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May 15, 2003

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: James A. Noyes
Director of Public Works

AGENDA ITEM A-4
LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER REPLACEMENT PROJECT
APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER
SPECS. 6550; C.P. 70787

RECOMMENDATION

Approve and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute a Change Order to Contract PW-12641 with McCarthy/Clark/Hunt, a Joint Venture, for the removal, remediation, or legal disposal of a previously detected but unknown quantity of contaminated soil for a not to exceed amount of \$2,200,000.

REASON AND SCOPE

By law, any contaminated soil encountered during excavation must be either treated on site or removed to a legal disposal site. During the design phase of the project, a geotechnical investigation of the site was conducted that identified soils with varying levels and types of contaminants existing at limited locations on site. The geotechnical report indicated that this contaminated soil should be removed when encountered during construction. Anticipating there will be some contamination in soils, Public Works planned and carried a \$2,200,000 contingency in the Total Project Cost Estimate to conduct the remediation work during construction. Upon completion of the Site Preparation contract excavation work in November 2002, only trace contamination was found. We anticipate that current excavation work for the foundations of the Inpatient Tower and Central Plant buildings may generate a volume of contaminated soil on the order of 15,000 to 26,000 cubic yards.

Due to the unknown quantity of contaminated soil, this work will be done on a time and materials basis.

BACKGROUND

On March 20, 2003, a Request for Quotation was issued to the contractor to provide unit prices for this anticipated work. Public Works and the contractor are in the process of finalizing negotiation of the unit prices that will be used to determine the cost for disposal of contaminated soil on a time and materials basis. In order to avoid delays in the schedule, Public Works will issue a Proceed Order that will allow for remediation or disposal of any contaminated material during excavation. Following time and material cost documentation of the legal disposal of contaminated soil, we will then execute a change order within the \$2,200,000 not to exceed amount. If, during this work, the value is expected to exceed this amount, we will return to your Board to request a timely adjustment prior to exceeding the authorized amount. This work is considered to be within the scope of the project and the general scope of the contract.

The Project Advisory Committee reviewed and concurred with this recommendation on May 15, 2003. The Committee will be reviewing the unit cost breakdowns and final Change Order prior to execution.

CONTINGENCY BUDGET SUMMARY

Board-Approved Contingency Budget	Previously Approved Change Orders	Impact of this Action	Remaining Contingency Budget
\$ 39,448,624	\$ 0	\$ (2,200,000)	\$ 37,248,624

CONCUR WITH RECOMMENDATION:

Director of Health Services Date

Chief Administrative Officer Date

MF:lr
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cc: Chief Administrative Office
Executive Office