



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: Community Services
Department No.: 057
Agenda Date: August 19, 2025
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Jesús Armas, Community Services Director
Contact: Jill Van Wie, Capital Program Manager
SUBJECT: **Professional Engineering Service Agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for Isla Vista Stairway Repairs; 2nd Supervisorial District**

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County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the professional service agreement (Attachment A) with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. ("Stantec") for Isla Vista stairway repairs; and
- b) Determine that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15302 of the State Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA which consists of the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures or facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced, and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced, and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption (Attachment B).

Summary Text:

The attached professional services agreement in the amount of \$290,000 allows Stantec to provide professional civil engineering and survey services for the reconstruction and repair of two (2) Isla Vista beach access stairways, the Camino del Sur and Escondido Passageway, damaged during recent storm events. The replacement stairways will be engineered in accordance with the 100-year coastal plan for improved public safety and continued beach access for public recreational activities. Design is anticipated to be completed by Spring 2026.

Discussion:

There are five existing beach access stairways in Isla Vista, two of which are currently closed to the public due to structural storm damage. One, the Camino del Sur stairway, is located south of the intersection of Del Playa Drive at the southerly end of Camino del Sur in Isla Vista and was damaged during the 2025 storm season. The second, Escondido Passageway stairway, is located south of Del Playa Drive just east of Sea Lookout Park in Isla Vista and was damaged during the January 2023 storm event. The stairways provide public access to and from the beach, ranging 30-50 feet below the elevation of the bluff.

The replacement stairways will be constructed in accordance with the 100-year coastal plan, and will utilize a mixture of marine grade timber, stainless steel and vertical concrete supports and landings. Approval of this Board action would allow Stantec to complete the engineered design for stairway replacement.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

The total cost of repairing both stairways is estimated to be \$1,800,000 inclusive of soft and hard costs. The Escondido Passageway is estimated to cost \$600,000 with anticipated full reimbursement by County insurance. The Camino del Sur stairway is estimated to cost \$1,200,000. Funding for the design of this project is funded by Community Services Park Operational funds. Following completion of the engineered design, remaining project costs will be budgeted via future Board actions once funding is secured.

Special Instructions:

After Board action, please distribute the following to Jill Van Wie via email and intraoffice mail:

1. Minute Order
2. Professional Service Agreement, Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Professional Service Agreement, Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.

Attachment B – CEQA Notice of Exemption

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