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February 19, 2004

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:

**SAN GABRIEL CANYON SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN
RENEW CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT
FOR BIOLOGICAL AND WATER QUALITY MONITORING
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
3 VOTES**

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

1. Renew the San Gabriel Canyon Sediment Management Plan (SMP) Biological and Water Quality Monitoring contract with Chambers Group, Inc., to perform monitoring and permit compliance measures within the San Gabriel Canyon Plan SMP project area.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works to add a task to the contract scope of work to implement impact avoidance measures for sensitive fish species and associated monitoring during sediment removal activities.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works to encumber \$545,000 from the Fiscal Year 2003-04 Flood Control District budget needed for the 2004 work.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

A five-year consultant services agreement renewable annually was approved by your Board in June 2002. We are recommending that your Board renew the consultant services agreement with Chambers to complete the work under the agreement for 2004. Chambers will perform biological and water quality monitoring and implement permit compliance measures for the San Gabriel Reservoir Post-Fire Sediment Removal Project.

On October 21, 2003, your Board certified the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the San Gabriel Canyon SMP and approved the sediment removal project at San Gabriel Reservoir. The SEIR discussed and analyzed the impacts and mitigation associated with emergency sediment removal activities that are needed at San Gabriel Reservoir in the wake of the 2002 Curve and Williams Fires. Public Works is required to implement the pre- and post-project mitigation measures identified in the SEIR and the special conditions of the project permits obtained from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Fish and Game, and the Regional Water Quality Control Board. The scope of these requirements includes conducting a biological assessment of the project vicinity, performing species population surveys, relocating and monitoring sensitive species, conducting sediment and water quality monitoring analysis, and implementing impact avoidance measures for sensitive fish species and associated monitoring.

Implementation of County Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Organizational Effectiveness as these consultant services are required infrequently, and Chambers has the expertise, qualifications, and experience to perform the required work. As a result, Chambers can provide these services in a more efficient and cost-effective manner.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

A consultant services agreement for a not to exceed fee of \$3,600,000, renewable annually over a period of five years, was approved by your Board in June 2002. The cost of the consultant service activities for 2004 is estimated to be \$545,000. This cost includes a base fee of \$520,000 to perform the required services and \$25,000 for unforeseen additional services that may become necessary as the work progresses. Additional work within this allowance will not be performed without written authorization from the Director of Public Works.

There will be no impact to the County's General Fund. Financing for this consultant services agreement is available from the Fiscal Year 2003-04 Flood Control District budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A standard consultant services agreement, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, was approved by your Board in June 2002 and is being used. The standard Board-directed clauses were included.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The renewal of this consultant services agreement is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as specified in Sections 15268 and 15269 (b) and (c), and categorically exempt as specified in Sections 15304(d) and 15306 of the CEQA Guidelines.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

As stated in our June 2002 letter to your Board, the evaluation and selection of Chambers were completed without regard to race, creed, color, or gender. A five-year annually renewable consultant services agreement for a not to exceed fee of \$3,600,000 over five years was approved by your Board in June 2002. To date, an amount of \$872,415 has been encumbered under this agreement as approved by your Board in June 2002 and June 2003.

The negotiated fee for consultant service activities for 2004 has been reviewed by Public Works and is considered reasonable for the scope of work. The proposed fee of \$545,000 represents 15 percent of the original contract amount.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There is no adverse impact on current services or projects during the performance of the recommended services.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel