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August 05, 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

16 August 5, 2025

EDWARD YEN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA
ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
PROJECT ID NO. WWD2900091
LOWER ENCINAL PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS
IN THE CITY OF MALIBU
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3)
(4-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 Lower Encinal Pump Station Improvements project in the City of Malibu.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 29, MALIBU:**

1. Find that the proposed project, and related actions, are 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 project and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file with Public Works' Project Management Division III for the Lower Encinal Pump Station Improvements project at an estimated construction contract cost between \$2,300,000 and \$3,500,000.
3. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board to advertise for bids in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement that are to be received before 11 a.m. on September 9, 2025, in accordance with the Notice Inviting Bids.

4. Find pursuant to California Public Contract Code, Section 3400 (c) (2), 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 apparent lowest responsive bid is, in fact, responsive and, if not responsive, to determine which apparent responsible contractor submitted the apparent lowest responsive bid.
6. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to award and execute a construction contract for the Lower Encinal Pump Station Improvements project with the apparent responsible contractor with the apparent lowest responsive bid within or less than the estimated cost range of \$2,300,000 and \$3,500,000 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 California Public Contract Code, Section 4104.5; (b) allow substitution of subcontractors and relief of bidders upon demonstration of the grounds set forth in California 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 California 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 California Public Contract Code, Sections 7107 and 9203.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to find that the proposed project, and related actions, are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow Public Works to replace the existing pump station building, modify existing pumps, and construct improvements for the connection of a portable generator. The site is operated and maintained by the Los Angeles County Waterworks District, No. 29, Malibu and is in the City of Malibu (see Enclosure A).

The proposed project was initiated in response to the 2018 Woolsey Fire as part of the resolution passed by the Board on December 4, 2018, which authorized Public Works to repair water supply facilities and construct new facilities to maintain and safeguard services essential to life, public health, safety, and welfare. The pump station upgrades will directly benefit the customers of the District by increasing the efficiency of the pump station and allowing for a more effective and reliable water supply.

It is anticipated the work will start in the third quarter of 2026 and be completed in the first quarter of 2028.

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 \$2,300,000 to \$3,500,000 with a maximum construction contract cost to be within 15 percent above this range. The total project cost is estimated to be \$5,900,000. 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 this project is included in the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu, Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund (N33-Capital Assets-Infrastructure) Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget. Funding for future costs will be requested through the annual budget process.

The United States Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will reimburse up to \$437,988 to the District from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

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

California 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 California Public Contract Code is provided in Enclosure B.

The contract award will comply with applicable Federal and California requirements and Board policies and mandates. The contract documents will 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 award of this proposed contract will be available at Los Angeles County Public Works, Project Management Division III, 900 South Fremont Avenue, 8th Floor, Alhambra, CA 91803.

Effective June 7, 2023, Countywide Community Workforce Agreement applies to projects with an estimated construction contract value of \$5,000,000 or greater. Provisions of the Countywide Community Workforce Agreement will not be applied to this contract as the estimated construction contract value is below the threshold.

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.

On July 13, 2021, the United States acting by and through FEMA awarded \$437,988 to the District for the backup generator for the project. FEMA agreed to cost-share 75 percent of all approved budget period costs incurred, up to, and not exceeding, total Federal funding of \$437,988. On June 25, 2024, a grant extension was approved and will expire on January 3, 2026.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project is exempt from CEQA. The project to replace the existing pump station building and modify existing pumps is within a class of projects that has been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and are statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to California Public Resources Code, Section 21080 (b) (2) and (4); and State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15269 (b) and (c); because the project is in response to the damage caused by the Woolsey Fire and the resolution passed by the Board on December 4, 2018, which authorized Public Works to repair water supply facilities and construct new facilities to maintain and safeguard services essential to life, public health, safety, and welfare. Additionally, the proposed project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Sections 15301 (a) and (b); 15302 (c); and 15303 (d) and (e) of the State CEQA Guidelines; and Classes 1 (d), (e), and (l); 2 (c) and (e); and 3 (c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, which apply to repair and minor alteration of existing facilities, replacements to the existing Lower Encinal Pump Station, a water system facility, and installation of new equipment. The proposed work will result in negligible expansion of use, and replacement features at the site will have the same purpose and capacity. 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 recommended actions, Public Works will file a Notice of Exemption with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and with the State Clearinghouse at the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation in accordance with California Public Resources Code, Section 21152, 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, contract solicitations will be advertised through web-based and social media platforms.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by strengthening water supply reliability and mitigating emergencies, thereby, protecting the health and safety of existing customers.

CONCLUSION

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

Respectfully submitted,



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Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Christine Frias)
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
Internal Services (Countywide Contract
Compliance)

ENCLOSURE A
August 5, 2025

LOWER ENCINAL PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS
PROJECT IN NO. WWD2900091



PROJECT NAME: Lower Encinal Pump Station Improvement

PROJECT ID NO.: WWD2900091

List of specific brand names in accordance with California Public Contract Code Section 3400:

Item/Category	Manufacturer	Model	Public Contract Code 3400 Justification*	Detailed Justification
Mobile Generator	HIPOWER	HRIW-70 T4F	2	Sole source required for consistency with existing equipment, replacement parts, and institutional knowledge regarding repairs and maintenance. Alternate products would negatively impact overall efficiency, system reliability, and operation and maintenance costs.

*(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.