



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: PW/Flood Control
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: May 17, 2022
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
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
Contact Info: Julie Hagen, Deputy Public Works Director (805) 568-3999
SUBJECT: Certify the “Urgent Needs” National Policy Objective is being met in the application for funding from the CDBG-DR Program

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Risk Management:

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Directors:

- a) Approve and adopt the Authorizing Resolution (Attachment A) certifying that the “Urgent Needs” national policy objective is being met in the application for funding from the State Community Development Block Grant Disaster Relief (CDBG-DR) Program for the Randall Road Debris Basin Project; and
- b) Determine that this action is not subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b) (5), as it is an administrative action that will not result in direct or indirect changes to the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to approve and adopt a resolution certifying that the urgent needs national policy objectives are being met for the CDGB-DR program. In December 2017 and into January 2018, the Thomas Fire severely impacted the watersheds above Montecito and Carpinteria. The resulting 1/9 Debris Flow devastated areas below the fire including damaging / destroying homes and infrastructure. San Ysidro Creek, as with other areas in Montecito, suffered significant damage and the combination of the burned watershed and storm resulted in a debris flow overtopping the basins, culverts, creeks, bridges, and related infrastructure.

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In response to the fire events, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issued the disaster declaration, DR-4353. DR-4353 which covered Santa Barbara County as well as the counties of Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego.

In January 2021, Housing and Community Development (HCD) contacted local jurisdictions affected by FEMA Disaster declaration DR-4353: HCD informed the County of Santa Barbara it received a Notice of Intent, and an allocation of approximately \$5,378,130 in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Relief (CDBG-DR) funds from the 2017 CDBG-Disaster Recovery Infrastructure Program. Santa Barbara County subsequently responded to HCD’s Notice of Intent indicating future plans to utilize this funding for infrastructure projects resulting from the Thomas Fire and 1/9 Debris Flow.

In order to receive funding from this grant, the Department must submit its CDBG- DR application package in compliance with HCD program regulations. HCD regulations require certification that the “Urgent Needs” national policy objective is being met in the application for funding from the State Community Development Block Grant Disaster Relief (CDBG-DR) Program for the Randall Road Debris Basin Project.

The grant funding is contingent on certification of the “Urgent Needs” national policy objective. This national policy objective certifies that the Randall Road Debris Basin Project for which CDBG funds are being requested, is designed to alleviate existing conditions which pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare to the citizens of the County of Santa Barbara; which are of recent origin or which recently became urgent during and immediately following the 1/9 debris flow, and that funds utilized for the local HMGP cost share are obligated for other critical issues.

The Randall Road Debris Basin Project is currently funded by a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) grant and the total eligible costs are \$18,005,391. The total project cost including construction is estimated at \$18,005,391, 75% (or up to \$13,504,043.25) will be federally funded and 25% (\$4,501,347.75) locally funded. The CDBG-DR grant will fund the full 25% local match amount, allowing the Flood Control District to reallocate funds previously designated for the Randall Road Debris Basin Project, to other critical projects located in the South Coast Flood Zone.

Background:

The County of Santa Barbara adopted Resolution Number 21-205 on 11/02/2021, authorizing the execution of a Standard Agreement between the County of Santa Barbara and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (“HCD”), allocating to the County the aggregate amount, not to exceed, \$5,378,130 (“Grant”) for the 2017 Disaster Recovery Infrastructure Program. The resolution authorized the Director of Public Works, or designee, to execute and deliver all project applications and any and all related documentation required to effectuate the terms of the Agreement, however, the grant funding is contingent on meeting the “Urgent Needs” national policy objective.

The County must expend 100% of its allocation of CDBG-DR funds on eligible activities by August 20, 2025.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			\$ 4,501,347.75
Federal			\$ 13,504,043.25
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,005,391.00

Key Contract Risks:

Board-approved projects will have contracts executed between the County and the sub-recipients. For CDBG-DR funded projects, the County could be subject to repaying federal funds from non-federal source(s) if HUD or the State finds that the County expended funds inconsistent with regulations, or otherwise did not comply with federal requirements. Failure to meet the five-year period may result in County reimbursement of the CDBG funds expended, plus a percentage of the increase in market value attributable to the investment of CDBG funds. Neither of these scenarios are anticipated.

Staffing Impacts:

No new staffing impacts are anticipated.

Special Instructions:

1. Please execute two (2) duplicate originals of the CDBG-DR Urgent Needs Authorizing Resolution (Attachment A).
 - A. Return one (1) original Authorizing Resolution, along with a copy of the Minute Order, to Christina Lopez, please call x83436 for pick-up of the original documents.
 - B. Please retain one (1) executed original CDBG-DR Infrastructure Authorizing Resolution for Clerk of the Board records.

Attachment A: CDBG-DR Infrastructure Authorizing Resolution (2 Originals)
 Attachment B: CDBG-DR Infrastructure Master Standard Agreement

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