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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

CELIA ZAVALA
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA
ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
SAN GABRIEL COASTAL SPREADING GROUNDS LEVEE RETROFIT
PROJECT ID NO. FCC0001292
IN THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to adopt the plans and specifications , advertise and award a construction contract for the San Gabriel Coastal Spreading Grounds Levee Retrofit project in the City of Pico Rivera.

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

1. Find that the proposed project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board 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 the San Gabriel Coastal Spreading Grounds Levee Retrofit project at an estimated construction contract cost between \$7,750,000 and \$10,250,000.
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 December 18, 2018, in accordance with the Notice Inviting Bids.

BIDS: December 18, 2018 @ 11:00AM

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 the San Gabriel Coastal Spreading Grounds Levee Retrofit project with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within the estimated cost range of \$7,750,000 and \$10,250,000.
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

Approval of the recommended actions will find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act and allow the Department of Public Works to construct steel press-in sheet pile and jet grout cutoff walls within the western levee of the San Gabriel River between Whittier Boulevard and Mines Avenue in order to mitigate seepage within the San Gabriel Coastal Spreading Grounds and increase groundwater recharge capabilities at the facility during the 2019-20 storm season.

It is anticipated the work will start in May 2019 and be completed in November 2019.

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 in the range of \$7,750,000 to \$10,250,000. The total project cost is estimated to be \$11,750,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the preparation of plans and specifications, consultant services agreement, construction engineering, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, environmental compliance, and other County services.

Funding for this project is included in the Flood Control District Fund Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget.

Funding for future years will be requested through the annual budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

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

The contract award will comply with applicable Federal and State requirements and Board policies and mandates. The contract documents will require the contractor to comply with these same requirements, policies, and mandates. The construction contract and the consultant services agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

As required by Board Policy No. 5.140, information such as defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor violations, and debarment actions will be considered before a contract is awarded.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The project to rehabilitate an existing levee is within a class of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which meets the criteria set forth in Section 15301(d) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1, Subsection (e), of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. In addition, based on the proposed project records, it will comply with all applicable regulations; and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, listing on hazardous waste site lists compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5, or indications that it may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemption inapplicable.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

In accordance with the Board's consolidated Local and Targeted Worker Hire Policy, the contract documents 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, the contract solicitation will be advertised through web-based and social media platforms, including 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 improving flood management and stormwater capture at a critical flood control facility and allow the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to maximize use of its groundwater recharge facility to help maintain reliable local drinking water supplies.

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

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