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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
FORMER SATIVA LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
SATIVA – LUCIEN WATERLINE PROJECT
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to deliver the Sativa – Lucien Waterline Project using a Board-approved Job Order Contract.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

ACTING AS THE INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR AND SUCCESSION AGENCY OF THE FORMER SATIVA LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT:

1. Find that the Sativa – Lucien Waterline Project is within the scope of a previously approved exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act for reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the project.
2. Approve the Sativa – Lucien Waterline Project, which includes repairing 1,200 feet of 4-inch nonfunctional waterline crossing through the installation of an 8-inch waterline and appurtenances at a total estimated project cost of \$600,000.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to deliver the Sativa – Lucien Waterline Project using a Board-approved Job Order Contract.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will find that the proposed Sativa – Lucien Waterline Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow the Director of Public Works or his designee to deliver the project using a Board-approved Job Order Contract (JOC).

The County owns and operates the former Sativa Los Angeles County Water District (Sativa), which provides public water service to approximately 6,800 people in the unincorporated community of Willowbrook and a portion of the City of Compton.

The Sativa water system is split into two areas by railroad tracks running approximately north and south along Willowbrook Avenue. The existing waterline crossing Willowbrook Avenue at Wayside Street is one of only three waterlines that move water between these two areas. This waterline is damaged and has been shut off to prevent leaks. The project proposes to repair this waterline through the installation of a rerouted 8-inch waterline across Willowbrook Avenue and the railroad tracks along Lucien Street (see enclosed map).

Recognizing that repairs to the Sativa water system are urgently needed to mitigate loss of or damage to health, property, and essential public services, the project proposes to repair and remodel the water system to improve flow availability using a previously Board-approved JOC. Utilizing the JOC to deliver this project will quickly address this urgent repair. Construction is expected to begin January 2020 and be completed by 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. The recommended actions will respond to public needs to provide the residents and property owners within Sativa with service essential to public health, safety, and welfare. This repair work will improve the reliability of the existing water system to advance the goal of meeting the current domestic and fire protection water demands.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total project cost is estimated at \$600,000 and includes the preparation of plans and specifications, survey, traffic control, inspection, construction contract cost, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County services. The estimated construction cost for the project is \$400,000.

Public Works – Sativa Water System Fund (CN3) will initially fund the project. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will reimburse \$600,000 to Public Works – Sativa Water System Fund (CN3) from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund is capitalized through a variety of funding sources, including grants from the United States Environmental Protection Agency and State bond proceeds. Funding for this project is included in the Public Works – Sativa Water System Fund (CN3) Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On September 28, 2018, Governor Brown signed into law Assembly Bill 1577 requiring the State Water Board to order Sativa to accept administrative and managerial services from an interim administrator selected by the State Water Board.

On October 9, 2018, the Board adopted a resolution approving the appointment of, and delegating authority to, the Director of Public Works to act as the interim administrator for Sativa.

On October 31, 2018, the State Water Board issued an administrative order which dissolved Sativa's Board of Directors, appointed Public Works as the interim administrator of Sativa, and directed Public Works to take full financial, operational, and administrative control of Sativa.

On December 18, 2018, the Board authorized the Director of Public Works or his designee to approve various actions to fund operations and urgent repair costs for the County of Los Angeles.

On March 19, 2019, the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles adopted a resolution dissolving Sativa and putting the County in place as the successor agency.

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.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The Board previously approved an exemption pursuant to Section 15301 (b) and (d) and 15302 of the CEQA guidelines on December 18, 2018, for Sativa. These recommendations are within the scope of the previously approved exemption from CEQA. The proposed project involves the restoration or rehabilitation of damaged facilities to meet current standards of public health and safety. Additionally, the proposed project is exempt pursuant to Section 15282 (k) since the project involves the repair, restoration, removal, or demolition of existing pipeline as set forth in Section 21080.21 of the California Public Resources Code, as long as the project does not exceed 1 mile in length.

Upon the Board's approval of the recommended actions, Public Works will file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk in accordance with Section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Public Works is seeking approval to use a Board-approved JOC to replace 1,200 feet of waterline.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will have no negative impact on current County services or projects. The project will provide Sativa customers with a more reliable water supply system.

CONCLUSION

Please return two adopted copies of this Board letter to Public Works, Waterworks Division.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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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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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)
County Counsel
Executive Office

SATIVA LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

SATIVA - LUCIEN WATERLINE PROJECT ID NO. DES0003233

