



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: November 13, 2018
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
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, 568-3010
Director(s)
Contact Info: Thomas D. Fayram, Deputy Public Works Director, 568-3436

SUBJECT: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Pre-Disaster Mitigation Application Approval,
First Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Directors:

- a) Authorize and designate the Public Works Director or his designee as authorized agents of the District for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program - Pre-Disaster Mitigation program with delegated authority to:
 - i. submit a grant application for future funds to construct a debris basin proposed along Buena Vista Creek, including all required attachments and supporting documentation to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Pre-Disaster Mitigation program in the requested amount of \$3,000,000, and
 - ii. if awarded to enter into a grant agreement, and subsequent amendments to the grant agreement, and
 - iii. to make any certifications and assurances that may be required by the grant agreements; and
- b) 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 in order to designate the Public Works Director or designee as authorized agents to submit a grant application, certifications, and assurances for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program - Pre-Disaster Mitigation (HMGP-PDM) program. If a grant is awarded, authorize the Public Works Director or designee to enter into a grant agreement and all subsequent amendments for funding for a debris basin along Buena Vista Creek in the Montecito area.

The Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program makes Federal funds available to State and local governments to implement measures that reduce risk to individuals and properties from natural hazards, that reduce reliance on Federal funding, and that strengthen national preparedness. In California, these funds are administered by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) HMGP Unit. The District filed a Notice of Interest (NOI) for the Buena Vista Creek Debris Basin Project in September, 2018. Cal OES reviewed the NOI, identified the project as an HMGP-PDM eligible activity, and invited the District to prepare a grant application to request funding of this project. The application will be submitted via the FEMA e-grants website.

The District desires to construct a debris basin along Buena Vista Creek upstream of Park Lane in an area that sustained severe damage during the January 9, 2018, Debris Flow Event. The debris basin will incorporate a debris rack or similar structure to retain large debris that would otherwise potentially plug the culvert under Park Lane, and potentially cause debris and flows to jump the creek banks and destroy properties and lives. The District intends to request \$3,000,000 in HMGP-PDM Federal funds for construction of the debris basin project. The District will fund the non-Federal funding match which is anticipated to be \$1,000,000, for a total grant amount of \$4,000,000.

FEMA requires that Federal assurance and certification forms are submitted with the HMGP-PDM grant application. These forms include an Application for Federal Assistance (Federal Form SF-424), Assurances for Construction Programs (Federal Form SF-424D), Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (Federal Form LLL), and Certifications Regarding Lobbying, Debarment, Suspension and other Responsibility Matters, and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (FEMA Form 20-16C). Federal Forms SF-424, SF-424D and SF-LLL require signature of an authorized representative. This representative will be the Public Works Director or designee authorized by the Board. Copies of these forms are included in Attachment A.

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.

If funding is received, the Buena Vista Creek Debris Basin Project will comply with CEQA prior to the District's commitment to the project. Without funding and additional design work, the environmental impacts of the proposed projects are 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 and to allocate funding for the project. Matching funds will come from the South Coast Flood Zone.

No General Fund money will be utilized for this project.

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to send a certified copy of the minute order of these actions to the Flood Control District Office: Attn: Christina Lopez.

Attachments:

Attachment A- Federal Form SF-424, Federal Form SF 424D, Federal Form SF-LLL, and FEMA Form 20-16C

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