



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: 2/28/2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors, acting as the governing authority of County Service Area 12

FROM: Department Director Scott D. McGolpin, P.E. Director, (805) 568-3010
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SUBJECT: Tunnel Road Sewer Main Extension in County Service Area 12 (Mission Canyon) - First Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors, acting as the governing authority of County Service Area 12:

- a) Authorize the Public Works Director to advertise and receive bids for the extension of a sewer main in Tunnel Road; and
- b) Determine that the project is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.21 and CEQA Guidelines (Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations), Section 15282(k) as it consists of the installation of less than one mile of new sewer line located within existing rights of way and approve the filing of the attached Notice of Exemption on that basis.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to seek authorization to advertise and receive bids for the extension of a sewer main in Tunnel Road in the Mission Canyon area. The 8" sewer main will provide sewer service to parcels currently on septic systems.

Background:

CSA 12 was formed pursuant to Resolution 84-72 by the Board on February 21, 1984 in order to alleviate health and safety concerns related to poorly performing septic systems and in response to a Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) Basin Plan amendment (Resolution 83-04) that prohibited waste discharge from individual sewage disposal systems within the Mission Canyon area.

The Mission Canyon Area was delineated as a “Special Problems Area” due to issues pertaining to flooding, drainage, soils, geology, access, sewage disposal, water supply, location, or elevation that have the potential to impact public health, safety, and welfare pursuant to ordinance 3665 adopted in 1987. A project to construct a sewer system serving the more densely developed area of Mission Canyon was completed on December 12, 1986 with connections made the following year. A joint powers agreement with the City of Santa Barbara provides for the connection to the City sewer system and use of the City’s wastewater treatment plant. The CSA 12 sewer system is regulated by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) *Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer Systems, Order No. 2006-0003*.

At the time the original sewer system was constructed, certain parcels further up the canyon were allowed to remain on septic service. Planning areas in CSA 12, as delineated in the 1983 *Mission Canyon Area Specific Plan*, were established to manage the sewer system (overseen by the Public Works Department) and monitor septic system maintenance (overseen by the Public Health Department). Subsequently, many remaining septic systems have diminished in function and cannot be replaced. This issue has triggered the need for extensions of sewer main systems in the Mission Canyon area per studies funded by the Public Health Department Environmental Health Services Division for Tunnel Road (2003) and Palomino Road (2009).

This project will provide for an initial sewer main extension up Tunnel Road that provides sewer service to four parcels and with future extensions would accommodate 90 more parcels. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15282(k), this work is statutorily exempt because the length is less than one mile and is located in a public road.

Therefore, staff recommends the Board take the recommended actions in order to implement this work.

Performance Measure:

This action is intended to help alleviate groundwater pollution potential by providing for the conversion of septic systems to sewer service.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes, pursuant to a budget revision approved October 11, 2022 that authorized \$500,000 for Capital Assets funded by an operating transfer from the General Fund by release of Committed Props 215/64 – Cannabis fund balance.

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			\$ 500,000.00
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000.00

Operations and maintenance costs to be covered by existing CSA 12 rate revenue.

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to forward one (1) copy of the certified minute order to:
 Kevin Thompson - Public Works Department, 620 West Foster Road, Santa Maria.

Attachments:

Attachment A - Notice of Exemption

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