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**GAIL FARBER, Director**

April 09, 2013

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:

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

**35 April 9, 2013**

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ADOPT AND ADVERTISE  
CATCH BASIN CLEANOUT 2013  
SANTA CLARA RIVER WATERSHED, ET AL.  
IN VARIOUS CITIES AND UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 3 AND 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action is to approve the project to clean catch basins of trash and debris in various cities and unincorporated communities within the Santa Clara River Watershed, find this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, adopt the specifications, call for bids, and delegate certain responsibilities to the Chief Engineer or her designee to carry out this project.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE 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 specifications that are on file in the Construction Division of the Department of Public Works for Catch Basin Cleanout 2013, Santa Clara River Watershed, et al., in various cities and unincorporated communities within the Santa Clara River Watershed, at an estimated maintenance cost between \$135,000 and \$160,000.
3. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids to be received and opened on May 7, 2013, in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal

Advertisement.

4. Delegate to the Chief Engineer or her designee the following authority in connection with this contract: (1) 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; (2) allow substitution of subcontractors and relief of bidders upon demonstration of the grounds set forth in Public Contract Code Sections 4100 et seq. and 5100 et seq., respectively; (3) accept the project upon its final completion; (4) release retention money withheld consistent with the requirements of Public Contract Code Sections 7107 and 9203; and (5) extend the date and time for the receipt of bids consistent with the requirements of Public Contract Code Section 4104.5.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval of the project from the Board, acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD); adopt the specifications; call for bids; and delegate certain responsibilities to the Chief Engineer or her designee to carry out this project.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help achieve these goals by reducing the potential of flooding due to plugged catch basins and preventing debris from entering the receiving waters.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated maintenance cost to complete this project is in the range of \$135,000 to \$160,000. The total project cost is estimated to be \$260,000. In addition to the maintenance cost, the total project cost includes the preparation of specifications, consultant services, survey, materials testing, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County services.

Sufficient funds for this project are available in the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Flood Control District Fund Budget.

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

This project, to contract for the cleaning of catch basins, is part of the Department of Public Works' (Public Works) program for cleaning out catch basins in the flood control system prior to the 2013-14 storm season. It will be advertised in accordance with Section 20991 of the State Public Contract Code.

This project is to be completed in 50 working days. It is estimated the work will start in July 2013 and be completed in September 2013.

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 authorized 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 the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County of Los Angeles' (County) 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 County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program, Los Angeles 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 maintenance 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 LACFCD 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 County, 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 15301(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Class 1, Subsection (e) of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by the Board on November 17, 1987. These exemptions provide for the cleaning of catch basins.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

This project will be contracted on an open-competitive bid basis. A recommendation for award by the Board will be made after review of the bids. The contract will be awarded to a responsible contractor who submits the lowest responsive bid meeting the criteria established by the Board and the State Public Contract Code.

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 cleaner catch basins and waterways.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Anoush Hovsepian at (626) 458-3139 or [ahovsepian@dpw.lacounty.gov](mailto:ahovsepian@dpw.lacounty.gov).

Respectfully submitted,



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Director

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