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September 10, 2024

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

79 September 10, 2024

*Edward Yen*  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA  
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT  
ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD  
PROJECT ID NO. WWD4004057  
AVENUE J-12 AND 50TH STREET WEST SITE IMPROVEMENTS WELL 4-91  
IN THE CITY OF LANCASTER  
(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 Avenue J-12 and 50th Street West Site Improvements Well 4-91 Project in the City of Lancaster.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY:**

1. Find that the proposed project, and related actions, are 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 Avenue J-12 and 50th Street West Site Improvements Well 4-91 Project at an estimated construction contract cost between \$3,400,000 and \$5,100,000.

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 October 15, 2024, in accordance with the Notice Inviting Bids.
4. Find pursuant to State Public Contract Code, Section 3400 (c) (1-4) that it is necessary to specify designated items by specific brand name in order to match other products in use on a particular public improvement either completed or in the course of completion.
5. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works 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.
6. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to award and execute a construction contract for the Avenue J-12 and 50th Street West Site Improvements Well 4-91 Project with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within or less than the estimated cost range of \$3,400,000 and \$5,100,000 or that exceeds the estimated cost range by no more than 15 percent, if additional funds have been identified.
7. Delegate to the Director of Public Works 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 State Public Contract Code Section 20614; (d) accept the project upon its final completion; and (e) make required findings and release retention money withheld consistent with the requirements of State Public Contract Code, Sections 7107 and 9203.

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

The purpose of the recommended actions is to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow Public Works to construct a groundwater well replacement, install approximately 1,000 feet of 8-inch diameter waterlines, construct a retention basin for the operational flushing of wells, electrical upgrades, and boundary fencing at the project site. The site is owned by Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley (WWD 40) and is in the City of Lancaster (see Enclosure A).

The proposed project will strengthen drought preparedness, reduce dependency on imported water supplies, and improve water system reliability for WWD 40 customers in the City of Lancaster.

It is anticipated the work will start in October 2025 and be completed in January 2027.

#### **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 of Los Angeles County residents.

### **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 \$3,400,000 and \$5,100,000 with a maximum construction contract cost to be 15 percent above this range. The total project cost is estimated to be \$8,300,000. 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 the proposed project is available in the WWD 40, Antelope Valley, Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund (N64 - Capital Asset - Infrastructure) for Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget. Funding for future years will be requested through the annual budget process.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) will reimburse up to \$873,000 to the District from the Special Appropriations Act Project grant program.

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

This proposed project will be advertised in accordance with Section 20602 of the State Public Contract Code.

State Public Contract Code Section 3400 allows a product to be designated by specific brand name for several purposes, one of which is in order to match other products in use on a particular public improvement either completed or in the course of completion, if the awarding authority makes a finding to the same effect and language is included in the Notice Inviting Bids.

A list of specific brand names and qualified purposes in accordance with the State Public Contract Code is provided in Enclosure B.

The proposed contract award will comply with applicable Federal and State requirements and Board policies and mandates. The contract documents would 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 the proposed 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.

On July 11, 2000, the Board approved guidelines for the acceptance of grants of \$100,000 or more. These guidelines include a requirement that County departments prepare a grant management statement for review before they carry out the activities covered under the grant.

In April 2015, the United States acting by and through the USEPA awarded \$873,000 to WWD 40 to implement a recycled waterline project. The USEPA agreed to cost share 55 percent of all approved budget period costs incurred, up to and not exceeding total Federal funding of \$873,000.

On January 5, 2021, the USEPA approved a technical correction that allowed the grant funding to be applied to the Avenue J-12 and 50th Street West Site Improvements Well 4 91 Project. On July 19, 2022, a grant extension was approved and will expire on July 31, 2026.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed project is exempt from CEQA. The project to construct a new groundwater well to replace and optimize the capacity of WWD 40 to produce its adjudicated groundwater rights and help meet the water demand within the area, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment, and which meets the criteria set forth in Section 15301 (a) and (b); Section 15302 (c); and Section 15303 (d) and (e) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1 (e) and (l); Class 2 (e); and Class 3 (b) and (c) 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.

Upon the Board's approval of the project, Public Works will file a Notice of Exemption with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and with the State Clearinghouse at the Office of Planning and Research in accordance with Section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code and will post the notice to its website in accordance with Section 21092.2.

## **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

In accordance with the Board's consolidated Local and Targeted Worker Hire Policy, the contract documents will require that at least 30 percent of the total California craft worker hours for construction of the project be performed by Local Residents and at least 10 percent be performed by Targeted Workers facing employment barriers.

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.

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.

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

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by strengthening water supply reliability and reducing dependency on imported water supplies, thereby increasing drought preparedness and protecting the health and safety of existing customers.

**CONCLUSION**

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

Respectfully submitted,



MARK PESTRELLA, PE

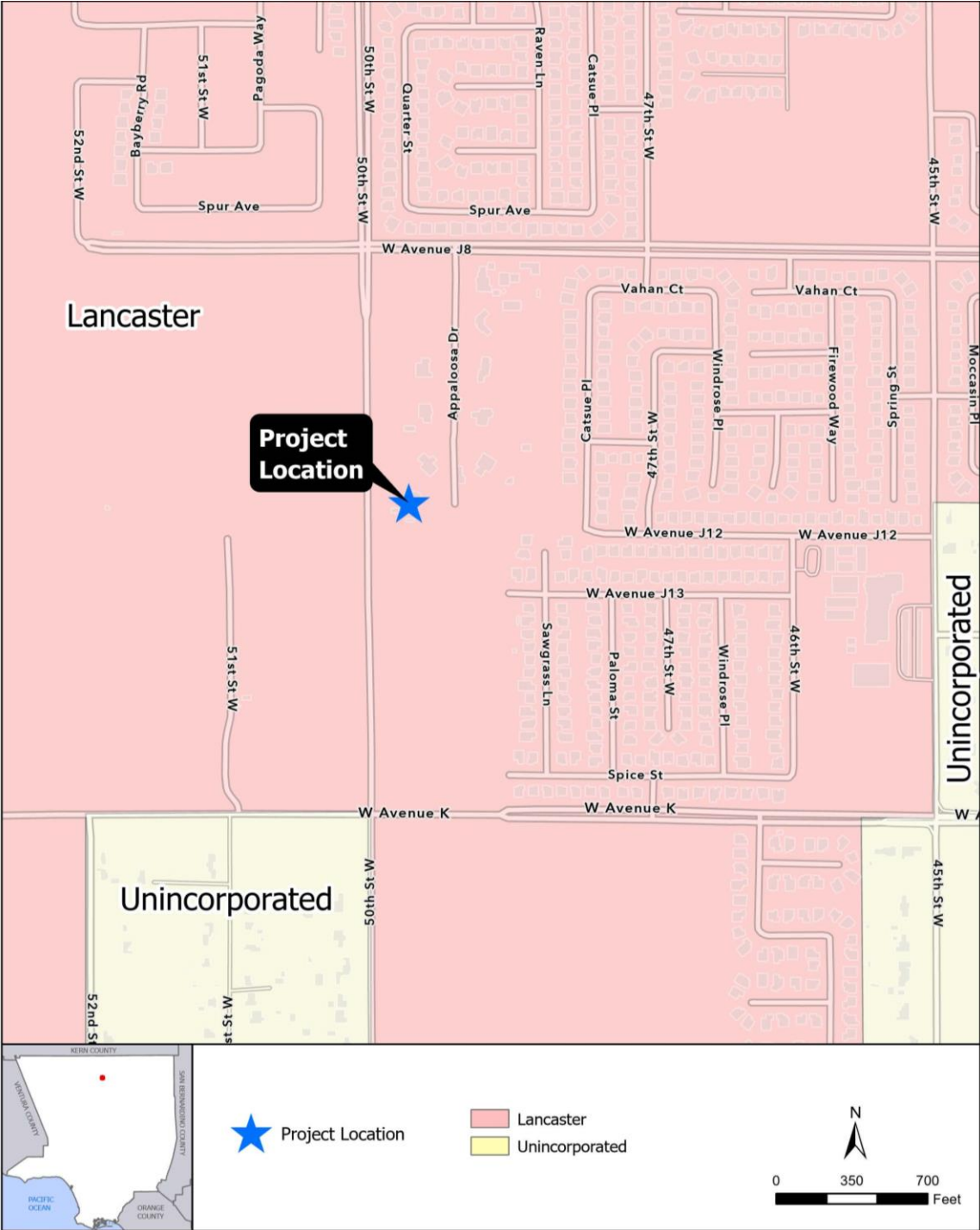
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Enclosures

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

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WELL 4-91**

**List of specific brand names in accordance with State Public Contract Code Section 3400**

	<b><u>Item/Category</u></b>	<b><u>Manufacturer</u></b>	<b><u>Model</u></b>	<b><u>PCC 3400 Justification*</u></b>	<b><u>Detailed Justification</u></b>
	Louver Screen/Shutter Screen	Roscoe Moss	Super-Flo	(2)	In order to match other products in use on County facilities either completed or in the course of completion.

\*(1) In order that a field test or experiment may be made to determine the product's suitability for future use. (2) In order to match other products in use on a particular public improvement either completed or in the course of completion. (3) In order to obtain a necessary item that is only available from one source. (4) (a) In order to respond to an emergency declared by a local agency, but only if the declaration is approved by a four-fifths vote of the governing board of the local agency issuing the Invitation for Bid or Request for Proposals; and (b) In order to respond to an emergency declared by the State, a State agency, or political subdivision of the State, but only if the facts setting forth the reasons for the finding of the emergency are contained in the public records of the authority issuing the Invitation for Bid or Request for Proposals.