



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: January 9, 2018
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Directors, Flood Control and Water Conservation District

FROM: Department Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, (805) 568-3010
Director(s)
Contact Info: Thomas D. Fayram, Deputy Public Works Director, (805) 568-3436

SUBJECT: Authorize the Public Works Director to Execute Emergency Assistance Agreements with State and Federal Agencies, First Supervisorial District

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) Approve and authorize the Public Works Director or his designee to execute Emergency Assistance Agreements with the United States Department of the Army Corps of Engineers, State of California, and the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service for assistance relating to the impacts of the Thomas Fire upon review by County Counsel, Risk Management, County Executive Office, and Auditor-Controller; and
- b) Determine that the proposed actions are administrative and other fiscal activities that do not involve commitment to any specific project, and are therefore not a project as defined by State California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Sections 15378 (b)(4) and (5).

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to authorize the Public Works Director or his designee to execute emergency assistance agreements to receive flood support from the various State and Federal agencies from impacts caused by the Thomas Fire. A sample of an agreement from the U.S. Department of the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is found in Attachment A.

The Thomas Fire burned the major watersheds in the Montecito and Carpinteria areas from the Santa Barbara/Ventura County line. Within this area are several debris basins and miles of stream channels that will be impacted with debris or damaged by winter storms. As in years past, the Corps in particular, has responded to help respond to debris generated by large storms on the South Coast. In addition to the costs of debris clearing, the Corps has the ability to do work at a time when County resources are stretched.

Public Works will receive the County Executive Office, County Counsel, Auditor-Controller, and Risk Management approvals prior to execution of any agreements authorized by this Board action.

Background:

The Thomas Fire burned in all the watersheds from the Santa Barbara/Ventura County line to the Rattlesnake Canyon Watershed in the Montecito area. As with past fire events, the winter storm seasons can generate increases in storm flows and deposit significant debris into our creek systems. Debris basins help stop debris within their designed capacities but do nothing for the increased water runoff caused by a burned watershed. Additional debris basin cleanouts and stream clearing may be required over the next few years.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative:

If funding is needed to respond to the increase in runoff and additional debris flows caused by the Thomas Fire, the District will bring a budget request revision (BRR) before your Board for approval.

Key Contract Risks:

The key contract risks for State and Federal agreements are low.

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of the minute order of these actions to the Flood Control District office; Attn: Christina Lopez.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Assistance with the United States of America (Sample Copy)

Authored by:

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