



**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:** April 7, 2026  
**Placement:** Administrative Agenda  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Director(s): Chris Sneddon, Public Works Director <sup>DS</sup> CS  
Contact: Mostafa Estaji, Deputy Director, Transportation <sup>DS</sup> ME

**SUBJECT:** Ratification of Emergency Contracts Secured by Purchasing Agent as a Result of 2025-2026 Holiday Flooding and Storms; All Supervisorial Districts

**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and ratify the attached Public Works Transportation emergency contracts, entered into by the Purchasing Agent under County Code Section 2-43 upon a finding that these contracts were required for the health, safety, and welfare of the people or for the protection of property and that there was an present, immediate, and existing emergency which could not reasonably have been foreseen; and
- b) Determine that the recommended actions are statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15269, as a project necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency that does not have a low probability of occurrence, and to maintain, repair, restore, or replace property or facilities damages or destroyed as a result of a disaster. A Notice of Exemption was filed on this basis on February 19, 2026, and the proposed action is within the scope of that Notice of Exemption (Attachment E).

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda to approve and ratify the following Public Works Transportation emergency contracts entered into by the Purchasing Agent under County Code Section 2-43:

- SCON-003352 Raminha Construction in the amount of \$358,151
- SCON-003543 Seamair General Engineering in the amount of \$281,583
- SCON-003894 R. Burke Corporation in the amount of \$174,194
- SCON-003976 Access Limited Construction in the amount of \$426,689

**Discussion:**

The Transportation Division has been responding to the storm event 25STM3 under the Proclamation of Local Emergency declared by the Director of Emergency Services on January 9, 2026, and the Board Resolution 26-10 adopted by the Board on January 13, 2026. The emergency work to remove debris, clear culverts, implement protective measures, and perform emergency repairs on various County roads was required to be completed on an emergency basis in order to establish emergency and public roadway access, protect existing property, and alleviate financial impacts. Use of competitive procurement proposals or formal bids or awarding would delay the immediate action required to address public safety, access, and welfare.

**Background:**

The Purchasing Agent is authorized to “make emergency purchases of goods or services free of provision of this article upon a showing by any department or officer that such purchase is required.” (County Code § 2-43, see below).

**County Code Section 2-43. - Same - Emergency purchases.**

- a) Notwithstanding the purchasing agent's delegated authority by the board of supervisors, the purchasing agent may make emergency purchases of goods or services free of the provisions of this article upon a showing by any department or officer that such purchase is required.
- b) All emergency purchases of goods or services secured under this section shall be approved or confirmed by the purchasing agent that the purchases were made for the health, safety, and welfare of the people or for the protection of property and that there is a present, immediate and existing emergency which could not reasonably be foreseen; and may make other purchases of goods and services free of this article when the board of supervisors has found by resolution that such would be in the public interest.  
(Ord. No. 951, § 6; Ord. No. 4997, § 1, 6-20-2017)

While the Purchasing Agent’s authority to enter into emergency contracts is not subject to any express cost limitation, because these emergency contracts exceed the Purchasing Agent’s contracting authority for direct award public works projects, and in coordination with the Purchasing Agent, Public Works Transportation is bringing these emergency contracts to the Board for ratification.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

This work will be funded by reallocating road funds budgeted in FY25/26 for permanent restoration projects from 2023 and 2024 storms. These costs do not impact the General Fund. These costs may also be eligible for state and federal reimbursements.

Funding Source	FY 25/26	Total
Roads Funds	\$1,240,617	\$1,240,617
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,240,617</b>	<b>\$1,240,617</b>

**Special Instructions:**

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Direct the Clerk of the Board to email a minute order of these actions to Emily Ferguson at [ekferguson@countyofsb.org](mailto:ekferguson@countyofsb.org).

**Attachments:**

**Attachment A** – Copy of Executed Contract - SCON-003352 - Raminha Construction

**Attachment B** - Copy of Executed Contract - SCON-003543 - Seamair General Engineering

**Attachment C** - Copy of Executed Contract - SCON-003894 - R. Burke Corporation

**Attachment D** – Copy of Executed Contract – SCON-003976 – Access Limited Construction

**Attachment E** - Notice of Exemption

**Attachment F** - Board Resolution 26-10

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