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May 13, 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:

**WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT  
FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(4-VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Public Works is seeking Board approval of appropriation adjustments to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District Funds Fiscal Year 2024-25 final adopted budgets to fund the Los Angeles County Flood Control District in emergency activities to support the recovery and critical Los Angeles County Flood Control District operations related to the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events including the Palisades Fire, Eaton Fire, Hurst Fire, Kenneth Fire, and multiple other fires.

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

1. Find that the appropriation adjustments to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District's Fiscal Year 2024-25 final adopted budgets is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the proposed activities.
2. Approve two appropriation adjustments to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District funds using \$55 million approved in the Measure W-Safe, Clean Water District Program Administration Fund to reimburse the Flood Control District fund for the approved Cogswell Reservoir Post-Fire Emergency Restoration project and the use of \$45 million obligated fund balances in the Flood Control District fund to provide expedited funding for Los Angeles Fires recovery and critical District operations.

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

The purpose of these recommended actions is to find that approval of the enclosed appropriation adjustments is not a project under from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and to approve the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 appropriation adjustments to fund ongoing emergency activities to support the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events including the Palisades Fire, Eaton Fire, Hurst Fire, Kenneth Fire, and multiple other fires (collectively Los Angeles County Fires) recovery and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District's core mission of providing flood risk management and water supply resiliency.

The Los Angeles County Fires burned over 47,000 acres, destroyed or damaged over 16,000 structures, and severely damaged or destroyed several public infrastructure assets in the Cities of Arcadia, Los Angeles, Malibu, Monrovia, Pasadena, and Sierra Madre and unincorporated communities of Altadena, Big Rock, Las Flores, Monte Nido, Sunset Mesa, and Tuna Canyon in January 2025.

Public Works, on behalf of the District, is performing approved emergency work to repair and maintain critical function of District dams, debris basins, and channels affected by the Los Angeles County Fires and subsequent mudflows from 2025 winter storms. The District is concurrently continuing to remove sediment from Cogswell, Santa Anita, and San Gabriel Reservoirs in response to mudflows following the 2020 Bobcat and 2024 Bridge Fires and conduct vital District operations, maintenance, repairs, and improvements.

Due to unforeseen Los Angeles County Fires expenses, the Flood Control District budget will need \$100 million in additional appropriation to fund emergency work and critical District operations. If approved, the District would use \$55 million approved from the Measure W-Safe, Clean Water District Program Administration Fund as authorized in the Los Angeles County Flood Control District Code, Chapter 16, Section 16.05.B, and Chapter 18, Section 18.05.B to reimburse the Flood Control District fund for the approved Cogswell Reservoir Post-Fire Emergency Restoration project and use \$45 million from various Flood Control District obligated fund balances to provide expedited funding for Los Angeles County Fires recovery and critical District operations.

## **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: North Star 3, Realize Tomorrow's Government Today, by strengthening our internal controls and processes while being cognizant of efficiency to continue good stewardship of the public trust and fiscal responsibility. Approval of these adjustments will promote continued support of emergency activities to recover from the Los Angeles County Fires and provide uninterrupted flood risk management and water supply resilience benefits to residents.

## **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

Approval of the enclosed appropriation adjustment would use \$55 million from the Measure W-Safe, Clean Water District Program Administration Fund (B42) to the Flood Control District fund (B07) to reimburse the Flood Control District fund for the approved Cogswell Reservoir Post-Fire Emergency Restoration project.

Approval of the enclosed appropriation adjustment would use \$45 million obligated fund balances, comprised of \$6 million committed for Pacoima Dam Sediment Removal project, \$12,501,000 committed for Sun Valley Watershed, and \$26,499,000 committed for Infrastructure and Facility Improvements to Services & Supplies in the District Flood fund (B07) to provide expedited funding for Los Angeles County Fires recovery and critical District operations.

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

Not Applicable.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The recommended actions are not subject to CEQA because they are activities that are excluded from the definition of a project by Section 21065 of the California Public Resources Code and Section 15378(b)(2) and (5) of the State CEQA Guidelines, which apply to continuing administrative or maintenance activities such as purchases of supplies or other government fiscal activities that do not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment and/or administrative activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. Approval of the recommended actions would not include approval of any specific project. Prior to implementing any activity that would be a project, Public Works will ensure that appropriate findings are recommended under CEQA.

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

Approval of the budget adjustments will allow uninterrupted flood risk management and water supply resilience benefits to residents.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return an adopted copy of this Board letter and the signed appropriation adjustments to Public Works, Stormwater Planning Division. Also, please forward one adopted copy of this Board letter and signed appropriation adjustments to the Auditor-Controller.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

5/13/2025

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Pestrella". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Pestrella".

MARK PESTRELLA, PE

Director

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Enclosures

c: Auditor-Controller (Asset Management)  
Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)  
County Counsel (Tiffany Shin)  
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

May 13, 2025

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

**REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

**AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:**

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HER RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

**ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFORE**

**FY 2024-25**

**4 - VOTES**

**SOURCES**

**USES**

MEASURE W-SCW DISTRICT PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION FUND  
 B42-PW-2000-47000  
 SERVICES & SUPPLIES  
**DECREASE APPROPRIATION** **55,000,000**

MEASURE W-SCW DISTRICT PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION FUND  
 B42-PW-6100-47000  
 OTHER FINANCING USES  
**INCREASE APPROPRIATION** **55,000,000**

PUBLIC WORKS - FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT  
 B07-PW-96-991C-47000  
 OPERATING TRANSFERS IN - MEASURE W/SAFE CLEAN WATER  
**INCREASE REVENUE** **55,000,000**

PUBLIC WORKS - FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT  
 B07-PW-2000-47000  
 SERVICES & SUPPLIES  
**INCREASE APPROPRIATION** **55,000,000**

**SOURCES TOTAL** **\$ 110,000,000**

**USES TOTAL** **\$ 110,000,000**

**JUSTIFICATION**

Reflects the use of \$55,000,000 from Measure W-SCW District Program Administration fund (B42) to reimburse the Flood Control District fund (B07) for the approved Cogswell Reservoir Post-Fire Emergency Restoration Project.

**AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE**

CLAUDIA PIROTTON, CHIEF B/FMD

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR---

ACTION

APPROVED AS REQUESTED

RECOMMENDATION  
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APPROVED AS REVISED

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

BY Turner

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

BY Christine Frias

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**ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFORE**

**FY 2024-25**

**4 - VOTES**

**SOURCES**

**USES**

**PUBLIC WORKS - FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT**  
B07-3069  
COMMITTED FOR PACOIMA DAM SEDIMENT REMOVAL PROJECT  
**DECREASE OBLIGATED FUND BALANCE** **6,000,000**

**PUBLIC WORKS - FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT**  
B07-PW-2000-47000  
SERVICES & SUPPLIES  
**INCREASE APPROPRIATION** **45,000,000**

**PUBLIC WORKS - FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT**  
B07-3063  
COMMITTED FOR SUN VALLEY WATERSHED  
**DECREASE OBLIGATED FUND BALANCE** **12,501,000**

**PUBLIC WORKS - FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT**  
B07-301L  
COMMITTED FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS  
**DECREASE OBLIGATED FUND BALANCE** **26,499,000**

**SOURCES TOTAL** **\$ 45,000,000**

**USES TOTAL** **\$ 45,000,000**

**JUSTIFICATION**

Reflects the use of \$45,000,000 obligated fund balance, comprised of \$6,000,000 of Committed for Pacoima Dam Sediment Removal Project, \$12,501,000 of Committed for Sun Valley Watershed, and \$26,499,000 of Committed for Infrastructure & Facility Improvements; offset by a corresponding increase in Services & Supplies in the Flood Control District fund to finance LA County Fires recovery and critical District operations.

**AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE**

CLAUDIA PIROTTON, CHIEF B/FMD

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

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RECOMMENDATION

BY **Andrea Turner**  
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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

BY **Christine Frias**  
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