



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: General Services
Department No.: 063
For Agenda Of: September 1, 2020
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: General Services Janette D. Pell, Director (560-1011)
Contact Info: Patrick Zuroske, Assistant Director (568-3096)
SUBJECT: Santa Ynez Valley Airport Improvement Program Grant 18 (AIP 18) Project
#19036 – Authorization to Execute FAA Grant to Remove and Replace Automated
Weather Observing System (AWOS); Third District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Santa Ynez Airport Authority

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify and authorize the Director of General Services to execute the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grant Agreement No. 3-06-0243-018-2020 of approximately \$371,814.00 and not to exceed the maximum allowable amount of \$427,586.00;
- b) Authorize the Director of General Services to act as agent on behalf of the County of Santa Barbara pertaining to the acceptance of the FAA Grant Agreement Offer; and
- c) Find that the proposed project falls within the scope of the previously filed Notice of Exemption and is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15302(b), as it consists of replacement of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

Summary Text:

This item is being brought to the Board in order to comply with the requirements for FAA Grant Agreement No. 3-06-0243-018-2020. The project, known as AIP 18, will replace the existing Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) that is failing. The project has been proposed by the Santa Ynez Valley Airport Authority (SYVAA), which manages the airport under lease on behalf of the

County. At this time, a FAA Grant Agreement has been received and General Services is prepared to execute the FAA Grant.

Background:

The County’s airport near Santa Ynez is operated by the SYVAA. The County, as owner, is also the FAA Sponsor. As the FAA Sponsor, the County may apply for and receive federal grants on a yearly basis as part of a five-year ACIP previously approved by the County and FAA. The ACIP is consistent with the SYVAA’s Airport Layout Plan (ALP), last approved by the County on September 18, 2012, and by the FAA on August 1, 2013.

On January 8, 2020, County and Santa Ynez Valley Airport Authority representatives met with the FAA to discuss the ACIP. Following this meeting and with the consent of the FAA, an Application for Federal Assistance was completed and sent to the FAA to secure funds for the AIP 18 Project.

The AIP 18 Project’s scope of work includes removal and replacement of the existing AWOS that is failing. The AWOS provides a safety element for aircraft operations during fog and low visibility at the Santa Ynez Valley Airport.

On August 21, 2020, the FAA issued the grant agreement offer. To continue to be eligible for the grant, it must be executed and returned to the FAA no later than September 11, 2020.

The total project cost is estimated at \$371,814.00. Approval of the recommended actions will allow the FAA grant to be executed, with a project completion projected by winter 2021. Staff will return to the Board at a later date for approval of a contract for construction of the project.

CEQA:

A CEQA categorical exemption has been filed for this project, as it consists of replacement of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced in accordance with 15302(b). The project has no potential to result in significant impacts. Development will occur within an existing developed area within an urbanized area with no adverse effect on native vegetation or agricultural land. Demolition and construction activity will be of relatively short duration, will not adversely impact surrounding land uses, and will be conducted consistent with County rules and regulations. A National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) categorical exclusion document has been submitted to and approved by the FAA under similar justification.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
Federal	\$ 371,814.00		\$ 371,814.00
Total	\$ 371,814.00	\$ -	\$ 371,814.00

Narrative:

Funding is provided by a grant from the FAA. For this grant cycle, the project is one-hundred percent (100%) funded by the FAA. No County funding is required for this project.

The overall project is estimated to cost \$371,814.00 with the entire amount estimated to be spent in FY 2020-21. If necessary, the grant may be increased up to 15% to the maximum allowable amount of \$427,586.00. This project was recommended for funding in FY 2020-21 of the Airport Capital

Improvement Program (ACIP). Funds will be available in Fund 0052, Dept. 063, Account 8200, Program 1920, Project 19036.

Key Contract Risks:

Since FAA funding availability varies from year to year, the FAA and SYVAA work to prioritize the ACIP projects and to queue the projects accordingly. The opportunity to take advantage of these grant funded projects must be accomplished when offered, or the needed airport improvement projects will become delayed until future grant offers are available.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

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Special Instructions:

Please send one (1) copy of the Minute Order to Todd Morrison, GS Capital Projects, 912 W. Foster Road, Santa Maria.

Attachments:

1. Grant Agreement Offer
2. CEQA Notice of Exemption

Authored by:

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