



County-wide Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Application

County Executive Office
Public Works

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Purpose

- Adopt a Resolution to authorize the Public Works Director to:
 - Submit grant applications, make certifications and assurances for funding under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Section 404
 - If awarded, enter into grant agreements and all subsequent amendments
- Authorize the Chair to sign Local Match Fund Commitment Letters
- If awarded, the Department will return to the Board for appropriations



Background

- County is leading and managing the recovery effort in partnership with the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and other mutual aid partners.
- The *2017 Santa Barbara County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan* guides the Santa Barbara County Operational Area toward greater disaster preparedness and resistance.



FEMA 404 Hazard Mitigation

- Managed by the State and funded under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
- Funding is used to provide protection to **undamaged** infrastructure, or to prevent or reduce potential damages that may be caused by future disasters.
- Competitive program; award is based on many factors and is not guaranteed.



Requirements

- Sub applicants must have a FEMA-approved and adopted Local Hazard Mitigation Plan to be eligible for project funding.
- 75% federal cost share - 25% local cost share.
- Projects must be completed within 36-month performance period.
- Benefit Cost Analysis is a significant component of project approval.
- Approximately \$56 million is available to fund hazard mitigation projects related to the Thomas Fire.
- Applications are ranked on multiple factors.



Santa Barbara County

- Submitting HMGP applications for seven projects totaling \$41.7M.
- If awarded, the total federal cost share would be \$31.3M and the total local cost share would be \$10.4M.
- If awarded, Public Works would return to the Board to establish appropriations.



Project Applications

Debris Basin Land Acquisition and Construction:

- Land acquisition and construction costs for one future debris basin situated in existing flood-prone area along San Ysidro Creek.

Stockpile Land Acquisition:

- Highest priority for the Flood Control District.
- Obtaining land in the South Coast to stockpile and sort materials that have been cleaned out of channels and basins during routine or emergency operations.
- A stockpile closer in proximity will increase utility of existing basins, expedite debris removal during a disaster, and greatly reduce debris hauling costs.



Project Applications (cont.)

Debris Basin Modification Projects

- Modify the Cold Springs Debris Basin, the San Ysidro Debris Basin, and Romero Creek Debris Basin by installing outlet control structures similar to that of the Gobernador Debris Basin.
- Modifications will enhance volume and conveyance capacity by increasing their effectiveness at retaining larger debris while conveying finer material through the system.

Santa Monica Debris Basin Improvements Project

- Site improvements including raising the height of Intake Tower, and raising and repaving the crane pad access road and access pad.



Project Applications (cont.)

Transportation: Culvert Modification Project:

- Public Works intends to upsize the box culvert at Alisos Drive, west of Romero Canyon Road. The Alisos Drive project would replace the existing box culvert with a new, larger culvert to increase capacity.



HMGP Project Costs

| HMGP | Project | Federal Share Requested 75% | Local Share 25% | Total Project Amount | Local Share Funding Source |
|------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| 404 | South Coast Stockpile | \$6,000,000 | \$2,000,000 | \$8,000,000 | South Coast Flood Zone Funds |
| 404 | Debris Basin Property Acquisition | \$18,750,000 | \$6,250,000 | \$25,000,000 | South Coast Flood Zone Funds |
| 404 | Santa Monica Debris Basin | \$750,000 | \$250,000 | \$1,000,000 | South Coast Flood Zone Funds |
| 404 | Cold Springs Debris Basin | \$1,875,000 | \$625,000 | \$2,500,000 | South Coast Flood Zone Funds |
| 404 | San Ysidro Debris Basin | \$1,875,000 | \$625,000 | \$2,500,000 | South Coast Flood Zone Funds |
| 404 | Romero Debris Basin | \$1,875,000 | \$625,000 | \$2,500,000 | South Coast Flood Zone Funds |
| 404 | Alisos Drive Culvert | \$187,500 | \$62,500 | \$250,000 | Road Funds |
| | | \$31,312,500 | \$10,437,500 | \$41,750,000 | |



Recommended Actions

That the Board of Supervisors and Board of Directors, Flood Control and Water Conservation District:

- a) Adopt the Resolution entitled, “Designation of Subrecipient’s Agent Resolutions for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program” authorizing the Public Works Director or designee, as authorized agents to:
 - i. Submit grant applications and all required attachments, including the Local Match Fund Commitment Letter and supporting documentation, to the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program #DR-4344 and DR-4353 in the combined requested amount of \$31,312,500;
 - ii. If awarded, enter into grant agreements and all subsequent amendments to the grant agreements; and
 - iii. Make any certifications and assurances that may be required by the grant agreements



Recommended Actions (cont.)

- b) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Local Match Fund Commitment Letters;
- c) Direct the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and Board of Directors to execute the “Designation of Subrecipient’s Agent Resolution for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program”;
- d) Direct the County Executive Office and Public Works to return to the Board of Supervisors and Board of Directors every six months with a report on the progress of the grant applications;
- e) If awarded, return to the Board of Supervisors to establish required budget appropriations; and



Recommended Actions (cont.)

- f) Find that the proposed action is an organizational or administrative activity related to the creation of a government funding mechanism which will not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment and does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, and is therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Guideline Section 15378 (b)(4) and (b)(5).

