



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:** November 29, 2022  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Directors, Flood Control and Water Conservation District

**FROM:** Department Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, (805) 568-3010  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Walter Rubalcava, Deputy Director-Water Resources, (805) 568-3436

**SUBJECT:** Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with WRECO for the San Ysidro Debris Basin Improvement Project (SC8356), First Supervisorial District

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**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 execute Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with WRECO (not a local vendor) for geotechnical, hydrologic and engineering design services for the San Ysidro Debris Basin Improvement Project (BC19-337), extending the term of the agreement through December 31, 2024 and authorize the Public Works Director or designee to extend the term of the Agreement by up to two additional years to December 31, 2026 to complete the work within the Scope of the Agreement;
- a) Find that the recommended action to award and/or amend contracts for engineering services is a fiscal and administrative activity not constituting a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act, as set forth in 14CCR 15378(b)(4) and (5).

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda to approve Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement with WRECO to provide technical investigation, hydrologic analyses, and engineering design for the San Ysidro Creek Debris Basin Improvement Project (Attachment A) and to extend the term of the existing contract.

On August 27, 2019, three engineering design contracts were approved with WRECO by the Board of Directors. These contracts consisted of the Romero Creek Debris Basin, San Ysidro Debris Basin (Attachment B), and the Cold Springs Debris Basin Improvement Projects. These contracts were amended on August 18, 2020 (Attachment C) to increase scope and extend duration of agreements through December 31, 2022. Subsequently, environmental regulators decided that they would not review the three projects concurrently, only consecutively and only after the active project reach final design approval, thus causing a delay in the design process. The Romero Creek and Cold Springs Debris Basin Improvement Projects will be completed within the period of performance for these contracts. However, the San Ysidro Debris Basin Improvement Project will not, making a time extension for that engineering design contract necessary.

**Background:**

In December 2017 and into January 2018, the Thomas Fire severely impacted the watersheds above Montecito and Carpinteria. The District proposes to improve load bearing and conveyance of the San Ysidro Basin (see Exhibit A - Map) by installing outlet control structures similar to that of the Romero Debris Basin built in 2022 and Gobernador Debris Basin built in 2008. The outlet control structure will be designed to withstand the force of large debris loads, to facilitate sediment delivery downstream, and to restore federally endangered steelhead trout habitat.

The District was previously awarded a California Department of Fish and Wildlife Proposition 1 grant for this project.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
South Coast FZ			\$258,389.98
CDFW Prop 1			\$139,744.02
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 398,134.00</b>

Narrative:

Funding for this project was included in the adopted FY 2022-23 budget in the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department as shown on page D-424 in the budget book. This amendment will extend the term of the agreement but there are no additional costs associated with this amendment. No General Fund monies will be utilized for this project.

This project is also included in the County’s Capital Improvement Program and is scheduled for construction in early 2023.

**Special Instructions:**

Direct the Clerk of the Board to send an original signature page of Amendment No. 2 and a copy the minute order of these actions to the Flood Control Office, Attn: Christina Lopez.

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A: Amendment No. 2 to Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with WRECO for the San Ysidro Debris Basin Improvement Project w/contract summary (one original Amendment No. 2 and one signature page)
- Attachment B: Copy of the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with WRECO for the San Ysidro Debris Basin Improvement Project
- Attachment C: Copy of Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with WRECO for the San Ysidro Debris Basin Improvement Project

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**Exhibit A – Map**

