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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 TO SAN GABRIEL DAM
HYDROELECTRIC FACILITY – MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION SERVICES
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to supplement a contract for the San Gabriel Dam Hydroelectric Facility – Maintenance and Inspection Services due to greater-than-expected maintenance and inspection services needed at the facility.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the supplemented contract work is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve supplementing Contract No. 001724 with Wood Group Field Services, Inc., d.b.a. Thomason Mechanical Corporation, located in Santa Fe Springs, California, for San Gabriel Dam Hydroelectric Facility - Maintenance and Inspection Services by \$188,988, increasing the maximum not-to-exceed annual amount from \$161,012 to \$350,000.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to 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 the recommended action is to supplement the annual contract amount due to greater-than-expected maintenance and inspection services needed at the San Gabriel Dam Hydroelectric Facility. This supplement will allow the Department of Public Works (Public Works) the flexibility to continue to schedule additional repairs recommended by findings from the yearly mechanical and electrical overhaul and inspections of the hydroelectric facility.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

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

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund. The additional \$188,988 will increase the contract's annual not-to-exceed amount from \$161,012 to \$350,000 plus 10 percent of the annual contract sum for unforeseen, additional work within the scope of the contract, if required.

Financing for these additional services has been included in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Flood Control District Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On December 12, 2006, Agenda Item 41, your Board approved Contract No. 001724 with Wood Group Field Services, Inc., d.b.a. Thomason Mechanical Corporation for San Gabriel Dam Hydroelectric Facility – Maintenance and Inspection Services, authorizing aggregate annual contract expenditures of \$161,012. This contract commenced on December 12, 2006, with two 1-year renewal options. All terms, conditions, requirements, prices, and specifications of the contract will remain unchanged.

There are two required tasks in this contract. Task 1 is to perform inspection and maintenance of the hydropower unit mechanical systems. Task 2 is to perform inspection and maintenance of the electrical systems for the hydropower units. Task 2 was not performed in the last contract year and was scheduled in the beginning of the

current contract year due to operational needs for the reservoir and a valve seal replacement. In order to maximize revenue generated by the power plant, the hydroelectric facility operated until late September 2008. The reservoir was then emptied in order to replace a valve seal before the storm season. The replacement was not completed until November 2008. Due to the short time remaining in the last contract year, the more critical of the two required tasks, Task 1, was chosen to be performed in the last contract term. The requested supplement will allow Public Works to complete Task 2 and perform any as-needed repairs recommended from the inspection findings, if any, for the current contract year.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

These services continue to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). These services are within a class of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that they meet the criteria set forth in Section 15301(b) of 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)
County Counsel