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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Donald L. Wolfe
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CONTINUANCE OF THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION TO REPAIR DAMAGED ROADS AND FLOOD CONTROL FACILITIES JANUARY 2005 RAINSTORMS–EMERGENCY CONTRACTS

The January 2005 rainstorms resulted in significant damage to County roads and flood control facilities. On January 25, 2005, your Board made a finding that an emergency situation existed that required immediate measures be undertaken to repair the damage and restore access to homes and businesses. Your Board authorized the Director of Public Works to negotiate and execute emergency construction contracts, amend existing service contracts, and enter into new short-term contracts. In accordance with the Public Contract Code, Government Code, and County Code, your Board must review the necessity of these emergency contracting procedures every 14 days.

The contract for the construction of the interim two-lane bridge on San Francisquito Canyon Road was awarded in the amount of $333,333 on December 13, 2005. The temporary two-lane bridge at that site will soon be under construction and is expected to be completed by the end of March 2006.

Of the 138 January 2005 storm-related roadway closures, 131 sections have been reopened. There are currently 7 remaining roadway closures; 2 sections of roadway are completely closed, and 5 sections are partially closed. Although significant progress has been made, the following locations may still require emergency contracting procedures:

1. Hillside Drive near Summit Road ($1.8 million)
2. Las Flores Canyon Road ($3.7 million)
3. Schueren Road ($3.6 million)

The damage to these roads has seriously impaired access for many residents and businesses throughout the County and must be repaired as soon as possible. The continuance of this Emergency Declaration will expedite the competitive process for solicitation of bids and also the repair of these critical roadways.

In addition, we continue to repair storm-damaged roads and flood control facilities using existing service contracts that have been amended or financially supplemented under authority delegated by your Board on January 25, 2005.

Therefore, we recommend that your Board determine: (1) there is still a need to continue this emergency action and (2) the Executive Office continue to place this item on the agenda for Board review every 14 days in accordance with Section 22050 of the Public Contract Code, the California Emergency Services Act (Government Code, Section 8550 et seq.), and Section 2.68.120 of the Los Angeles County Code.

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