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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

FUNDING SUPPLEMENT FOR LOS ANGELES RIVER TRASH AND DEBRIS COLLECTION SYSTEM LOCATED IN THE MOUTH OF THE RIVER IN THE LONG BEACH OUTER HARBOR AREA (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This action is to supplement a contract for the Los Angeles River Trash and Debris Collection System due to an unanticipated increase in the volume of trash and debris deposits in the collection system, which is located in the mouth of the River in the Long Beach Outer Harbor Area.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

1. Find that the supplemented contract work is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

2. Approve supplementing Contract No. 74396 with Frey Environmental, Inc., located in Newport Beach, California, for the Los Angeles River Trash and Debris Collection System by an additional $750,000, increasing the not-to-exceed annual amount from $450,000 to $1,200,000, for the current contract period and also the final option year.

3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to annually increase the contract amount up to an additional 10 percent of the annual

contract sum for unforeseen, additional work within the scope of the contract, if required.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this recommended action is to supplement the annual contract amount for this service due to an unanticipated increase in debris harvesting at the collection system. This increase is attributed to the contractor's improvement of the efficiency of the collection system. For the first major storm of this season occurring in November and December 2008, approximately 690 tons of debris was collected. Last contract year approximately 700 tons of debris were collected.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Service Excellence (Goal 1), Organizational Effectiveness (Goal 3), and Community Services (Goal 6). The contractor who has the specialized expertise to provide this service accurately, efficiently, timely, and in a responsive manner will support the Department of Public Works (Public Works) in meeting these goals.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund. The additional $750,000 will increase the contract's annual not-to-exceed amount from $450,000 to $1,200,000 plus 10 percent of the annual contract sum for unforeseen, additional work within the scope of the contract, if required, for the current and remaining option year.

Financing for this additional service is included in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Flood Control District Fund Budget. Funds to finance the contract's option year and 10 percent additional funding for contingencies will be requested through the annual budget process. Total annual expenditures for this service will not exceed the contract amount approved by your Board.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On March 11, 2003, Synopsis 33, your Board approved Contract No. 74396 with Frey Environmental, Inc., for an annual not-to-exceed contract amount of $450,000 for a period of two years with five 1-year renewal options, not to exceed a total contract period of seven years.

On November 13, 2007, Agenda Item 27, your Board approved a supplement to this contract to increase the annual not-to-exceed amount from $450,000 to $700,000 for the contract year ending March 10, 2008.

This collection system is designed to trap and remove vegetation and urban trash from the Los Angeles River. The removal of material at the mouth of the river has improved navigation in the Port of Long Beach, reduced its impact on recreational areas and in aquatic habitats, and has improved water quality and visual aesthetics.

All terms, conditions, requirements, prices, and specifications of the contract will remain unchanged.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On November 16, 1999, Synopsis 40, your Board found that the pilot demonstration project for this collection system was categorically exempt under Section 15301, Class 1, and Section 15305 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The continued operation and maintenance of the project is also categorically exempt from CEQA.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The approval of this request will not result in any impact on other current services or projects.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Administrative Services Division.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)
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