimated cost to construct the facility.

Management requested the Architect firm analyze the discrepancy between their estimate and the bid results. In summary, they found there was confusion regarding the kitchen equipment; there was a potential lack of Bond capacity for many firms leading to a less competitive bid submittal; and site work was higher than anticipated due to the need to modify or include items that were not currently present on site to meet current codes.

At the January 7, 2014 Board meeting, staff presented several options for the Board to consider on how to proceed. After careful consideration, the Board directed staff to revise the design to reflect a reduced square footage with addition of other cost saving measures also utilizing additive and deductive alternates to give the highest level of flexibility to control final bid costs with a target cost of less than \$1.7 million.

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