



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: September 17, 2024
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Directors, Flood Control and Water Conservation District
FROM: Department Chris Sneddon, Public Works Director, (805) 568-3010
Director(s)
Contact Info: Walter Rubalcava, Deputy Director – Flood Control, (805) 568-3436

SUBJECT: Cieneguitas Channel Repair Project, Second 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:

That the Board of Directors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign plans and specifications for the Cieneguitas Channel Repair Project (Project No. 24STM1-SC13);
- b) Award, approve, and authorize the Chair to execute the construction contract for the Cieneguitas Channel Repair Project in the base contract amount of \$527,324.00 to the lowest responsible bidder Remedial Transportation Services, Inc, subject to the provisions of documents and certifications, as set forth in the plans and specifications applicable to the project and as required by law;
- c) Authorize the Public Works Director or designee to approve changes or additions to the work being performed under the Construction Contract for a contingency amount not to exceed \$39,366.20 plus an additional amount of \$10,000 for supplemental work items for a total not to exceed authorization of \$576,690.20 to complete the work within the scope of the Agreement for the Cieneguitas Channel Repair Project;
- d) Determine that the Cieneguitas Channel Repair Project to be carried out is for the benefit of a single zone; and

- e) Find that pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15296(c), the Cieneguitas Channel Repair Project is an emergency action exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; and approve the filing of a Notice of Exemption (Attachment D) on that basis.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to approve the plans (Attachment A), specifications (Attachment B), award the construction contract (Attachment C), and to file the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption (NOE) (Attachment D) for the Cieneguitas Channel Repair Project (Project).

On August 8, 2024, the Flood Control District (District) received three (3) bids for the Project. Remedial Transportation Services, Inc. submitted the lowest responsive bid for the base contract for \$527,324.00. The engineer's construction cost estimate for the base contract was \$505,000.00.

This project was bid in accordance with the Public Contract Code, which requires the contract to be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. The Department analyzed the bids and determined the low bid is responsive and responsible. The District recommends awarding this contract to Remedial Transportation Services, Inc.

Background:

On February 4, 2024, a storm (24STM1) severely impacted Santa Barbara County (County) and a Federal Disaster (DR-4769-CA) was declared with sediment and debris laden conditions in rivers, creeks, and basins across the County.

Cieneguitas Channel was built in the 1960s and stretches from the Union Pacific Railroad to Modoc Road in the unincorporated County. The upper stretch of the channel was replaced in 1995 as part of a storm repair project by the District. During the February 4, 2024 event, the concrete channel experienced high flows and the lower stretch was damaged causing multiple concrete panels to peel off, exposing the channel. The District responded with interim emergency repairs by placing temporary rock slope protection in the damaged areas to concentrate winter flows and prevent further damage. A full emergency replacement of the channel is needed from Modoc Road to the 1995 repair section to return Cieneguitas Channel to its operating capacity and to allow for future sediment and flows.

State CEQA guidelines Section 15296(c) provides an emergency exemption for specific actions needed to prevent or mitigate and emergency that does not have a low probability of occurrence. The channel was damaged in February 2024 and remains in an interim state of repair. This emergency project needs to be completed to protect public health and safety and to lessen the future threat of additional damage as the winter rainy season approaches.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total Construction Project Cost</u>
South Coast FZ	\$ 576,690.20		\$ 576,690.20
Other:			
Total	\$ 576,690.20	\$ -	\$ 576,690.20

Narrative:

The Project’s construction cost of \$576,690.20 was included in the Adopted FY 2024-25 Budget under the Flood Control District of the Public Works Department reflected on page D-334 in the budget book.

Funds are budgeted in Dept. 054, Fund 2610, Program 3005, Project 24STM1, Line Item Account 7510. Costs for this project will be submitted to state and federal agencies for reimbursement as part of disaster DR-4769-CA. No General Fund monies will be utilized for this project.

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to post the attached NOE and to email Christina Lopez at clopez@countyofsb.org to pick up the original signed mylar title sheet of the plans, signed cover sheet of the Special Provisions, signed original signature pages of the Construction Agreement with Remedial Transportation Services, Inc., and a copy of the minute order.

Attachments:

- Attachment A - Plans (includes title sheet)
- Attachment B - Special Provisions (includes cover sheet)
- Attachment C - Construction Agreement with Remedial Transportation Services, Inc. (one original agreement, a second original signature page, and Board Contract Summary)
- Attachment D - Notice of Exemption

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