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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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CELIA ZAVALA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

January 15, 2019

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:

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT  
WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA  
ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT  
MORRIS DAM LOW-FLOW OUTLET AND FACILITY IMPROVEMENT  
PROJECT ID NO. FCC0001285  
IN THE ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Public Works is seeking Board approval to advertise and award a construction contract for the Morris Dam Low-Flow Outlet and Facility Improvement project in the Angeles National Forest.

**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 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 Public Works for the Morris Dam Low-Flow Outlet and Facility Improvement 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 February 19, 2019, in accordance with the Notice Inviting Bids.

BIDS: February 19, 2019 @ 11:00 a.m.

4. Find pursuant to State Public Contract Code Section 3400(b) that it is necessary to specify the following designated items by specific brand name in order to match other products in use on a particular public improvement either completed or in the course of completion (Valve Actuators manufactured by Limotorque/Hold-Down Anchor Clamp manufactured by Eaton) obtain necessary items that are only available from one source (Structural Strut System manufactured by Unistrut/ Structural Anchors manufactured by Hilti Kwik).
5. 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.
6. Delegate authority to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee to award and execute a construction contract for Morris Dam Low-Flow Outlet and Facility Improvement project with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within the estimated cost range of \$1,700,000 and \$2,300,000.
7. 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 proposed project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act and increase the reliability and flexibility of operations at Morris Dam.; Public Works is proposing to install a new low-flow outlet, security gate, and fencing; refurbish a backup valve gate; repair concrete slabs on the dam crest; and install a self-adjusting floating boat dock. The new low-flow outlet will allow for smaller water releases required during drought conditions. The self-adjusting boat dock will improve operations and maintenance by providing boat access at different reservoir water levels. Refurbishing the backup valve gate will increase the reliability of the outlet works at this facility.

It is anticipated the work will start in August 2019 and be completed in March 2020.

#### **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 \$1,700,000 to \$2,300,000. The total project cost is estimated to be \$3,500,000. 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 compliance, and other County services.

Funding for this project is included in the Flood Control District Fund Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget in 604A Capital Assets Infrastructure.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

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

The State Public Contract Code Section 3400 allows a product to be designated by specific brand name for several purposes, two of which are in order to match other products in use on a particular public improvement either completed or in the course of completion and to obtain a necessary item that is only available from one source if the awarding authority makes a finding and language is included in the Notice Inviting Bids. The Notice Inviting Bids includes language describing this finding.

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 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 do minor repairs and alterations to an existing dam and appurtenant structures 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) and (m) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1 (l), (m), and (w) 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 storm water capture at a critical flood control facility. Approval of these actions will benefit the County by allowing the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to continue ensuring the safety of communities downstream of the dam and maintaining reliable water conservation operations which contribute to local sustainable water supply.

**CONCLUSION**

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

Respectfully submitted,



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Director

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