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Rory M. Shaw Fencing and Landscaping

The Los Angeles County Flood Control District owns a 46-acre parcel in the Sun Valley community located in the City of Los Angeles and is planning the construction of Rory M. Shaw Wetlands Park Project, which will feature a 21-acre detention pond that will collect stormwater runoff from the upstream tributary area, then enter a 10-acre wetland that will act as a natural water treatment system by removing pollutants from the water. The wetland will form a sustainable habitat for plant and animal species. Further, the treated stormwater will be pumped into existing Sun Valley Park infiltration basins for groundwater recharge. Also, this project is proposing the creation of 15-acres of open space and recreational amenities for the community.

Meanwhile, the property has remained vacant and is prone to illegal dumping, illicit activities, and encampments from people experiencing homelessness. On April 9, 2024, the Board instructed Public Works, acting as the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, to, among other actions, improve security and enhance aesthetics to benefit the surrounding community. As we continue to secure funding for the long-term project, the County must be a good neighbor to the surrounding community.

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Therefore, Public Works, on behalf of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, is proposing the Rory M. Shaw Fencing and Landscaping Project, for the replacement of perimeter fencing with 8-foot tubular steel fencing and landscaping, including up to 90 twenty-four-inch box young mature trees along the site perimeter and berm with irrigation.

The estimated construction contract cost to complete this project is in the range of \$2,800,000 and \$4,100,000 with a maximum construction contract cost to be 15 percent above this range. The total project cost is estimated to be \$5,650,000. 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. Installation of the fencing and the landscape work is estimated to begin March of 2025, with completion of the project to take approximately three to four months.

Funding for this proposed project is included in the Flood Control District Fund (B07- Services and Supplies) Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget. There will be no impact to the County General Fund

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors, acting as the governing Board of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, direct the following:

- 1) Find that the proposed project, and related actions, are categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (l) (4); Section 15302 (c); Section 15304 (b) and (f); and Class 1 (h) (4), and (m); Class 2 (e); and Class 4 (c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, since the work is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment. The project consists of minor alteration to existing facilities,

replacement of features and minor alteration to land where there will be no expansion of use, replacement features will have the same purpose and capacity, and no trees will be removed. Additionally, the proposed project will comply with all applicable regulations, is not located in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts; unusual circumstances; damage to scenic highways; listing on hazardous waste sites compiled pursuant to Government Code, Section 65962.5; or indications that the project may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemptions inapplicable based on the record of the proposed project. Upon the Board's approval of the project, Public Works will file a Notice of Exemption with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and the State Office of Planning and Research in accordance with Section 21152 of the Public Resources Code and will post the notice to its website pursuant to Section 21092.2.

- 2) Establish and approve the Rory M. Shaw Fencing and Landscaping Project and delegate authority to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee to adopt the plans and specifications and advertise for bids at an estimated construction contract cost between \$2,800,000 and \$4,100,000.
- 3) Delegate authority to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee to instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement with the Notice Inviting Bids when ready to advertise this project.
- 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, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, for the Rory M. Shaw Fencing and Landscaping Project, with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within or less than the estimated cost range of \$2,800,000 and \$4,100,000 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 Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee under Section 20998 of the State Public Contract 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.

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