



MARK PESTRELLA, Director

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

"To Enrich Lives Through Effective and Caring Service"

900 SOUTH FREMONT AVENUE
ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA 91803-1331
Telephone (626) 458-5100
<http://dpw.lacounty.gov>

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:
P.O. BOX 1460
ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA 91802-1460

IN REPLY PLEASE
REFER TO FILE

October 03, 2017

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:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

28 October 3, 2017

LORI GLASGOW
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA
DOMINGUEZ GAP SPREADING GROUNDS
WEST BASIN PERCOLATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT
SEDIMENT REMOVAL
IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve and advertise the Dominguez Gap Spreading Grounds West Basin Percolation Enhancement project in the City of Long Beach; find this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; adopt the plans and specifications; authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee to award and execute a construction contract for sediment removal with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid; and delegate authority to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee to carry out this project.

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

1. Find this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this letter and in the record of the project.
2. 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. WRDW000029, Dominguez Gap

BIDS: November 7, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

Spreading Grounds West Basin Percolation Enhancement project, at an estimated construction contract cost between \$1,700,000 and \$2,300,000.

3. 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 November 7, 2017, in accordance with the Notice Inviting Bids.
4. Authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District 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.
5. Authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee to award and execute a construction contract for sediment removal with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within the estimated cost range.
6. Delegate to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District 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 Flood Control District, to approve and advertise the project; adopt the plans and specifications; authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee to award and execute a construction contract for sediment removal with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid; and delegate authority to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee to carry out this project.

The proposed Dominguez Gap Spreading Group West Basin Percolation Enhancement project, Project ID No. WRDW000029, will increase groundwater recharge at the site by removing a clogging clay layer along the bottom of the basin. This will expose sediment which is more favorable for percolation. Approximately 66,000 cubic yards of sediment will be removed from the basin and hauled to Azusa Land Reclamation landfill located in the City of Azusa. Vegetation will be removed below the high-water mark. The project is located in the City of Long Beach.

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 \$1,700,000 to \$2,300,000. The total project cost is estimated not to exceed \$3,100,000. 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.

The project was awarded Proposition 84, Round 2 grant funds. The Los Angeles County Flood Control District will provide the required minimum funding match of \$517,105. Additional construction costs above that amount, up to \$2,000,000, will be reimbursed with Proposition 84 grant funds.

Funding for this project is included in the Flood Control District Fund Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The project will be advertised in accordance with Section 20991 of the State Public Contract Code.

The project is to be completed in 145 working days. It is anticipated the work will start in April 2018 and be completed in October 2018.

Delegating to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee the authority to award and execute this construction contract allows an expedited contracting process. Expediting the award of this contract will ultimately expedite completion of construction for this grant funded water conservation and drought relief project.

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.

To ensure the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making an award.

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 of Los Angeles' 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 Notice 1015).

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

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Class 1, Subsection (e) of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, adopted by the Board on November 17, 1987. This exemption provides for minor alterations to an existing public service groundwater recharge facility. In addition, the project is not in a sensitive environment and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the project records.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

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

An award by the Chief Engineer 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 increasing water conservation at the Dominguez Gap Spreading Grounds.

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" and last name "Pestrella" clearly distinguishable.

MARK PESTRELLA

Director

MP:SRB:sm

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