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July 13, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
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Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

#31 JULY 13, 2010

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**FUNDING SUPPLEMENT FOR  
AS-NEEDED FACILITIES SWEEPING SERVICES CONTRACT WITH  
NATIONWIDE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action is to supplement a contract for As-Needed Facilities Sweeping Services for street and access roads leading in and out of various flood control facilities within Los Angeles County due to an increase in sweeping service expenditures involving various sediment removal projects in debris basins and fire-damaged rail and timber structures resulting from damage caused by the August/September 2009 wildfires and the 2010 winter rainstorms.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that the supplemented contract work is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve supplementing Contract No. 001725 with Nationwide Environmental Services, Inc., for As-Needed Facilities Sweeping Services in the amount of \$200,000, to increase the annual amount from \$379,550 to \$579,550 for the current contract year, and a potential maximum contract sum of \$1,046,550.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to annually increase the contract amount up to an additional 10 percent of the annual contract sum for unforeseen, additional work within the scope of the contract, if required.

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

The purpose of this recommended action is to supplement the annual contract amount for these services due to an increase in sweeping service expenditures involving various sediment removal projects in debris basins and fire-damaged rail and timber structures resulting from damage caused by the August/September 2009 wildfires and the 2010 winter rainstorms. This contract is designed to provide sweeping services for street and access road rights of way leading in and out of various flood control facilities within Los Angeles County. In the first two months of the current contract year, \$162,000 was expended on fire- and storm-related sweeping services.

## **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The contractor who has the specialized expertise to provide these services accurately, efficiently, timely, and in a responsive manner will support the Department of Public Works (Public Works) in meeting these goals.

## **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The additional \$200,000 will increase the contract's annual amount from \$379,550 to \$579,550, plus 10 percent of the annual contract sum for unforeseen, additional work within the scope of the contract, if required for the contract's current and final year.

Funds for these additional services and 10 percent additional funding for contingencies are included in the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Internal Service Fund Budget, which will be reimbursed by the Flood Control District Fund Budget.

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

On February 6, 2007, Agenda Item 36, your Board approved Contract No. 001725 with Nationwide Environmental Services, Inc., located in Norwalk, California, for As-Needed Facilities Sweeping Services for a period of one year starting on February 8, 2007, with two 1-year renewal options not to exceed a total contract period of three years with an annual contract amount of \$89,000.

On June 9, 2009, Agenda Item 59, your Board approved supplementing this contract by \$100,000, increasing the annual amount to \$189,000 due to an increase in sweeping services expenditures at various sediment removal projects in debris basins and rail and timber fire structures in the fire-impacted areas, during the second option year of the contract.

On September 8, 2009, Agenda Item 15, your Board approved a 5 percent unit cost reduction with a one-year extension with this contractor; on November 16, 2009, Amendment 1 to this contract was executed by the Director of Public Works (Director) or her designee and the contractor reducing the unit cost by 5 percent. The annual contract sum was reduced starting on February 8, 2010, for the fourth and final year of the contract from \$189,000 to \$179,550. The contract's term was extended

for an additional one year period for a maximum potential contract term of four years.

On September 8, 2009, your Board adopted a motion and resolution to allow immediate emergency work to repair damage caused by the Station, Morris, and Rancho Palos Verdes Fires (Board Resolution) and to prevent further damage from the upcoming storm season. The Board delegated authority to the Director to carry out and contract for emergency activities to restore various flood control facilities and road rights of way within the fire areas (Emergency Work).

On November 24, 2009, this contract was supplemented using the delegated authority by the Director pursuant to the Board Resolution by an additional contract amount of \$100,000 solely for Emergency Work required to respond to the storm season damage arising from the 2009 Station Fire, increasing the contract amount from \$189,000 to \$289,000 for the second option year of the contract.

On April 22, 2010, for the fourth and final year of this contract, this contract's authority was increased using the delegated authority by the Director pursuant to the Board Resolution, increasing the annual amount from \$179,550 to \$379,550, an additional \$200,000 solely for Emergency Work required to respond to the storm season damage arising from the 2009 Station Fire.

This supplement will increase the aggregate maximum annual contract amount for the current and final contract year from \$379,550 to \$579,550 and a maximum potential contract amount of \$1,046,550. All contracting authority in excess of the \$179,550 that was previously in place for normal operations will be used solely for Emergency Work required during this contract period.

The current contract allows your Board to increase the contract sum as needed; therefore, an amendment to the existing contract is not necessary. All terms, conditions, requirements, prices, and specifications of the contract will remain unchanged.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

These services continue to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. These services are within a class of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that they meet the criteria set forth in Section 15301 of CEQA.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The approval of this request will not result in any impact on other current services or projects.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Administrative Services.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

7/13/2010

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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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County Counsel  
Executive Office