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August 3, 2023

TO: Supervisor Janice Hahn, Chair  
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Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath  
Supervisor Kathryn Barger

FROM: Gary Jones, Director

SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO  
TERMINATE FOR CONVENIENCE CONTRACT FOR AS-NEEDED  
SEPTIC TANK MAINTENANCE SERVICES**

This is to notify you that I, in consultation with County Counsel, am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on June 6, 2023 to terminate for convenience the contract for as-needed septic tank maintenance services, as I believe it is in the best interest of the County of Los Angeles to do so.

On June 6, 2023, the Department of Beaches and Harbors (DBH) requested and received approval from your Board to approve a contract with A+ Superior Sanitation, Inc. (A+) for as-needed maintenance of septic tank systems located at County-owned, controlled or managed beaches for three years at an annual contract sum of \$573,965.

Prior to the contract's start date of July 1, 2023, DBH staff held a pre-job meeting with A+ to review the contract's terms and conditions, work requirements and contractor work performance expectations. During the meeting, A+ advised staff they would be unable to perform some of the contract's required work duties, specifically maintenance reporting to ensure proper wastewater sanitizing as required by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board. Although A+ indicated in their submitted bid for the services that they were experienced in providing the needed septic system reporting, they acknowledged that they did not understand the extent of the work requirements. Therefore, they communicated to us that they would be unable to provide the contract services as expected and required.

Due to A+'s inability to provide the contractually required services, I believe it is in the best interest of the County of Los Angeles to terminate for convenience the contract with A+, effective August 8, 2023.



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Unless otherwise instructed by your Board, DBH will proceed with terminating the contract for convenience.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (424) 526-7771 or [GJones@bh.lacounty.gov](mailto:GJones@bh.lacounty.gov).

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