



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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

Department Name: PW/Flood Control
Department No.: 054
Agenda Date: July 1, 2025
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

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

FROM: Department Director: Chris Sneddon, Public Works Director, (805) 568-3010
Contact: Walter Rubalcava, Deputy Director – Flood Control, (805) 568-3436

SUBJECT: Agreements for FY 2025-26 for Flood Control Maintenance and Real Property Services for Routine Work, Emergency Response Efforts, and As-needed Services, All Supervisorial Districts

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 the Agreements for Services of Independent Contractor for as-needed work for the Flood Control's routine maintenance work, response to emergency situations, prevention and repair work, and for any other flood control purposes for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 with the following contractors:
 - i. Bob's Backhoe & Trucking (a local vendor) in the amount not to exceed \$2,000,000;
 - ii. CalPortland Construction (a local vendor) in the amount not to exceed \$1,000,000;
 - iii. Cushman Contracting Corporation (a local vendor) in the amount of not to exceed \$1,000,000;
 - iv. Granite Construction Company (a local vendor) in the amount not to exceed \$2,000,000;
 - v. Lash Construction Company (a local vendor) in the amount not to exceed \$2,000,000;
 - vi. R.W. Scott Construction Company, Inc. (a local vendor) in the amount not to exceed \$2,000,000;
 - vii. Specialty Construction, Inc. (a local vendor) in the amount not to exceed \$1,000,000;
 - viii. Tomasini Excavation (a local vendor) in the amount not to exceed \$1,000,000;

- ix. V. Lopez Jr. and Sons General Engineering Contractors, Inc. (a local vendor) in the amount not to exceed \$1,000,000;
- b) Authorize the Public Works Director to execute the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Tierra Contracting, Inc. (a local vendor) in the amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for as needed work for the Flood Control's routine maintenance work, to respond to emergency situations, prevention and repair work, and for any other flood control purposes for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 in a form substantially similar to the template attached hereto, and upon the review and concurrence of the Auditor Controller, Risk Management, and County Counsel;
- c) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Hamner, Jewell & Associates (a tri-county vendor) for real property and land acquisition services needed for the Capital Improvement Program, Flood Control's routine maintenance work, to respond to emergency situations, prevention and repair work, and for any other flood control purposes in the amount not to exceed \$300,000 for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026;
- d) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Enviroscaping, Inc. (a local vendor) for installation, maintenance, and landscaping of revegetation sites for Capital Improvement Program, Flood Control's routine maintenance work, to respond to emergency situations, prevention and repair work, and for any other flood control purposes in the amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026;
- e) Authorize the Public Works Director or designee to execute written Notices to Proceed within the scopes of the above listed agreements on an as-needed basis; and
- f) Find that the recommended actions to approve as-needed contracts for maintenance, emergency, engineering, real property, revegetation/maintenance services, and other types of flood control work are fiscal activities not constituting a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act, as set forth in 14 CCR 15378(b)(4).

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to approve and execute agreements with the above listed contractors and consultants for a variety of services including as-needed routine flood control maintenance, prevention and repair work, revegetation, real property and land acquisition services, and emergency response efforts for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

All work will be approved in a written Notice to Proceed on an as-needed basis.

Discussion:

These agreements are usually included in the ongoing contract process and approved as part of the budget. However, this year the agreements required changes to the terms and conditions to add and amend federal clauses pursuant to the 2024 Super Circular updates. These agreements are used for emergency response efforts and may be eligible for federal reimbursement, so it's

necessary to include applicable federal language in the agreements. Changing the terms and conditions of agreements are outside of the ongoing contract process and requires the agreements to be approved as a Board item.

Background:

The work provided by the as-needed and emergency response agreements will be consistent with Public Contract Code 21271, which allows the Flood Control District's (District) Board of Directors to enter into negotiated contracts without advertising for bids if the work consists of protection or maintenance of channels, storm drains, dams, or any other flood control works. This work may be part of the District's routine maintenance work, emergency response efforts, prevention and repair work, and any other work needed for flood control purposes. Construction projects that require plans and specifications will continue to follow the bidding procedures as required by the Public Contract Code.

Tierra Contracting, Inc. is currently in labor negotiations and unable to provide their FY 2025-26 rates within the time needed to be included for approval with these other agreements.

Recommended action b will allow the Public Works Director to execute the agreement with Tierra Contracting, Inc. once rates are provided and upon review and concurrence from County Counsel, Risk Management, and Auditor-Controller.

The recommended actions to approve as-needed contracts for maintenance, emergency, engineering, real property, revegetation/maintenance services, and other types of flood control work are government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to a specific project that may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment, and do constitute a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act, as set forth in 14 CCR 15378(b)(4).

Performance Measure:

These agreements are also used during heavy workload periods to assist our maintenance staff in completing maintenance projects identified in the Flood Control District's Annual Maintenance Plan.

Contract Renewals:

The District enters into these types of agreements on an annual basis and the agreements are only utilized when needed.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There is no immediate fiscal impact resulting from the approval of these agreements. Fiscal impacts will occur over the term of the contracts as individual Notices to Proceed are issued in response to District needs, including routine maintenance, emergency response, and prevention or repair activities.

Work performed under these agreements will be managed and coordinated by Flood Control District staff. These agreements enhance the District's operational capacity by providing flexible, on-call access to maintenance, real property, and revegetation services across all Supervisorial Districts. This supports timely execution of the District's Annual Maintenance Plan, Capital Improvement Program, and emergency preparedness efforts.

Fiscal Analysis:

Each agreement includes a not-to-exceed contract amount. Work will be authorized and funded through individual Notices to Proceed on an as-needed basis. These costs are budgeted annually and will be covered using appropriations from various Flood Control District funds. Should actual expenditures begin to approach the agreement limits due to emergency needs or an increased workload, the District will return to the Board to request a Budget Revision.

No General Fund monies will be utilized for these contracts.

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to email copies of the signed signature pages of the agreements and a copy of the minute order of these actions to Christina Lopez at clopez@countyofsb.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Agreement with Bob’s Backhoe FY 2025-26

Attachment B – Agreement with CalPortland FY 2025-26

Attachment C – Agreement with Cushman FY 2025-26

Attachment D – Agreement with Granite FY 2025-26

Attachment E – Agreement with Lash FY 2025-26

Attachment F – Agreement with R.W. Scott FY 2025-26

Attachment G – Agreement with Specialty FY 2025-26

Attachment H – Agreement with Tomasini FY 2025-26

Attachment I - Agreement with V. Lopez FY 2025-26

Attachment J – Copy of Agreement with Tierra FY 2025-26

Attachment K – Agreement with HJA FY 2025-26

Attachment L – Agreement with Enviroscaping FY 2025-26

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