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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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August 05, 2025

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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

EDWARD YEN  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA  
QUITCLAIM OF EASEMENTS  
FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT  
TO DUARTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PROJECT NO. 275-429 - CENTRAL DUARTE AND DUARTE PARK DRAIN  
PARCELS 1EXE, 2EXE, 19EXE, 20EXE, AND 21EXE  
IN THE CITY OF DUARTE  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)  
(3-VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Public Works is seeking Board approval to quitclaim its easements for a covered storm drain and appurtenant structures affecting Parcels 1EXE, 2EXE, 19EXE, 20EXE, and 21EXE related to Project No. 275-429 - Central Duarte and Duarte Park Drain, in the City of Duarte, from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to the underlying fee property owner, Duarte Unified School District.

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

1. Acting as a responsible agency, find that the proposed project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in the Board letter and in the record of the project.
2. Find that the easements for a covered storm drain and appurtenant structures affecting Parcels 1EXE, 2EXE, 19EXE, 20EXE, and 21EXE related to Project No. 275-429 - Central Duarte and Duarte Park Drain, in the City of Duarte, are no longer required for the purposes of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

3. Approve the quitclaim of easements for a covered storm drain and appurtenant structures affecting Parcels 1EXE, 2EXE, 19EXE, 20EXE, and 21EXE related to Project No. 275-429 - Central Duarte and Duarte Park Drain, in the City of Duarte, from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to the underlying fee property owner, Duarte Unified School District.

4. Delegate authority to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee to execute the Quitclaim of Easements document and authorize delivery to the Duarte Unified School District.

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

The purpose of the recommended actions is to find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) to quitclaim its easements for a covered storm drain and appurtenant structures affecting Parcels 1EXE, 2EXE, 19EXE, 20EXE, and 21EXE related to Project No. 275-429 - Central Duarte and Duarte Park Drain, in the City of Duarte, as shown on the enclosed map, to the underlying property owner, Duarte Unified School District (DUSD).

In 1960, LACFCD acquired easements to construct, operate, and maintain a covered storm drain and appurtenant structures related to Project No. 275-429 - Central Duarte and Duarte Park Drain. In 2024, the covered storm drain was relocated and DUSD granted a new easement to LACFCD along a new alignment resulting in the original easements no longer being required by LACFCD.

The quitclaim of easements was requested by DUSD and they will benefit from the quitclaim as it will allow them to develop their property.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: North Star 3, Realize Tomorrow's Government Today, Focus Area Goal G, Internal Controls and Processes, Strategy ii, Manage and Maximize County Assets, by allowing LACFCD to quitclaim its easements, which will eliminate potential liability to LACFCD.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact on the County General Fund.

There will be no monetary consideration for the quitclaim of easements since DUSD granted LACFCD a replacement easement in exchange for the quitclaim of easements.

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

The proposed quitclaim of easements is authorized by Section 2, Subsection 13, of the Los Angeles County Flood Control Act. This section states the following: "The Los Angeles County Flood Control District is hereby declared to be a body corporate and politic, and has all the following powers...13. To lease, sell or dispose of any property (or any interest therein) whenever in the judgment of the board of supervisors of the property, or any interest therein or part thereof, is no longer required for the purposes of the district, or may be leased for any purpose without interfering with the use of the same for the purposes of the district..."

County Counsel will approve the Quitclaim of Easements document as to form prior to execution and it will be recorded.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The project is exempt from CEQA. The project, which is the quitclaim of easements of the subject property due to the minor realignment work of stormwater and sewer line segments, is within a class of projects that has been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301 (b), 15302 (c), and 15304 of the CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1(e), 2(e), and 4 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. This applies to the operation, repair, minor alteration, replacement, or reconstruction of existing public structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment involving negligible or no expansion of use. In addition, based on the proposed project records, it will comply with all applicable regulations; and it is not in a sensitive environment; there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, or 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.

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

There will be no impact on current services or projects.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to Public Works, Survey/Mapping & Property Management Division.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director

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Enclosures

c: Auditor-Controller (Accounting Division–Asset Management)  
Chief Executive Office (Christine Frias)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

**QUITCLAIM OF EASEMENTS IN  
PROJECT NO. 275-429 - CENTRAL DUARTE AND DUARTE PARK DRAIN  
CITY OF DUARTE**

**SUP. DISTRICT 5**

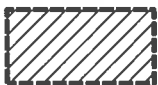
Parcel Nos. 1EXE and 20EXE  
Area = 4,974 ± Sq. Ft.

**AIN 8530-021-905**

Parcel Nos. 2EXE,  
19EXE and 21EXE  
Area = 1,174 ± Sq. Ft.



**Legend:**



Quitclaim of LACFCD Easements to the  
Duarte Unified School District  
Project No. 275-429 Parcel Nos. 1EXE and 2EXE  
Duarte Park Drain Parcel Nos. 19EXE, 20EXE, & 21EXE

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