



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: February 11, 2025
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
Director(s) Chris Sneddon, Public Works Director, (805) 568-3010
Contact Info: Walter Rubalcava, Deputy Director – Flood Control, (805) 568-3436
SUBJECT: Summary of Final Quantities for the Cieneguitas Channel Repair Project, Second Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Directors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Statement of Final Quantities for work performed for the Cieneguitas Channel Repair Project (Project No. 24STM1-SC13) by the contractor Remedial Transportation Services, Inc. in the amount of \$562,405.65; 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 in order to obtain Board approval and authorization to execute the Statement of Final Quantities (SFQ) for the Cieneguitas Channel Repair Project. On September 17, 2024 the Board entered into an Agreement with Remedial Transportation Services, Inc. (BC 24-156) to complete the work within the scope of the Agreement for the Cieneguitas Channel Repair Project in the amount of \$527,324.00. The Board also authorized the Public Works Director or designee to approve changes up to an additional \$39,366.20 plus an additional amount of \$10,000.00 for supplemental work items for a total contract amount of \$576,690.20.

The final construction costs of \$562,405.65 consists of the original contract price of \$527,324.00, \$10,000.00 in Supplemental work, \$26,071.65 in Change Order work, and minus \$990.00 in Contract Deductions, is within the approved contract and contingency limits.

The Flood Control District (District) has accepted the work of the contractor Remedial Transportation Services, Inc. completed per plans and specifications. On December 19, 2024, the Notice of Completion for this project was recorded by the Clerk Recorder’s Office.

Background:

On February 4, 2024, a storm (24STM1) severely impacted Santa Barbara 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 was 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 an emergency that does not have a low probability of occurrence. The channel was damaged in severe weather in February 2024. The State of California proclaimed a state of emergency for eight counties, including Santa Barbara County, on February 4, 2024. The District prepared and filed a CEQA Notice of Exemption (Section 15269c) in August 2024 for the Cieneguitas Channel Emergency Repair project. This emergency project was completed to protect public health and safety and to lessen the future threat of additional damage. The recommended action described here is an organizational and administrative activity of government related to contract management; and is therefore not defined as a “project” under CEQA guidelines Section 15378(b)(5).

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total Contract Cost:</u>
South Coast FZ			\$ 562,405.65
Total			\$ 562,405.65

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative:

The final construction cost of \$562,405.65 is included in the FY 2024-25 Adopted Budget under the Flood Control District of the Public Works Department reflected on page D-334 in the budget book. Costs for this project were paid through the South Coast Flood Zone. A reimbursement request was submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on January 15, 2025 under disaster number DR-4769-CA to recover the project's cost.

Funds are budgeted in Dept. 054, Fund 2610, Program 3005, Project 24STM1, Line Item Account 7510.

No General Fund monies were utilized for this project.

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to email copies of the Statement of Final Quantities and the minute order of these actions to Christina Lopez at clopez@countyofsb.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Statement of Final Quantities

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Completed Cieneguitas Channel Repair Project

