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GAIL FARBER, Director

December 13, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

27 December 13, 2011

Sachi A. Hamai
SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
PACOIMA DAM HOIST AND HOIST OPERATOR HOUSE
FOR CABLEWAY
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF SYLMAR
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve the project to install a hoist and construct a hoist house for operating a cableway at Pacoima Dam in the unincorporated community of Sylmar; adopt the plans and specifications; call for bids; authorize the Chief Engineer or her designee to award, execute, and implement a consultant services agreement for the preparation of environmental plans for a not to exceed fee of \$8,500 and a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid; approve changes or alterations to the contract; and find this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

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

1. Find that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file in the Construction Division of the Department of Public Works for Pacoima Dam Hoist and Hoist Operator House for Cableway, in the unincorporated community of Sylmar, at an estimated construction contract cost between \$800,000 and \$1,200,000.

3. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids to be received and opened on January 24, 2012, in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement.
4. Authorize the Chief Engineer or her designee to execute a consultant services agreement with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid to prepare environmental plans for a not-to-exceed fee of \$8,500 funded by existing project funds.
5. Authorize the Chief Engineer or her designee to award, execute, and implement a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within the estimated cost range, approve the Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance submitted by the contractor, and deliver the project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval of the project from your Board, acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD); adopt the plans and specifications; advertise for bids; authorize the Chief Engineer or her designee to award, execute, and implement a consultant services agreement to prepare environmental plans for a not-to-exceed fee of \$8,500 funded by existing project funds, and a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid to replace a hoist and a hoist house for cableway at Pacoima Dam that were damaged by the Sayer Fire in 2008; and the performance of other appurtenant work.

The proposed consultant services agreement to prepare environmental plans that conform to the County's specifications is critical to successfully manage construction activities by both the contractor and the County, and a responsible contractor must be able to produce these deliverables. Bid specifications provide that if the apparent lowest bidder fails to complete acceptable deliverables, the Department of Public Works (Public Works) may return to your Board to recommend that the bidder be determined nonresponsible and recommend awarding the construction contract to the next apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid contingent on that bidder completing deliverables that conform to the County's specifications.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help achieve these goals by providing a means to operate and maintain the dam more efficiently and effectively, which will facilitate flood control and water conservation services to the community downstream of the dam.

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 \$800,000 to \$1,200,000. The total project cost is estimated to be \$2,300,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the costs of preparation of plans and specifications, acquisition of the heavy duty engine driven double drum hoist (purchased for \$458,714), consultant services, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County services.

Sufficient funds for this project are included in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Flood Control District Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This project, to contract for the installation of a hoist and the construction of a hoist operator house for cableway at Pacoima Dam, is a part of Public Works' program for the restoration of facilities damaged by the Sayer Fire in 2008. It will be advertised in accordance with Section 20991 of the State Public Contract Code.

This project is to be completed in 90 working days. It is estimated the work will start in March 2012 and be completed in August 2012.

Delegating to the Chief Engineer or her designee the authority to award to this contract will allow an expedited contracting process to procure a contractor and facilitate construction delivery for installation of the hoist and construction of a hoist operator house for cableway.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The award of the contract will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the LACFCD to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the LACFCD to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure that 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 LACFCD, 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 a recommendation to award.

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 15302(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act and Class 2(a) of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987. Consistent with the Notice of Exemption on file, these classes include repairing and replacing the fire-damaged hoist, hoist house, and equipment necessary to maintain service essential to public health, safety, and welfare involving negligible or no expansion of use.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open-competitive bid basis. The award by the Chief Engineer or her designee will be made after review of the bids meeting the criteria established by your Board and the State Public Contract Code. The County Local Small Business Enterprise preference will not be applied to the determination of the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. To be eligible for the Federal funds financing the majority of this project, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, requires award to the lowest bidder.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by providing a means to operate and maintain the dam more efficiently and effectively, which will facilitate flood control and water conservation services to the community downstream of the dam.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

12/13/2011

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

GAIL FARBER

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Internal Services Department (Countywide
Contract Compliance)