



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: PW/Flood Control
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: July 11, 2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

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

FROM: Department Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, (805) 568-3010
Director(s)
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SUBJECT: Miscellaneous Flood Control Projects, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Supervisorial Districts

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Directors:

- a) Authorize the Public Works Director to advertise and receive bids for the following projects:
 - i. Santa Maria River Pilot Channel Project - 2023
 - ii. Orcutt-Solomon Basin Emergency Cleanout Project – 23STM1
 - iii. Rodeo-San Pasqual Basin Emergency Cleanout Project – 23STM1
 - iv. Miguelito Basin Emergency Cleanout Project – 23STM1

- b) Determine that the advertising for and receipt of bids is an administrative and fiscal activity which will not result in changes in the environment and therefore the action does not constitute a “Project” within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b).

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to obtain authority to advertise and receive bids for four (4) projects:

- i. Santa Maria River Pilot Channel Project - 2023
- ii. Orcutt-Solomon Basin Emergency Cleanout Project – 23STM1
- iii. Rodeo-San Pasqual Basin Emergency Cleanout Project – 23STM1
- iv. Miguelito Basin Emergency Cleanout Project – 23STM1

As part of the continued response to this past winter's storm events, the Flood Control District (District) has identified one new mitigation project (Santa Maria River Pilot Channel Project - 2023) and three remaining emergency response projects (FEMA Disaster DR-4683-CA; County Project 23STM1) to be performed prior to the next winter season.

The Santa Maria River Pilot Channel Project is a mitigation project and consists of the excavation and removal of soil and vegetation within the Santa Maria River bed, across easements owned by the District. The project aims to promote improved natural conveyance of water through the center of the river channel.

Rodeo-San Pasqual Basin is located in the unincorporated area of Lompoc Valley and Miguelito Basin is located in the City of Lompoc. Orcutt-Solomon Basin is located in the Orcutt area. All three basins filled to capacity with sediment as a result of DR-4683-CA but running water has prevented access to clean out the basins. All three of these projects are emergency response projects and the intent is to excavate material from the basins and return them to their original operating capacities as soon as they are de-watered and prior to the next rainy season.

These projects will be bid in accordance with the Public Contract Code, which requires the District to advertise the project, receive bids, and award the contract to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder.

Background:

On January 9, 2023, a storm (23STM1) severely impacted Santa Barbara County and a Federal Disaster (DR-4683-CA) was declared. The storm created sediment and debris laden conditions in rivers, creeks and basins across the entire County.

These projects need to be completed to protect public health and safety and to lessen the future threat of additional damage. These project sites need to be returned to operational capacities and allow for future sediment and flows.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative:

Advertising costs are included every year in the budget in the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department. However, due to timing of the proposed FY 2023-24 budget submittal and identifying emergency and mitigation projects from this past winter's storms; funding for these projects were not included in the FY 2023-24 budget. In the board letter to award the construction contracts, Budget Revision Requests (BRRs) will be included in the recommended actions to approve and allocate funding for the projects.

The Santa Maria Pilot Channel Project will be funded through reserves held in the Santa Maria Levee Flood Zone. The division is seeking FEMA disaster recovery funds for the remaining three projects; Orcutt-Solomon Basin Emergency Cleanout Project, Rodeo-San Pasqual Basin Emergency Cleanout Project, and Miguelito Basin Emergency Cleanout Project. If FEMA funding is unavailable then the projects will be funded through reserves held in the Orcutt Flood Zone, Lompoc City Flood Zone, and Lompoc Valley Flood Zone, respectively.

Special Instructions:

Please email a copy of the minute order of these actions to the District, Attn: Christina Lopez at clopez@countyofsb.org.

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