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LORI GLASGOW
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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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, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA
PEARBLOSSOM HIGHWAY WATER MAIN RELOCATION
121ST STREET EAST TO LONGVIEW ROAD
LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO.40, ANTELOPE VALLEY
AMENDED UTILITY AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE
STATE ROUTE 138 SEGMENTS 8 AND 9 WIDENING PROJECT
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF PEARBLOSSOM
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve and advertise the Pearblossom Highway Water Main Relocation project in the unincorporated community of Pearblossom; adopt the plans and specifications; authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to award and execute a construction contract for the relocation of water lines with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid; and delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to carry out this project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY:

1. Acting as a responsible agency for the project, consider the Final Environmental Impact Report prepared and certified by the California Department of Transportation as the County of Los Angeles' lead agency; certify that the Board has independently reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final Environmental Impact Report and reached its own conclusions regarding the environmental effects of the County of Los Angeles' approvals related to the project as shown in the

BIDS: September 12, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

Final Environmental Impact Report; adopt the mitigation monitoring program as applicable, finding that the mitigation monitoring program is adequately designed to ensure compliance with the mitigation measures during project implementation; find that there are no further feasible alternatives or feasible mitigation measures within the Board's power that would substantially lessen or avoid any significant effect the project would have on the environment; and determine that the significant adverse effects of the project have either been reduced to an acceptable level or are outweighed by the specific consideration of the project as outlined in the Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations, which findings and statement are adopted and incorporated herein by reference as applicable.

2. Approve and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute Amended Utility Agreement No. 7UA-13170.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute additional amendments to the utility agreement with the State of California Department of Transportation as necessary to complete the project, including extensions of time, minor changes in project scope, and alterations in project budget or utility agreement amount up to 125 percent of the estimate cost of Amended Utility Agreement No. 7UA-13170.
4. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file in Construction Division of the Department of Public Works for Project ID No. WWD4024002, Pearblossom Highway Water Main Relocation, 121st Street East to Longview Road, at an estimated construction contract cost between \$2,500,000 and \$3,300,000.
5. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement, and which are to be received before 11 a.m. on September 12, 2017, in accordance with the Notice Inviting Bids.
6. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to determine whether the bid of the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest apparent responsive bid is, in fact, responsive and, if not responsive, to determine which apparent responsible contractor submitted the lowest responsive bid.
7. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to award and execute a construction contract for water main relocation with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within the estimated cost range.
8. Delegate to the Director of Public Works or his designee the following authority in connection with this contract: (1) extend the date and time for the receipt of bids consistent with the requirements of State Public Contract Code, Section 4104.5; (2) allow substitution of subcontractors and relief of bidders upon demonstration of the grounds set forth in State Public Contract Code, Sections 4100 et seq. and 5100 et seq., respectively; (3) approve and execute change orders within the same monetary limits delegated to the Director of Public Works under Section 2.18.050 of the Los Angeles County Code relative to the construction of County buildings; (4) accept the project upon its final completion; and (5) release retention money withheld consistent with the requirements of State Public Contract Code, Sections 7107 and 9203.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is for the Board, acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, to approve and advertise the project; adopt the plans and specifications; authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute Amended Utility Agreement No. 7UA-13170 and execute additional amendments as necessary to complete the project; authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to award and execute a construction contract for the relocation of 6,900 feet of water main with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid; and delegate authority to the Director or his designee to carry out this project.

The District owns, operates, and maintains underground water mains and appurtenances along State Route 138, Pearblossom Highway. The water mains are located within easements or the existing State of California right-of-way. The State of California Department of Transportation is proposing to widen State Route 138 to four lanes to enhance safety and relieve congestion. The District's facilities are in conflict with Caltrans' project, including proposed storm drains and other widening improvements. The District's facilities will require relocation prior to Caltrans initiating its proposed project. Caltrans has agreed that it is fully responsible for all District facility relocation costs, currently estimated at \$4,300,000. The District will have the same rights in the new location that it had prior to relocating its facilities.

The Pearblossom Highway Water Main Relocation project will include replacing approximately 6,900 linear foot of steel water main with 4-inch to 12-inch diameter water main along Pearblossom Highway between 121st Street East and Longview Road. All existing laterals, fire hydrants, and service connections within the project limits will be reconnected. The new water main is being relocated to avoid conflicts with Caltrans' proposed State Route 138 roadway widening and storm drain improvements project.

The project consists of the relocation of 6,900 feet of 4-inch to 12-inch steel water main under Project ID No. WWD4024002, Pearblossom Highway Water Main Relocation, 121st Street East to Longview Road.

The project will be completed in 80 working days. It is anticipated the work will start in January 2018 and be completed in May 2018.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The County Strategic Plan directs the provision of Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability, Objective III.3.2, Manage and Maximize County Assets. The recommended action supports ongoing efforts to manage and improve public infrastructure assets.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction contract cost to complete this project is between the range of \$2,500,000 to \$3,300,000. The total project cost is estimated not to exceed \$4,300,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the preparation of plans and specifications, construction engineering, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, environmental mitigation, and other County services.

Funding for this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley (N64) Budget.

Caltrans will reimburse the District the total project cost in accordance with Amended Utility Agreement No. 7UA-13170 between Caltrans and the District with an updated total project cost of \$4,300,000. The original Utility Agreement No. 7UA-13170 was executed on May 13, 2016, with a total project cost of \$2,800,000.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The project will be advertised in accordance with Section 20602 of the State Public Contract Code.

The award of the contract will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

A standard construction contract will be used that contains terms and conditions supporting the Board's ordinances and policies, including but not limited to, the County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs, Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, and Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service's Notice 1015).

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with the Department of Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The County is acting as a responsible agency for the proposed project. Caltrans acting as lead agency has prepared an Initial Study, consulted with Public Works, and certified a Final Environmental Impact Report for the project on May 2, 2001. The County is a responsible agency for this project because Public Works will be carrying out the water main relocation portion of the project and in its independent judgment concludes it will not have a significant effect on the environment.

The location of the documents and other materials constituting the record of the proceedings upon which the Board's decision is based in this matter is the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803. The custodian of such documents and materials is Ms. Quire Yco, Associate Civil Engineer, Waterworks Division, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works.

The project is not exempt from payment of a fee to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) pursuant to Section 711.4 of the Fish and Game Code to defray the costs of fish and wildlife protection and management incurred by the CDFW. Upon the Board's certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report, Public Works will file a Notice of Determination with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in accordance with Section 21152(a) of the California Public Resources Code and pay the required processing fee with the County Clerk in the amount of \$3,153.25 (\$75 for County Clerk and \$3,078.25 for CDFW in 2017).

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open-competitive bid basis.

An award by the Director or his designee will be made upon review of the bids. The contract will be awarded to a responsible contractor who submits the lowest responsive bid meeting the criteria established by the Board and the State Public Contract Code.

In accordance with the Board's consolidated Local and Targeted Worker Hire Policy adopted on September 6, 2016, the project will require that at least 30 percent of the total California craft worker hours for construction of the project be performed by Local Residents and at least 10 percent be performed by Targeted Workers facing employment barriers.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on both the County's "Doing Business with the County" and "Public Works' Business Opportunities" websites for open bids:

<http://www.lacounty.gov/business/doing-business-with-the-county>

<http://dpw.lacounty.gov/general/contracts/opportunities>

Also, Public Works will leverage its social media platform by advertising the solicitation through Twitter.

In addition, in order to increase opportunities for small businesses, Public Works will be coordinating with the Office of Small Business at the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs to maximize outreach, as well as offering preferences to Local Small Business Enterprises in compliance with Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.204.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by avoiding conflicts with Caltrans' proposed State Route 138 roadway widening and storm drain improvement project.

CONCLUSION

Please return an adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Pestrella". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Pestrella".

MARK PESTRELLA

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Internal Services Department (Countywide
Contract Compliance)