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March 18, 2025

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

26 March 18, 2025

EDWARD YEN  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA  
EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO  
CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES FOR WINTERIZATION MEASURES  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Public Works is seeking Board authorization for the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to provide emergency financial assistance of up to \$2,000,000 to the City of Rancho Palos Verdes. The funds would be utilized by the City of Rancho Palos Verdes for emergency winterization measures to prevent potential damage from stormwater flows.

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

1. Find that the proposed authorization of funding to the City of Rancho Palos Verdes is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this letter and in the record of the proposed action.
2. Authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee to disburse a one-time emergency financial assistance payment of \$2,000,000 to the City of Rancho Palos Verdes as the Chief Engineer or his designee determines necessary and appropriate for the implementation of winterization measures to prevent potential damage from stormwater flows.

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

The purpose of the recommended actions is to find that the proposed payment to the City of Rancho Palos Verdes for implementation of winterization measures is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and to authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee to provide one-time financial assistance to the City of Rancho Palos Verdes in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 of \$2,000,000 for emergency winterization measures generally consisting of filling fissures, lining upper portions of select canyons, and installing drainage pipelines in select locations. The winterization measures are in furtherance of the District's mission to protect property within the District from stormwater-related damage and the District's watershed management objectives.

The City has indicated that it is critical to implement the winterization measures in or near the Greater Portuguese Bend-Ancient Altamira Landslide Complex and has asked the District for emergency financial assistance with these measures. The emergency financial assistance will continue to help advance the goals of the District through emergency management and strategic relationships with other cities and agencies.

## **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: North Star 2, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, Focus Area Goal D, Sustainability, Strategy i, Climate Health, by supporting the resilience of the local community and well-being of its residents.

## **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The District's proposed one-time contribution is \$2,000,000 in FY 2024-25. Funding for this contribution will be made available in the District Fund (B07 – Other Charges) FY 2024-25 budget.

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

The proposed financial assistance is within the scope of the statutory objectives and purposes of the District.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed provision of funding to the City is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(b) (4) and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15269 (c) because the activity includes specific actions necessary to prevent an emergency.

Upon the Board's approval of the recommended actions, Public Works will file a Notice of Exemption with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and State Clearinghouse at the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation in accordance with Section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code and will post the Notice of Exemption to the District's website pursuant to Section 21092.2.

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

There is no adverse impact on current services.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return an adopted copy of this Board letter to Public Works, Stormwater Planning Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Pestrella".

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Director

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