



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 9, 2019  
**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, x3010  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Thomas D. Fayram, Deputy Public Works Director, x3436

**SUBJECT:** Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Application Approval, First Supervisorial District

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Directors:

- a) Adopt the attached resolution entitled, "Designation of Subrecipient's Agent Resolution" for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, and authorize the Public Works Director or designee as authorized agents to:
  - i. Submit a grant application and all required attachments, including the Local Match Fund Commitment Letter and supporting documentation to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program #DR-4382 in the Federal Share requested amount of \$14,700,000;
  - ii. If awarded, to enter into a grant agreement and all subsequent amendments to the grant agreement for a period not to exceed 36 months from grant award and in an amount not to exceed \$19,718,888; and
  - iii. Make any certifications and assurances that may be required by the grant agreement;
- b) Approve and authorize the Public Works Director to sign the attached Local Match Fund Commitment Letter;
- c) Direct the Clerk of Board to certify the attached "Designation of Subrecipient's Agent Resolution" for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program;

- d) Direct District staff, in event of that the grant is awarded, to return to the Board of Directors to establish required budget appropriations; and
- e) 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).

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda to adopt a resolution to authorize the Public Works Director or designee to submit a grant applications, execute certifications and assurances, and enter into a grant agreements and all subsequent amendments for funding under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Section 404. In addition, the Clerk of the Board is asked to sign the Designation of Subrecipient’s Agent Resolution for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (Attachment A) to certify that the actions of the resolution are true and correct. Approval of the Resolution would designate the Director of Public Works as the District’s authorized agent for all open and future Disasters/Grants under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program for a period of up to three (3) years.

The Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) filed a Notice of Interest (NOI) for the Randall Road Debris Basin Project on October 1, 2018. Cal OES reviewed the NOIs and on December 4, 2018, invited the District to prepare a grant application for consideration of funding land acquisition and construction costs. Approval of the Resolution would authorize the Director to submit the grant application for this project.

The District intends to request \$14,700,000 in HMGP funds. The non-Federal funding match is anticipated to be \$5,018,888. The total project cost is anticipated to be \$19,718,888. The Local Match Fund Commitment Letter is included as Attachment B.

**Background**

The January 9, 2018, Thomas Fire Debris Flow Event damaged and overwhelmed several Flood Control facilities. FEMA’s HMGP will fund projects that mitigate the effects of future natural disasters. In California, these funds are administered by the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) HMGP Unit. The Cal OES HMGP Unit offers Federal funding for projects at a 75% HMGP and 25% non-Federal match, with no monetary limit to the Federal cost share funding request. The Randall Road Debris Basin Project site is located along San Ysidro Creek in an area heavily impacted by the Thomas Fire Debris Flow Event. An application will be submitted under DR-4382 (Summer 2018 California Wildfires and High Winds). The State will evaluate then submit the application to FEMA review. If approved for funding, the Public Works Director or designee will execute a grant agreement with Cal OES.

The Flood Control District submitted an application for this project previously under DR-4344 (California Wildfires) in September 2018. This second submittal is consistent with Cal OES and FEMA protocol, whereas a project application may be submitted under separate disaster numbers, should funding become limited under one funding allocation while becoming available another funding allocation. The costs for the Randall Road Debris Basin Project have been updated to reflect recent refinements to anticipated construction and acquisition costs.

The FEMA HMGP Section 404 is a competitive program. If Cal OES approves the grant application, the 75% HMGP Federal funding match is anticipated to be \$14,700,000. The 25% non-Federal funding match is anticipated to be \$5,018,888. The total cost for this project is anticipated to be \$19,718,888. The project must be completed within 36 months of grant award.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Narrative:

If grant funding is awarded, a budget revision request will come to your Board for approval to accept the grant revenue and to allocate funding for the project. Matching funds will be from the South Coast Flood Zone. The District will pursue additional funding sources for assistance with local match costs.

**Special Instructions:**

Direct the Clerk of the Board to send the original executed Designation of Subrecipient's Agent Resolution and a copy of the minute order of these actions to the Flood Control District Office: Attn: Christina Lopez.

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A- Designation of Subrecipient's Agent Resolution for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
- Attachment B- Local Match Fund Commitment Letter

**Authored by:**

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