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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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

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JEFF LEVINSON
INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA
ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
COGSWELL DAM INLET – OUTLET WORKS
REHABILITATION PROJECT PHASE 2
PROJECT ID NO. FCC0001313
IN THE ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to adopt plans and specifications, advertise for construction bids, and award and execute a construction contract for the Cogswell Dam Inlet – Outlet Works Rehabilitation Project Phase 2 in the Angeles National Forest.

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

1. Find that the proposed project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the project.
2. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file with Public Works Project Management Division III for the Cogswell Dam Inlet – Outlet Works Rehabilitation Project Phase 2 at an estimated construction contract cost between \$4,300,000 and \$6,500,000.

3. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement that are to be received before 11 a.m. on April 2, 2024, in accordance with the Notice Inviting Bids.

4. Delegate authority to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee to determine whether the bid of the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest apparent responsive bid is, in fact, responsive and, if not responsive, to determine which apparent responsible contractor submitted the lowest responsive bid.

5. Delegate authority to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee to award and execute a construction contract for the Cogswell Dam Inlet – Outlet Works Rehabilitation Project Phase 2 with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within or less than the estimated cost range of \$4,300,000 and \$6,500,000 or that exceeds the estimated cost range by no more than 15 percent if additional funds have been identified.

6. Delegate to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee the following authority in connection with this contract: (a) extend the date and time for the receipt of bids consistent with the requirements of State Public Contract Code, Section 4104.5; (b) allow substitution of subcontractors and relief of bidders upon demonstration of the grounds set forth in State Public Contract Code, Sections 4100 et seq. and 5100 et seq., respectively; (c) approve and execute change orders within the same monetary limits delegated to the Director of Public Works or his designee under Section 2.18.050 of the Los Angeles County Code; (d) accept the project upon its final completion; and (e) release retention money withheld consistent with the requirements of State Public Contract Code, Sections 7107 and 9203.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow Public Works to construct the Cogswell Dam Inlet – Outlet Works Rehabilitation Project Phase 2 to rehabilitate three outlet valves and one sluice gate at Cogswell Dam in the Angeles National Forest (see Enclosure).

Outlet Valves 1, 2, and 3 and one sluice gate at Cogswell Dam are aging and need to be rehabilitated to extend their service life and ensure continued operation of the dam.

The commencement and completion of this project is dependent on the timely cleanout of the reservoir under the ongoing Cogswell Reservoir Post-Fire Emergency Restoration Project. It is urgent to perform the critical rehabilitation of these three valves and one sluice gate during the next dry season of April 15, 2024, to October 15, 2024, when access is made available to equipment while the reservoir is dewatered as part of the ongoing Cogswell Reservoir Post-Fire Emergency Restoration Project.

The project will ensure continued safe operation of Cogswell Dam that provides crucial flood protection to downstream communities.

It is anticipated the work will start in July 2024 and be completed in December 2024.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability, Objective III.3.2, Manage and Maximize County Assets by supporting ongoing efforts to manage and improve public infrastructure assets.

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 \$4,300,000 and \$6,500,000 with a maximum construction contract cost to be 15 percent above this range. The total project cost is estimated to be \$8,500,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the preparation of plans and specifications, construction engineering, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, environmental compliance, and other County services.

Funding for this project is included in the Flood Control District Fund (B07 – Capital Assets-Infrastructure) Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This project will be advertised in accordance with Section 20991 of the State Public Contract Code.

The contract award will comply with applicable Federal and State requirements and Board policies and mandates. The contract documents will require the contractor to comply with these same requirements, policies, and mandates. The construction contract will be in the form previously reviewed and approved by County Counsel.

As required by Board Policy No. 5.140, information such as defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractors State License Board, labor violations, and debarment actions will be considered before a contract is awarded.

Documents related to award of this contract will be available at Los Angeles County Public Works, Project Management Division III, 900 South Fremont Avenue, 8th Floor, Alhambra, CA 91803.

In accordance with Board Policy 5.270, Countywide Local and Targeted Worker Hiring, the project will require that at least 30 percent of the California construction labor hours be performed by qualified Local Residents and at least 10 percent be performed by Targeted Workers facing employment barriers. The project will also include a jobs coordinator who will facilitate the implementation of the targeted hiring requirement of the policy.

Effective June 7, 2023, Countywide Community Workforce Agreement (CWA) applies to projects with an estimated construction contract value of \$5,000,000 or greater. Therefore, CWA will apply to this project. The contractor and all subcontractors must comply with all terms and conditions of the CWA which, among other things, increases work opportunities for those seeking to start a new career in the construction industry and promotes the hiring of underrepresented individuals on the project.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project is exempt from CEQA. The project, to rehabilitate three outlet valves and one sluice gate at Cogswell Dam, is within a class of projects that has been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which meets the criteria set forth in Section 15301 (d) and (m) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1 (c), (l), and (w) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. In addition, based on the proposed project records, it will comply with all applicable regulations, and there are no cumulative impacts; unusual circumstances; damage to scenic highways; listing on hazardous waste site lists compiled pursuant to Government Code, Section 65962.5; or indications that it may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemption inapplicable.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on both the County's "Doing Business with Los Angeles County" and "Do Business with Public Works" websites for open bids:

<https://lacounty.gov/business/doing-business-with-la-county/>

<http://pw.lacounty.gov/general/contracts/opportunities>

Also, the contract solicitation will be advertised through web-based and social media platforms, including X (formally Twitter).

In addition, in order to increase opportunities for small businesses, Public Works will be coordinating with the Office of Small Business at the Department of Economic Opportunity to maximize outreach, as well as offering preferences to Local Small Business Enterprises, Social Enterprises, and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises in compliance with Los Angeles County Code, Chapters 2.204, 2.205, and 2.211.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by ensuring continued operation of Cogswell Dam that provides crucial flood protection and water conservation to downstream communities.

CONCLUSION

Please return an adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Project Management Division III.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Internal Services Department (Countywide
Contract Compliance)

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