



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:	August 19, 2025
Placement:	Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time:	N/A
Continued Item:	No
If Yes, date from:	
Vote Required:	4/5

TO: Board of Directors, Flood Control and Water Conservation District
FROM: Department Director: Chris Sneddon, Public Works Director
Contact: Walter Rubalcava, Deputy Director – Flood Control
SUBJECT: Release of Restrictive Performance Security Fund Balance for Debris Nets Project,
First Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: CEO Budget

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Directors:

- Approve Budget Revision Request (BJE No. 0010485) to transfer Restricted Performance Security Fund Balance of \$1,042,700 in Public Works Flood Control District Fund to Restricted Purpose of Fund balance (4/5 vote required); and
- Find that the recommended actions are a fiscal activity 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 Budget Revision Request (Attachment A) completes actions authorized by Resolution No. 19-223 adopted on August 27, 2019 (Attachment B) by:

- Noting issuance of a payment of \$389,202 to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), and
- Releasing the remaining \$653,498 from the restricted Performance Security Fund back to Flood Control District Fund 2400.

Resolution No. 19-223 originally set aside \$1,042,700 in a restricted fund as a performance security for certain elements of The Partnership for Resilient Communities (TPRC) Debris Nets Project (now known as The Project for Resilient Communities). After TPRC declared it could not fulfill its project obligations to complete payment to a contractor that completed work to meet permit and CDFW

requirements, the Flood Control District worked with TPRC and CDFW to meet the resolution's terms. This final action recognizes that the District fulfilled its commitments and that CDFW has released the District from all further obligations tied to the project and permits.

Background:

Funding Obligation: In 2019, the Flood Control District moved \$1,042,700 into a restricted fund at the request of TPRC to provide a performance security to CDFW for certain elements of the Debris Nets Project, with the agreement that there would be no future financial or operational responsibility for the Flood Control District.

Project Completion & Insolvency: TPRC caused the nets to be removed in November 2023 by the permit requirements and shortly after declared insolvency, citing insufficient funds to meet permit obligations and complete payment to the contractor.

Resolution: On June 5, 2025, the Flood Control District was offered full release from all future obligations in a letter from CDFW (Attachment C) if the District paid \$389,202 by June 15, 2025 to resolve TPRC's non-performance in completing payment, \$50,000 of which would be used by CDFW for offsite mitigation. This would free up the remaining \$653,498 in the restricted fund and end the Flood Control District's involvement and obligations in the project.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Of the \$1,042,700 originally restricted for performance security, \$389,202 was paid to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) on June 9, 2025 to fulfill the District's performance security obligations.

Fiscal Analysis:

This Budget Revision Request (BJE No. 0010485) will release \$1,042,700 from the Restricted PRC Performance Security Fund Balance to the Flood Control District's Purpose of Fund Balance. This budget revision completes the actions associated with Resolution 19-223, adopted on August 27, 2019, which authorized the segregation of \$1,042,700 in Fund 2400 to provide performance security to the CDFW for TPRC's Debris Nets Project. A payment of \$389,202 was issued on June 9, 2025, through existing Services and Supplies appropriations. With the project obligations fulfilled, the funds may now be returned to Fund Balance.

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to email the minute order of these actions to Christina Lopez at clopez@countyofsb.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Budget Revision Request (BJE No. 0010485)
Attachment B: Copy of Resolution No. 19-223
Attachment C: Letter from CDFW dated June 5, 2025

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