



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Agenda Number:

Department Name: Flood Control
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: 5/20/2014
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: 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, 568-3010
Director(s)
Contact Info: Thomas D. Fayram, Deputy Public Works Director, 568-3436

SUBJECT: Lower Mission Creek Flood Control Project, Reach 1B, Second Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Directors:

- a) Find that the bids received for the Lower Mission Creek Flood Control Project, Reach 1B, exceeded the Engineer's cost estimate by over 40% and reject all bids from the bid opening on April 17, 2014;
- b) Authorize the Public Works Director to re-advertise and re-bid the Lower Mission Creek Flood Control Project, Reach 1B;
- c) Authorize the Public Works Director to advertise and receive bids for the Lower Mission Creek Flood Control Project, Reach 2A; and
- d) Find that pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines section 15162, no substantial changes are proposed, there are no substantial changes in circumstances and no new information of substantial importance has come to light regarding environmental effects of the project or feasibility of mitigation measures and, therefore this action is within the scope of the project covered by the Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for the Lower Mission Creek Flood Control Project as well as the Findings, and Statement of Overriding Considerations approved and adopted by the Board on May 10,

2011, and therefore, no subsequent environmental document is required. The Findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations, EIS/ EIR, and associated information can be found at: <http://santabarbara.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=874496&GUID=D14C4C9B-DEDF-48CB-AB30-D52A228FB5A2>

Summary Text:

The City of Santa Barbara (City) and the Flood Control District continue to focus on implementation of elements of the Lower Mission Creek Flood Control Project below US 101. Reach 1B of the project is a portion of the open channel between Mason Street to just downstream of Yanonali Street, where it ties into Reach 2A. Reach 2A of the project is a portion of the bypass culvert that extends upstream of Reach 1B to just south of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks, where it will connect to a previously completed segment of the bypass culvert.

On April 17, 2014, the Flood Control District received five (5) bids for the Lower Mission Creek Flood Control Project, Reach 1B. All five bids exceeded the engineer’s construction cost estimate of \$1,507,596.00 by over 40%.

Staff recommends that the Board reject all the bids and authorize re-bidding of the project. Staff intends to construct both Reaches 1B and 2A in 2015 with a combined construction contract. The District believes that combining these two Reaches may offer more economy of scale and also allow Reach 2A to be completed within its originally scheduled time frame of 2015.

Background:

The Lower Mission Creek Flood Control Project is a federal, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project and has been under development since the 1960’s. The City and the Flood Control District, acting as local sponsors for the Federal Project, worked with the community in the 1990s to develop the current project that addresses the flood control concerns and environmental issues.

In 2001, the City certified the EIR/EIS and approved the Project for Lower Mission Creek as did the U.S Army Corps of Engineers subsequent to the City’s approval. Since that time, federal funding for construction has not come forward and the City and the Flood Control District have been working on finding opportunities to construct elements of the project as funding options arise. To date, the following project elements have been completed:

Flood Control District Work	City Work
Union Pacific Railroad Culvert work	Haley – De La Vina Bridge
Reach 1A-1	Ortega Street Bridge
Reach 2B-1	

Reach 1A- Phase 2 is anticipated to be constructed concurrently with the City of Santa Barbara’s Mason Street Bridge Replacement Project beginning in Fall 2014. Staff is negotiating a Cost Sharing Agreement with the City of Santa Barbara for this construction and will return to the Board for the Agreement’s execution.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
South Coast FZ			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative:

There are no fiscal impacts with these actions. Staff anticipates combining Reach 1B and 2A and constructing the project in 2015.

Special Instructions:

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

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