



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Flood Control
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: 07/08/08
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Directors, Flood Control and Water Conservation District

FROM: Department Scott McGolpin, Public Works Director, 568-3010
Director(s)
Contact Info: Thomas D. Fayram, Deputy Public Works Director, 568-3436

SUBJECT: Gobernador Debris Basin Modification Project Award, First Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

- a) Award the construction contract for the Gobernador Debris Basin Modification Project in the amount of \$830,457.50 to the lowest responsible bidder Shaw Excavating and Grading (not a local vendor), subject to the provisions of documents and certifications, as set forth in the plans and specification applicable to the project and as required by law;
- b) Authorize the Chair to execute the construction contract upon return of the contractor's executed contract documents, and the review and approval of the County Counsel, Auditor-Controller, and Risk Manager or their authorized representatives;
- c) Approve a contingency in the amount of \$54,022.88 for the above subject project;
- d) Approve plans and specifications for the project; and
- e) Adopt the attached Resolution entitled "In the Matter of Approving the Gobernador Debris Basin Modification Project to receive Grants Funding from California Department of Fish and Game".

Summary Text:

This project will modify the Gobernador Debris Basin by replacing the earthen embankment, grouted rock spillway and concrete low flow discharge pipe with a natural bottom open channel and concrete restrictor walls. The earthen embankment and low flow pipe are not conducive to fish passage. This project is intended to improve the basin's function by passing sediment through the basin while retaining the more critical larger debris as well as improve fish passage.

Carpinteria Creek and its tributary Gobernador Creek have been identified by fish studies as having prime potential to re-establish habitat for steelhead trout. The Debris Basin's existing low flow discharge pipe is too steep for fish to overcome and replacing it with an open channel will provide sufficient depth and velocities for fish to pass.

On June 12, 2008, the Flood Control District received twelve bids for the Gobernador Debris Basin Modification Project. Shaw Excavating and Grading submitted the apparent lowest bid in the amount of \$830,457.50.

Background: The National Marine Fisheries Service has requested that the Flood Control District consider options to modify the Gobernador Debris Basin to provide a more suitable condition for fish passage. Gobernador Creek has been identified by fish studies as having prime potential to re-establish habitat for steelhead trout. This project aligns well with the Flood Control needs of the area, as the Gobernador Debris Basin traps a large amount of fine silts and sands that takes up valuable space in the basin. This project meets two goals, one of fish passage, and the other improved flood control operations.

On April 18, 2008, the Department of Fish and Game indicated that they would provide up to \$988,900 in grant funding for the Gobernador Debris Basin Modification Project. The grant includes funding for construction, inspection, surveying, and project administration for the project. Approving the attached resolution agreeing to the terms and conditions of the grant agreement will allow the District to receive the grant funding for the project.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State (Fish & Game)	\$ 988,900.00		
SC Flood Zone Fees	\$ 28,100.00		
Total	\$ 1,017,000.00	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative:

A final budget adjustment was included in the adopted budget for FY 2008-09 to accept the grant funding in the amount of \$988,900 from the Department of Fish and Game and to allocate funding for the project under the Design cost center of the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department.

This project is also included in the County's Capital Improvement Program on page B-163.

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of the resolution and minute order to the Flood Control District office, Attn: Christina Lopez.

Attachments:

Construction Contract (copy)

Resolution entitled "In the Matter of Approving the Gobernador Debris Basin Modification Project to receive Grants Funding from California Department of Fish and Game"

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