



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: October 20, 2020
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Directors, Flood Control & 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: Joint Funding Agreement for the Cooperative Stream Gauging Program,
All Supervisorial Districts

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara County Flood Control & Water Conservation District:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Geological Survey to continue the county-wide cooperative Stream Gauging Program from November 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 in the amount of \$317,970, of which \$222,680 will be funded by the Flood Control District; and
- b) Find that the Cooperative Stream Gauging Program is exempt under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15306, basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resources evaluation activities; and approve the filing of a Notice of Exemption on that basis.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to approve and authorize an annual county-wide Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to provide for continuation of the cooperative water resources data collecting program in Santa Barbara County.

The program consists of stream gauge measurements and monitoring. The cooperative stream gauging program provides for the collection of flow data in strategic locations of selected creeks and rivers. The data collected is used for a variety of purposes, including facilities design, flood warning, and water supply.

The USGS provides the County access to all of the data collected, with pertinent data made available in real time via the internet. The stream gauges including in the program are listed in Attachment 1 of the Joint Funding Agreement.

The agreement period is November 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

Background:

The Flood Control District has had a cooperative water resources data collection program with the USGS for decades. The data collected, combined with rainfall data collected by the Flood Control District allows for the understanding of complex local hydrological systems in our highly variable climate. The USGS has the personnel, equipment, technical expertise, and credibility to collect quality data. In addition, the USGS has rigorous quality assurance and a publicly accessible data distribution system. The program directly benefits a wide range of local agencies as well as the general public.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total Project Cost</u>
Federal USGS			\$ 95,290.00
Flood Control District Funds			\$ 222,680.00
Total	\$ -		\$ 317,970.00

Narrative:

This program was included in the 2020-21 adopted budget under the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department as shown on page D-332 in the budget book. No General Fund monies will be utilized for this program.

Key Contract Risks:

Key contract risk factors for these agreements are low.

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to post the attached California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption (NOE) and to send the following documents to the Flood Control office, Attn: Christina Lopez:

1. Two originals of Joint Funding Agreement for Santa Barbara County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Water Resources Investigations,

2. Copy of the minute order, and
3. Copy of the stamped CEQA NOE.

Attachments:

- Attachment A - Joint Funding Agreement for Santa Barbara County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Water Resources Investigations (3 originals) including contract summary
- Attachment B - CEQA NOE

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