



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Housing and Community
Development
Department No.: 055
For Agenda Of: 6/24/08
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: n/a
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5 for the budget
revision

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: HCD Director John Torell, ext. 3520
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Manager
SUBJECT: Casmalia Community Services District Subrecipient Agreement, 4th Supervisorial
District

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 Supervisors:

- A. Approve the payment of the \$400,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) award for the design and construction costs associated with the replacement of the Casmalia Community Services District water tank.
- B. Authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute a Subrecipient Agreement with the Casmalia Community Services District [Attachment A] in the total amount of \$400,000 in substantially the form of Attachment A for the replacement of the Casmalia water tank.

Summary:

The Casmalia water tank retrofit project includes the installation of a new storage tank with a capacity of 250,000 gallons and replacement of the associated lateral pipes to serve the residents of Casmalia. The increase in tank size is necessary to meet fire code requirements, regulatory water standard requirements and emergency storage needs. At its May 15, 2007 meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved the Santa Barbara CDBG Urban County 2007-2008 Annual Action Plan for submittal to the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development which included an award of CDBG funds to the Casmalia Community Services District for the water tank replacement.

Subsequently, a preliminary engineering study refined the project requirements and identified increased costs that would be associated with it. The 2007-2008 CDBG Casmalia water tank

replacement budget was therefore increased through a project amendment identified in the Urban County's 2008-09 Annual Action Plan approved by the Board on May 13, 2008. Today's proposed Board action implements this funding reservation.

Background:

The disadvantaged community of Casmalia gets its water from a privately owned corporation. The substandard facilities belonging to the Casmalia Community Services District move and store that water prior to delivery to the residents of Casmalia. This water storage and delivery system does not meet current regulatory requirements and is the cause of public health concerns. In November 2006, residents were directed to boil their water due to the presence of both total coliform and E. coli bacteria in drinking water samples. The upgrade funded with the CDBG grant under consideration is required to meet current drinking water standards and avoid contamination of drinking water in the future.

The existing Casmalia water infrastructure is substandard. The storage tank does not provide reliable storage as it suffers from severe corrosion and structural cracking at the foundation, making it vulnerable to earthquakes. In addition, the tank provides only half the recommended fire protection storage with no provisions for regulatory or emergency storage. Much of the piping is a type that is not typically used in potable water systems and includes connecting materials that are prone to failure.

Performance Measure:

Retrofit portion of antiquated and unsafe water system to provide a safe and reliable source of water.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis: This project is being funded entirely with Federal CDBG funds and will not have an impact on the general fund.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

n/a

FTEs:

n/a

Special Instructions:

Execute three (3) original copies of the Subrecipient Agreement and contact Miriam Gallardo at ext. 3529 to pick up two (2) copies of the Subrecipient Agreement.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Casmalia Community Services District Subrecipient Agreement

Attachment B: Budget Revision

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