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March 19, 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

31 March 19, 2013

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LOS ANGELES RIVER NORTH VALLEYHEART RIVERWALK PROJECT
STUDIO CITY AREA OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
APPROVE TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET
ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
SPECS. 7196; PROJECT ID FCC0001189
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3)
(3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The recommended actions will approve the total project budget, adopt plans and specifications, allow advertising for construction bids, and authorize award of a construction contract for the Los Angeles River North Valleyheart Riverwalk project located in the vicinity of Studio City in the City of Los Angeles.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, for the reasons stated in this letter and in the record of the project.
2. Approve the total project budget of \$3,582,000 for the Los Angeles River North Valleyheart Riverwalk project.
3. Approve the project and adopt plans and specifications that are on file in the Architectural Engineering Division of the Department of Public Works for construction of the Los Angeles River

North Valleyheart Riverwalk project between Fulton Avenue and Coldwater Canyon Avenue at an estimated construction contract cost of \$2,230,000.

4. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids to be received and opened on April 23, 2013, in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisements.

5. Authorize the Director of Public Works, or her designee, to execute a consultant services agreement with the apparent Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder to prepare a baseline construction schedule and storm water pollution prevention plan for a \$10,000 not-to-exceed cost funded by the existing project funds.

6. Delegate to the Director of Public Works, or her designee, the authority to reject all non-responsive bids and determine, in accordance with the applicable contract and bid documents, whether the apparent Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder has timely prepared a satisfactory baseline construction schedule that satisfies all conditions for contract award, including the criteria adopted by the Board for contract award. Upon determination that all such conditions have been satisfied, authorize the Director of Public Works, or her designee, to award and execute the construction contract in the form previously approved by County Counsel, to the apparent Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder, and to establish the effective date of the contract upon receipt of acceptable performance and payment bonds and evidence of required contractor insurance; and to take all actions necessary and appropriate to fully deliver the project.

7. Delegate to the Director of Public Works, or her designee, the following authority in connection with the subject 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) accept the project upon its final completion; and (3) release the retention money withheld consistent with the requirements of Public Contract Code Sections 7107 and 9203.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to find the proposed project exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); approve total project budget; adopt plans and specifications for the Los Angeles River North Valleyheart Riverwalk project (Project) to be advertised and allow the Director of Department of Public Works to award and execute a consultant services agreement for the preparation of a baseline construction schedule, a storm water pollution prevention plan, and to award and execute a construction contract for the proposed Project.

The Project consists of construction of a pedestrian trail on an approximately 0.55 mile (2,920 feet) segment of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District right of way along the north bank of the Los Angeles River adjacent to Valleyheart Drive between Fulton and Coldwater Canyon Avenues. The project will provide a continuous greenway, enhance water quality, provide recreational opportunities and restore the natural environment along the channel. The project is located within the Studio City and Sherman Oaks communities in the City of Los Angeles.

The project includes drought resistant and native vegetation landscaping, irrigation, hardscape, pedestrian access points in addition to construction of an access ramp which will be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Project also includes construction of retaining walls,

stairs, stone veneer seat walls, rain gardens, and decomposed granite multiuse trail.

The construction of the Project will improve the existing flood control facilities by providing recreational and educational benefits. The Project is an identified and recommended improvement in the Los Angeles River Master Plan adopted by the Board in 1996 with the goal of developing a continuous greenway, enhancing water quality, providing recreational opportunities, and restoring the natural environment along the channel. These improvements will benefit the local community while providing a safer environment with recreational opportunities to the residents and enhance the quality of life for the residents.

The proposed consultant services agreement with the apparent Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder to prepare a baseline construction schedule and a storm water pollution prevention plan that conform to the County of Los Angeles' (County) specifications is critical to successfully manage construction activities by both the contractor and the County. The recommended actions are necessary to keep this project on an expedited schedule for construction during non storm period.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1); and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3), by maximizing the effectiveness of present structure and opportunities to improve community outcomes and leverage resources through the continuous integration of health, community, and public safety services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund. The estimated construction contract cost to complete this project is \$2,230,000. The total project cost is estimated to be \$3,582,000. In addition to the construction cost, the total project cost includes plans, specifications, permits, consultant services, survey, material testing, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County services.

Sufficient funds are included in the Fiscal Year 2012-13 and will be budgeted in the proposed Fiscal Year 2013-14 Flood Control District Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The contract will contain terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances and policies, including, but not limited to: County Code Chapter 2.200, Child Support Compliance Program; County Code Chapter 2.202, Contractor Responsibility and Debarment; County Code Chapter 2.203, Contractor Employee Jury Service Program; County Code Chapter 2.206, Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program; Board Policy 5.050, County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities (GAIN/GROW); Board Policy 5.060, Reporting of Improper Solicitations; Board Policy 5.110, Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers; and Board Policy 5.135, Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

Applicable law, including the State Public Contract Code, requires the County to award a

construction contract to the apparent Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder, which refers to the firm that: (1) submits the lowest cost bid; (2) is deemed by the County 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 quality, fitness, capacity, experience, and trustworthiness to satisfactorily perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to the apparent Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder 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 contractors State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy 5.140, the information reported by the bidder will be considered before contract award.

Per your Board's Civic Art Policy adopted on November 5, 2009, the project is exempt from the Civic Art Fund as it is a flood control facility improvement.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The work, which includes construction of a pedestrian trail, landscaping with native, drought resistant vegetation, and pedestrian access ramps is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets criteria set forth in Section 15301(c), 15303 (d) and 15304 (b) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1(n), (m), and (x), Class (3) (h), and Class (4) (a) and (c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. These exemptions provide for construction of landscape improvements, irrigation systems, access ramps, and retaining walls of not more than five feet high within the existing right-of-way of the facility. The project does not include the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. In addition, the project is not located in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable.

Upon the Board's approval for the Project, Public Works will file a Notice of Exemption with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in accordance with Section 15062 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A standard contract, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, will be used. The standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination, renegotiation, and hiring qualified displaced County employees will be included in the contract.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax law (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015).

Advertising for bids will be in accordance with the County's standard Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisements (Enclosure B).

As requested by your Board on February 3, 1998, this contract opportunity will be listed on the Doing Business with Us website.

In addition, prospective bidders will be able to download plans and specifications on Public Works' website, free of charge. Following receipt of bids and award of the consultant services contract, we will award a construction contract in accordance with the authority delegated in this Board letter.

The contract requires the contractor to pay its employees applicable prevailing wages in accordance with the California Labor Code.

Participation by Community Business Enterprises (CBE) in the proposed project is encouraged through Public Works' Capital Projects' CBE Outreach Program and by monitoring the good faith efforts of bidders to utilize CBEs.

A copy of the plans and specifications are on file in the Architectural Engineering Division of Public Works.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These recommended actions will have no impacts on current services. When the project is completed, it will provide enhanced water quality, habitat restoration, and passive recreational opportunities for the residents of the County.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to Public Works, Project Management Division II.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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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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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office
Auditor Controller
Department of Human Resources
Department of Public Social Services
(GAIN/GROW Program)
Internal Services

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ENCLOSURE A

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I. PROJECT SCHEDULE

Project Activity	Scheduled Completion Date
Design Construction Documents Jurisdictional Approval	11/29/12* 12/06/12*
Board Action – Adopt & Advertise for Construction Bid Opening Construction Award	03/19/13 04/23/13 06/11/13
Construction – Base Contract Start Construction Substantial Completion Project Acceptance	07/15/13 12/31/13 02/28/14

*Completed activity

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ENCLOSURE B

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PUBLISHING LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS: In accordance with the State of California Public Contract Code Section 20991, you may publish at least five or more times, prior to the date set for opening bids, in a daily newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the County and designated by the Board, or for at least two consecutive times prior to such date in a weekly newspaper printed and published in the County and designated by the Board. Forward three reprints of this advertisement to Architectural Engineering Division, Department of Public Works, 900 South Fremont Avenue, 8th Floor, Alhambra, California 91803-1331.

**OFFICIAL NOTICE
INVITING BIDS**

Notice is hereby given that the Director of Public Works will receive sealed bids for furnishings, materials, labor, and equipment required to complete construction for the following work:

<u>SD</u>	<u>SPECS</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>BID DOC.</u> <u>FEE</u>	<u>DATE OF BID</u> <u>OPENING</u>
3	7196	Los Angeles River North Valleyheart Riverwalk project, between Coldwater Canyon and Fulton Avenue in Studio City – Sherman Oaks Area	\$75	April 23, 2013

Copies of the project manual and drawings may be downloaded for free from the Los Angeles County Public Works website <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/go/constructioncontracts>; or for \$75, copies of the project manual and drawings may be obtained at the Cashier's office, Department of Public Works, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Mezzanine Floor, Alhambra, California 91803, for the fee stated above. For bid information, please call (626) 458-5114. Each bid shall be submitted on the required form, sealed, and filed at the Cashier's office no later than 10:45 a.m. on April 23, 2013. Bids will be publicly opened, examined, and declared by Public Works at 11:00 a.m. on this date in

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Architectural Engineering Division's Conference Room, 900 South Fremont Avenue, 8th Floor, Alhambra, California 91803.

The contractor and all of its subcontractors of any tier shall be required to pay prevailing wages to all workers employed in the execution of the work of improvement in accordance with Labor Code Section 1770 et seq. Copies of prevailing rate of per diem wages are on file at the Department of Public Works, Architectural Engineering Division, which shall be made available to any interested party upon request.

Bids must conform to the drawings and project manual and all bidding requirements. This project requires the prime contractor to possess an active A license classification at the time of bid. The contractor should verify to his/her satisfaction that he/she holds the correct license for this type of project.

MANDATORY PREBID CONFERENCE

Public Works' Project Management Team will hold a mandatory pre-bid conference at 10:00 a.m. on April 10, 2013, at the project site to provide information on the project, bidding process, and answer any questions that the potential bidders may have. For further directions, please contact Ms. Grace Stohs with the Public Works' Project Management Team at (626) 458-5114.

OTHER INSTRUCTIONS

The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive technical or inconsequential errors and discrepancies in bids submitted in the public's interest.

Si necesita información en español, por favor llame al Telefono (626) 300-2325.



Upon 72 hours notice, Public Works can provide program information and publications in alternate formats or make other accommodations for people with disabilities. In addition, program documents are available at our main office in Alhambra (900 South Fremont Avenue), which is accessible to individuals with disabilities. To request accommodations ONLY, or for more ADA information, please contact our departmental ADA Coordinator at (626) 458-4081 or TDD (626) 282-7829, Monday through Thursday, from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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Con 72 horas de noticia, el Departamento puede proveerle información y publicaciones sobre el programa y formatos alternativos o hacer adaptaciones para incapacitados. Además, documentación sobre el programa está disponible en nuestra oficina principal en Alhambra (900 South Fremont Avenue), la cual es accesible para individuos con incapacidades. Para solicitar adaptaciones SOLAMENTE, o para mas información del ADA, pongase en contacto con nuestro Coordinador del ADA del Departamento al (626) 458-4081 o TDD (626) 282-7829, de lunes a jueves de las 7 a.m. a 5:30 p.m.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California,
dated March 19, 2013.

Specs. 7196

SACHI A. HAMAI, EXECUTIVE OFFICER
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES