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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

Dear Supervisors:

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT  
WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA  
PRIVATE DRAIN 0507 PEPPERBROOK CHANNEL WALL REPAIR PROJECT  
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)  
(4 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Public Works is seeking Board approval of the Private Drain 0507 Pepperbrook Channel Wall Repair Project and authorization to deliver the proposed project using a Board approved Job Order Contract.

**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 California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the project.
2. Approve the proposed Private Drain 0507 Pepperbrook Channel Wall Repair Project with a project budget of \$1,300,000.
3. Authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee to deliver the proposed project using a Board-approved Job Order Contract.

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

Approval of the recommended actions will find the Private Drain (PD) 0507 Pepperbrook Channel Wall Repair Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); approve the project budget; and authorize Public Works to deliver the proposed project using a Board-approved Job Order Contract (JOC).

The project is located behind 1518 and 1524 Manor Gate Road in the unincorporated community of Hacienda Heights. The PD 0507 Pepperbrook Channel was designed to provide flood protection in a residential area of unincorporated Hacienda Heights and is maintained by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

During a severe storm in early February 2024, a portion of the boundary wall along Pepperbrook Channel collapsed into the adjacent channel as a direct result of the weather event, which was declared a State of Emergency by Governor Newsom on February 4, 2024.

The proposed project will repair a collapsed wall for PD 0507 Pepperbrook Channel. This project is urgently needed to prevent further damage to the channel and to maintain the flood control function of Pepperbrook Channel.

Public Works completed the design and is seeking approval from the Board to carry out the construction using a Board-approved JOC. It is anticipated that construction will begin in November 2024 and be completed in April 2025.

## **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: North Star 3, Realize Tomorrow's Government Today, Focus Area Goal F, Flexible and Efficient Infrastructure, Strategy II, Modernize Infrastructure by replacing and improving public infrastructure assets that support the quality of life for the County of Los Angeles residents.

## **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction contract cost to complete the project is \$1,300,000. The total project cost is estimated to be \$1,750,000, which includes the construction contract cost, preparation of plans and specifications, construction engineering, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, environmental compliance, and other County services necessary to deliver the project. Funding for this project is available in the Flood Control District Fund Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget.

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

In accordance with the Board's Civic Art Policy amended on August 4, 2020, the PD 0507 Pepperbrook Channel Wall Repair Project is exempt from the Civic Art Fund, as it is a flood control channel infrastructure project.

The project is located behind 1518 and 1524 Manor Gate Road in the unincorporated community of Hacienda Heights. PD 0507, which consists of the channel and boundary wall, was originally constructed by a private entity and was dedicated to the District for operation and maintenance in 1965. The wall also serves to retain the slopes of the backyards adjacent to the channel. The

purpose of the project is to restore and enhance the stability of the wall to prevent any future interference with the operation of the channel.

This project is not subject to Board Policy 5.270, Countywide Local and Targeted Worker Hiring.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed project is exempt from CEQA. The project to install an enhanced wall to replace the collapsed portion of PD 0507 Pepperbrook Channel is necessary to maintain, repair, restore, demolish, or replace a facility damaged in a disaster-stricken area in which a State of Emergency has been proclaimed by Governor Newsom, as described in Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(3) and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(a); constitutes emergency repairs to a publicly owned service facility necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety or welfare, as described in Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(2) and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(b); and is a specific action necessary to mitigate an emergency, as described in Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(4) and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c).

On February 4, 2024, Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency in response to the atmospheric river storm event that began on February 3, 2024. As a direct result of this storm event, a portion of the PD 0507 Pepperbrook Channel boundary wall collapsed. The replacement of the wall is necessary to maintain the flood protection functionality and to mitigate the damage caused by the storm event.

Upon the Board's approval of the recommended actions, the District will file a Notice of Exemption in accordance with Section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Public Works completed the design and is requesting Board authorization to carry out the construction using a Board-approved JOC.

The project scope includes repair work and Public Works has made the determination that the use of a JOC is the most appropriate contracting method to deliver the project.

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

The recommended actions will restore a flood control facility and allow the District to continue to provide flood protection in the unincorporated community of Hacienda Heights. There will be no impact on current County services or projects.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

9/10/2024

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to Public Works, Stormwater Maintenance Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Pestrella". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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