



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: CEO/Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: August 28, 2018
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Time: 30 minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

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

FROM: Department Matt Pontes, Assistant CEO
Director(s) Terri Maus-Nisich, Assistant CEO
Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director
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SUBJECT: County-wide Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Application Approval, First Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors and Board of Directors each:

- a) Adopt the resolution entitled "Designation of Subrecipient's Agent Resolutions for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program" authorizing the Public Works Director or designee, as authorized agents to:
 - i. Submit grant applications and all required attachments, including the Local Match Fund Commitment Letter and supporting documentation, to the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program #DR-4344 and DR-4353 in the combined requested amount of \$31,312,500;
 - ii. If awarded, enter into grant agreements and all subsequent amendments to the grant agreements; and
 - iii. Make any certifications and assurances that may be required by the grant agreements.
- b) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Local Match Fund Commitment Letters;

- c) Direct the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and Board of Directors to execute the “Designation of Subrecipient’s Agent Resolution for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program”
- d) Direct the County Executive Office and Public Works to return to the Board of Supervisors and Board of Directors every six months with a report on the progress of the grant applications;
- e) If awarded, return to the Board of Supervisors to establish required budget appropriations; and
- f) Find that the proposed action is an organizational or administrative activity related to the creation of a government funding mechanism which will not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment and does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, and is therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Guideline Section 15378 (b)(4) and (b)(5).

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to adopt a Resolution to authorize the Public Works Director to submit grant applications, make certifications and assurances, and enter into grant agreements and all subsequent amendments for funding under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Section 404 (Attachments A and B). In addition, the Clerk of the Board is asked to sign the Designation of Subrecipient’s Agent Resolution for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program (Attachments A and B) to certify the actions of the resolution are true and correct copy of the resolution was approved by the Boards. If awarded, the Public Works would return to the Board to establish appropriation for projects.

As the result of a Presidential Disaster Declaration, FEMA’s HMGP funds plans and projects that mitigate the effects of future natural disasters. In California, these funds are administered by the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) HMGP Unit. The County and the District filed Notices of Interest (NOIs) for seven mitigation projects related to the Thomas Fire/Debris Flow Event. The FEMA HMGP Section 404 is a competitive program. Cal OES reviewed the NOIs and invited the County and District to prepare grant applications to request funding of these projects.

The District is currently developing applications for the following projects:

Debris Basin Land Acquisition:

The County intends to apply for HMGP funding to assist with land acquisition costs for two future debris basins sites situated in existing flood-prone areas along San Ysidro and Montecito Creeks. The land will be acquired to build debris basins to retain debris that may otherwise plug culverts and overflow creek banks. The County submitted an NOI for DR-4344 on June 14, 2018. Cal OES has identified the project as an HMGP-eligible activity and invited the County to submit an application for consideration of HMGP funding. The County intends to request \$18,750,000 in HMGP funds to assist with these costs. The non-Federal funding match is anticipated to be \$6,250,000.

Stockpile Land Acquisition:

The Southcoast Stockpile remains the highest priority for the Flood Control District. This effort consists of obtaining land in either Goleta or Carpinteria to stockpile and sort materials cleaned out of channels and basins during annual routine or emergency operations by multiple agencies – cities and independent special districts. The need for disposal and storage sites has long been a concern and was highlighted this past winter with the amount of material generated during the 1/9 Debris Flow. Having a stockpile closer in proximity will increase utility of existing basins, expedite debris removal during a disaster, and greatly reduce debris hauling costs, bringing much-needed relief to the limited resources.

A post-disaster central temporary debris stockpiling and material sorting location would greatly assist the County with post-disaster debris removal. The County intends to apply for HMGP funding to assist with land acquisition fees for this task. The processing site location and Supervisorial district is yet to be determined. The County submitted an NOI for DR-4344 on June 14, 2018. Cal OES has identified the project as an HMGP-eligible activity and invited the County to submit an application for consideration of HMGP funding. The County intends to request \$6,000,000 in HMGP funds to assist with these costs. The non-Federal funding match would be \$2,000,000.

Santa Monica Debris Basin Improvements Project

The District intends to apply for HMGP funding to assist with the Santa Monica Debris Basin Improvements Project costs for site improvements including raising the height of Intake Tower C above the spillway invert elevation, and for raising and repaving the crane pad access road and access pad. The District submitted an NOI for DR-4344 on May 10, 2018. Cal OES has identified the project as an HMGP-eligible activity and invited the District to submit an application for consideration of HMGP funding. The District intends to request \$750,000 in HMGP funds to assist with these costs. The non-Federal funding match would be \$250,000.

Debris Basin Modification Projects:

The District intends to modify the Cold Springs Debris Basin, the San Ysidro Debris Basin, and Romero Creek Debris Basin by installing outlet control structures similar to that of the Gobernador Debris Basin. These modifications will enhance volume and conveyance capacity by increasing their effectiveness at retaining larger debris while conveying finer material through the system. The District submitted three NOIs for Major Disaster Declaration (DR) 4353 on April 18, 2018. Cal OES has identified the projects as HMGP-eligible activities and invited the District to submit applications for consideration of HMGP funding. The District intends to request \$1,875,000 in HMGP funds for each debris basin modification project as a separate application, for a total request of \$5,625,000. The non-Federal funding match is anticipated to be \$1,875,000.

The County Public Works Transportation Division is currently developing applications for the following projects:

Transportation: Culvert Modification Project:

The Department intends to upsize the box culvert at Alisos Drive, west of Romero Canyon Road. The Alisos Drive project would replace the existing box culvert with a new, larger culvert to increase capacity. The County submitted an NOI for DR-4353 on 3/15/18. Cal OES has identified the project as an HMGP-eligible activity and invited the County to submit an application for

consideration of HMGP funding. The Department intends to request \$187,500 in HMGP funds for this project. The non-Federal funding match is anticipated to be \$62,500.

Background:

The January 9, 2018, Thomas Fire Debris Flow Event damaged and overwhelmed several Flood Control facilities. The Cal OES HMGP Unit offers Federal funding for projects at a 75% HMGP and 25% non-Federal match. The debris basin modification and culvert project applications will be submitted under DR 4353 (California December 2017 Wildfires, Flooding, Mudflows and Debris Flows). The debris basin improvement project, land acquisition, and code-enforcement applications will be submitted under DR 4344 (California October 2017 Wildfires). Upon submitting applications to the State, the projects will be evaluated and considered for funding. If approved for funding, the Public Works Director or designee will execute project-specific grant agreements with Cal OES.

The FEMA HMGP Section 404 is a competitive program. If Cal OES approves all seven grant applications, the total HMGP Federal funding is anticipated to be \$31,312,500. The County and District are currently applying for State grants to assist with the 25% non-Federal funding match which is anticipated to be \$10,437,500. The total cost for these projects is anticipated to be \$41,750,000. All projects must be completed within 36 months of grant award. The County has partnered with other agencies within the Santa Barbara County, who are also submitting mitigation projects as well.

If funding is received, each project will comply with CEQA prior to the County's and District's commitment to the project. Without funding, additional design work and the exact location of certain projects, the environmental impacts of any of the possible proposed projects is too speculative to be analyzed at this time.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative:

If any grant funding is awarded, a budget revision request will come to your Board for approval to accept the revenue from the grant(s) and to allocate funding for the project(s). Matching funds for six of seven projects will be come from the South Coast Flood Zone, including the Debris Basin Land Acquisition and the Land Stockpile Land Acquisition. Matching funds for the Alisos Drive Culvert will come from the Roads Funds. The department will pursue partnerships with other public agencies for possible shared use of these projects and other funding sources will be pursued as possible sources of local match.

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to send originals of the Designation of Subrecipient's Agent Resolutions, and copy of the minute order of these actions to the Flood Control District Office: Attn: Christina Lopez.

Attachments:

Attachment A Board of Supervisors - Designation of Subrecipient's Agent Resolution for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program

Attachment B Board of Directors - Designation of Subrecipient's Agent Resolution for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program

Attachment C Project Assurances for Federal HMGP

Attachment D Schedule of Santa Barbara County HMGP Projects

Attachment E HMGP Project Applications in Santa Barbara County – Other Agencies

Attachment F Local Match Fund Commitment Letters

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