



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**

**Agenda Number:**

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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**Submitted on:**  
**(COB Stamp)**

**Department Name:** Public Works  
**Department No.:** 054  
**Agenda Date:** October 7, 2025  
**Placement:** Administrative Agenda  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director: Chris Sneddon, Public Works Director  
Contact: Walter Rubalcava, Deputy Director – Water Resources

**SUBJECT:** **Statement of Final Quantities for the Toro Canyon Oil Water Separator Project, First Supervisorial District**

**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 Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Statement of Final Quantities for work performed for the Toro Canyon Oil Water Separator Project (Project No. WA8231, BC No. 23-172) by the contractor Innovative Construction Services, Inc. in the amount of \$2,514,183.25; and
- b) Determine that the above actions are an organizational and administrative activity of government, and not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda for the Board to approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Statement of Final Quantities (SFQ) for Toro Canyon Oil Water Separator Project in the First Supervisorial District.

The Project consisted of installing a new 1,500 gallon oil water separator, 800 feet of double walled oil conveyance pipeline, and a new 5,000 gallon aboveground crude oil storage tank. This project is designed to control a crude oil seep and prevent oil from entering Toro Canyon Creek.

### **Discussion:**

On October 17, 2023, the Board entered into an Agreement with Innovative Construction Services, Inc. (BC 23-172) to complete the work within the scope of the agreement for the Toro Canyon Oil Water Separator Project in the amount of \$2,198,865.00. The Board also authorized the Public Works Director to approve changes up to an additional \$124,943.25 plus an additional amount of \$50,000 for supplemental work items for a total contact allocation of \$2,373,808.25. On August 27, 2024, the Board authorized Amendment No. 1, approving an additional allocation of \$155,000 , and increasing the allocation to \$2,528,808.25. Only portions of the additional allocation were needed. The final contract amount was \$2,514,183.35, and consists of:

- Original contract amount:       \$2,198,865.00
- Supplemental Work:               \$50,000.00
- Extra Work Change Orders:     \$ 265,318.25
- Total payment to contractor =   \$2,514,183.25

Project Clean Water has accepted the work of the contractor Innovative Construction Services, Inc., completed per plans and specifications. On March 28, 2025, the Notice of Completion for this project was recorded by the Clerk Recorder's Office.

### **Background:**

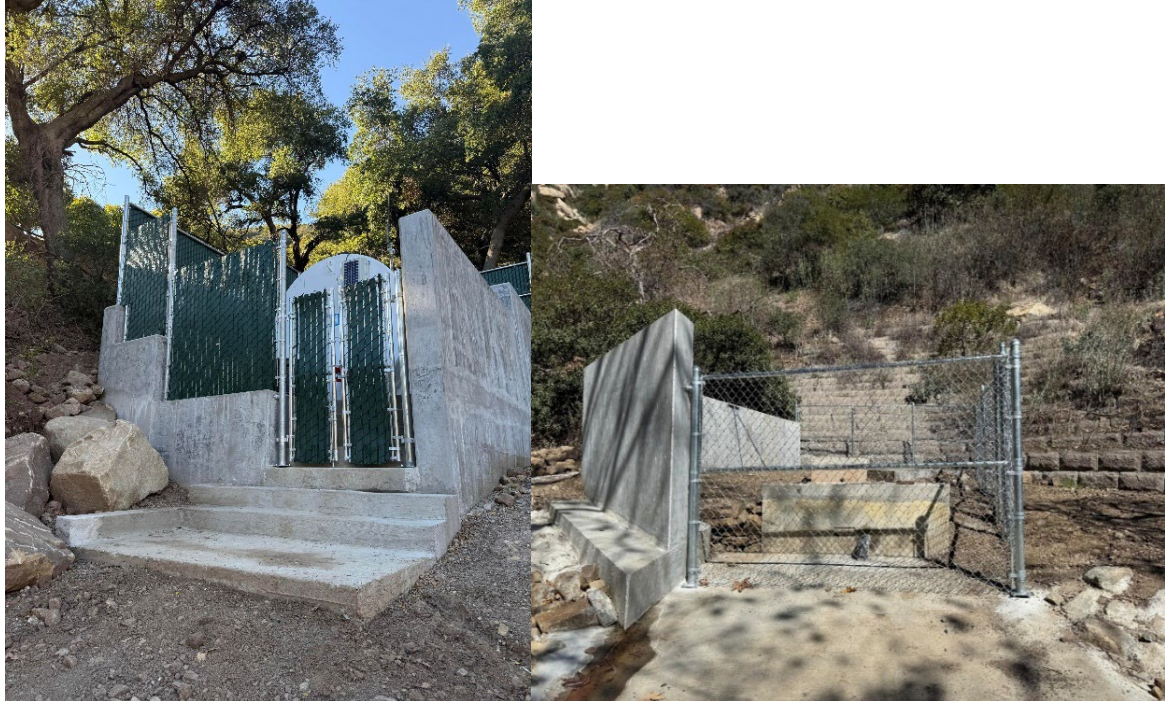
Records of the Toro Canyon Oil Seep date back to 1882, when Occidental Mining and Petroleum Corporation (OMPC) dug a horizontal tunnel in the Toro Canyon hillside, at the site of a long established and well-known oil seep. The intention of the tunnel was to collect the crude oil for commercial purposes. After digging the tunnel to a depth of over 210 feet, the company inadvertently opened a large water seep. At this point, OMPC shifted their development plans to focus on production of water, to serve the needs of the nearby Summerland community. An Oil Water Separator (OWS) was installed to clarify the water.

Over time, the original OWS fell into disrepair resulting in oil seeping directly into the creek. In 1997, the OWS was vandalized and resulted in a spill of over 3,000 gallons of oil into Toro Creek. The California Department of Fish and Game (now named California Department of Fish and Wildlife) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) responded jointly under Unified Command. In response to this event the EPA assumed the lead role to stop the release of oil into the creek which it accomplished by installing a new flow interceptor box and concrete separator. Additionally, they installed a double-wall oil pipeline to transport the separated oil to the EPA-installed 6,000-gallon double wall underground storage tank.

The EPA operated the system for 10 years until federal funds were no longer available as an emergency response. At the EPA's request in 2009, the County became the oversight agency for the system in coordination with the State Water Resources Control Board.

In 2018 the system and surrounding watershed was damaged by the Thomas Fire and subsequent debris flows. Further damage to the system from flooding and debris flows occurred during the winter of 2023. Emergency repairs were conducted in response to each of these events. In November 2021, an Engineering Planning Study was prepared to evaluate options for the system. The outcome of the Study determined that the entire system needed replacement.

The Project includes a new concrete oil water separator, a concrete diversion weir, a new double walled oil pipeline, and a 5,000-gallon double wall aboveground storage tank.



### **Completion of the Toro Canyon Oil Water Separator Project**

#### **Fiscal Analysis:**

The final retention payment of \$113,521.63 was included in the FY 2024–25 Adopted Budget for the Water Resources Division within the Public Works Department, as reflected on page D-334 of the budget book. The payment was accrued at the end of FY 2024-25 and will be released upon approval of the Statement of Final Quantities. The total contract cost of \$2,514,183.25 is funded entirely by the General Fund.

Funds were budgeted in Dept. 054, Fund 0001, Program 3800, Project WA8231 Activity TCRP, Line-Item Account 8400.

Funding Source	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Total
General Fund	\$972,076.23	\$1,542,107.02	\$2,514,183.25
Total	\$972,076.23	\$1,542,107.02	\$2,514,183.25

#### **Special Instructions:**

Direct the Clerk of the Board to email a copy of the signed Statement of Final Quantities and the minute order of these actions to Christina Lopez at [clopez@countyofsb.org](mailto:clopez@countyofsb.org).

#### **Attachment:**

**Attachment A** – Statement of Final Quantities

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