



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** Flood Control  
**Department No.:** 054  
**For Agenda Of:** April 7, 2020  
**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)  
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**SUBJECT:** Lower Mission Creek Flood Control Project Reach 2B/Phase 2 and Reach 3, First Supervisorial District

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Directors:

- a) Reject all bids from the Lower Mission Creek Flood Control Project, Reach 2B/Phase 2 and Reach 3 bid opening on February 3, 2020;
- b) Authorize the Public Works Director to re-advertise and re-bid the Lower Mission Creek Flood Control Project, Reach 2B/Phase 2 and Reach 3; and
- c) Find that pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines section 15162, no substantial changes are proposed, there are no substantial changes in circumstances and no new information of substantial importance has come to light regarding environmental effects of the project or feasibility of mitigation measures and, therefore, this action is within the scope of the project covered by the Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement for the Lower Mission Creek Flood Control Project as well as the Findings, and Statement of Overriding Considerations approved and adopted by the Board on May 10, 2011, and therefore, no subsequent environmental document is required. The Findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations, Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement, and associated information can be

found at: <http://santabarbara.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=874496&GUID=D14C4C9B-DEDF-48CB-AB30-D52A228FB5A2>.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda in order to reject all bids opened on February 3, 2020, and to authorize the re-advertisement and re-bidding of the Lower Mission Creek Flood Control Project Reach 2B/Phase 2 and Reach 3.

On February 3, 2020, the Flood Control District (District) received four bids for the Lower Mission Creek Flood Control Project Reach 2B/Phase 2 and Reach 3. Granite Construction Company submitted the lowest responsive bid in the amount of \$4,886,765.00. The second lowest bid was in the amount of \$5,595,979.50. The highest bid was in the amount of \$6,355,636.00. The engineer's construction cost estimate was \$5,893,762.75.

The Lower Mission Creek Flood Control Project Reach 2B/Phase 2 and Reach 3 requires property access rights (consisting of both temporary and permanent easements and property acquired in fee) across six parcels. On November 5, 2019, the Board approved Resolutions of Necessity for the acquisitions of two of these properties, 315 Chapala St. and 325 Chapala St. Access rights to these properties have not yet been obtained. This project has a limited construction window due to environmental permitting constraints and time-of-year considerations. The delay in obtaining property access rights makes construction infeasible this year, requiring that the project be delayed until such access is procured. Because of this, the bids must be rejected.

The City of Santa Barbara (City) and the District had focused past efforts on implementing the elements of the Lower Mission Creek Flood Control Project below the US 101. Those elements are now complete. Construction of Reach 2B/Phase 2 and Reach 3 will complete the by-pass culvert, weir structure connection, and creek channel improvements up to the Gutierrez St. Bridge (see Exhibit A). This will enable all downstream project elements previously constructed to become functional, representing a major project milestone.

**Background:**

The Lower Mission Creek Flood Control Project is a Federal, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project and has been under development since the 1960s. The City and the District, acting as local sponsors for the federal project, worked with the community in the 1990s to develop the current project that addresses flood control concerns and environmental issues.

In 2001, the City certified the Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) and approved the project for Lower Mission Creek, as did the U.S Army Corps of Engineers (subsequent to the City's approval). Since that time, federal funding for construction has not come forward and the City and the District have been working on finding opportunities to construct elements of the project as funding options arise. To date, the following project elements have been completed:

**Flood Control District Work**

Union Pacific Railroad Culvert work

**City Work**

Haley – De La Vina Bridge

Reach 1A-1  
Reach 1A-2  
Reach 1B  
Reach 2A  
Reach 2B-1

Ortega Street Bridge  
Cota Street Bridge  
Mason Street Bridge

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Narrative:

Construction costs for this phase of this project will re-budgeted in FY 2020-21. No General Fund monies will be utilized for this project.

This project is also included in the Capital Improvement Program on pages D-137.

**Special Instructions:**

N/A

**Attachments:**

None

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# Exhibit A

