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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

Dear Supervisors:

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA
DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
PROJECT ID NO. WWD2900082
ENCINAL CANYON ROAD EMERGENCY INTERCONNECTION
IN THE CITY OF MALIBU AND IN THE UNINCORPORATED
COMMUNITY OF TOPANGA
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3)
(4-VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to carry out the accelerated delivery of the Encinal Canyon Road Emergency Interconnection project, including delegated authority to adopt plans and specifications, advertise for bids, and award and execute a construction contract in the City of Malibu and in the unincorporated community of Topanga.

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

1. Certify that the Addendum to the previously certified District No. 29 Priority Capital Deficiencies Improvements Environmental Impact Report for the Encinal Canyon Road Emergency Interconnection project (analyzed in the Final Environmental Impact Report under the name Emergency Source of Water Supply Connection [Las Virgenes Connection] Project) has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the County; find that the Board has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Addendum with the Final Environmental Impact Report prior to approving the project, and approve the Addendum.

2. Approve the Encinal Canyon Road Emergency Interconnection project with an estimated construction contract cost between \$4,200,000 and \$6,300,000 and a total project cost estimated to be \$9,000,000.
3. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to adopt the plans and specifications for the Encinal Canyon Road Emergency Interconnection project.
4. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to instruct the Executive Officer of the Board to advertise for bids in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement with the Notice Inviting Bids when ready to advertise this project.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to award and execute a construction contract for the Encinal Canyon Road Emergency Interconnection project with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within or less than the estimated cost range of \$4,200,000 and \$6,300,000 or that exceeds the estimated cost range by no more than 15 percent, if additional funds have been identified.
8. 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 approve an Addendum to a previously certified Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and allow Public Works to install 7,200-feet of 12-inch-diameter ductile iron pipe along Encinal Canyon Road that will connect to Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD) (see Enclosure A). This revised project will benefit customers of Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu, in the City of Malibu.

This project is necessary to revitalize water infrastructure and provide an additional source of water during emergencies. Once completed, the emergency interconnection between LVMWD and the District's water systems will enhance the District's system reliability and improve emergency preparedness. During a natural disaster or other emergency, the District may request emergency water supplies from LVMWD, and LVMWD would provide emergency water supplies after fulfilling its

customers' demands. The interconnection will also assist LVMWD in providing water quality maintenance for portions of its system.

It is anticipated the work will start in the fourth 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 proposed project is in the range of \$4,200,000 and \$6,300,000 with a maximum construction contract cost to be within 15 percent of this range. The total project cost is estimated to be \$9,000,000. 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 available in the District's Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund (N33–Capital Assets–Infrastructure) Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget. Funding for future years will be requested through the annual budget process.

The State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR) will reimburse up to \$1,000,000 to the District from the Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program. Additionally, the United States Federal Emergency Management Agency will reimburse up to \$4,893,885 to the District from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The proposed project would be advertised in accordance with Section 20602 of the California Public Contract Code.

California Public Contract Code, Section 3400 (c) (2), allows a product to be designated by specific brand name for several purposes, one of which is 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. The Notice Inviting Bids includes language describing this finding.

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 State 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 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.

Effective June 7, 2023, Countywide Community Workforce Agreement (CWA) applies to projects with an estimated construction contract value of \$5,000,000 or greater. Provisions of the CWA will not be applied to this contract if the estimated construction contract value is below the threshold. Provisions of the CWA will be applied to this contract if the estimated construction contract value is above the threshold. The contractor and all subcontractors must comply with all terms and conditions of the Countywide CWA which, among other things, increases work opportunities for those seeking to start a new career in the construction industry and promotes the hiring of underrepresented individuals on the project.

On January 11, 2022, the Board approved guidelines for the acceptance of grants up to \$5,000,000. These guidelines include a requirement that Public Works prepare a grant management statement for review before they carry out the activities covered under the grant.

DWR awarded \$1,000,000 to the District from the Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program to construct the project under the name Emergency Source of Water Supply Connection (Las Virgenes Connection). DWR will reimburse eligible costs in accordance with program guidelines, up to and not exceeding the total awarded amount of \$1,000,000. Additionally, the United States Federal Emergency Management Agency will reimburse up to \$4,893,885 to the District from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to construct the project under the name Los Angeles County Encinal Canyon Seismic Emergency Water Source Supply Connection.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The recommended actions are within the scope of the project in the previously certified Final District No. 29 Priority Capital Deficiencies Improvements EIR. The proposed Encinal Canyon Road Emergency Interconnection project is within the assumptions for construction and operation analyzed in the Final EIR. The District reviewed the updates to the project's original scope, including additional pipeline installation and an alternate staging area, and determined that these updates are not substantial and considered minor technical changes to the scope described in the Final EIR. As the lead agency, the District determined that none of the conditions in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Sections 15162-15164, would occur that would require preparation of a subsequent, supplemental, or an addendum to the EIR or further environmental documentation under CEQA. The Monitoring and Mitigation Reporting Program adopted with the certified Final EIR will continue to apply and is incorporated in the proposed project. As applicable, the Monitoring and Mitigation Reporting Program ensures that all environmental impacts remain less than significant,

and no new or substantially more severe impacts would occur than those analyzed in the certified Final EIR. There are no changes that require further review under CEQA.

Upon the Board's approval of the project, Public Works will file a Notice of Determination with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in accordance with Section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code and will post the notice to the County's website in accordance with Section 21092.2. The required fee to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife was paid for the previously certified EIR.

The previously certified Final EIR is available and can be viewed at 1000 South Fremont Avenue, Building A9-E, 4th Floor, Alhambra, CA 91803, as well as <https://pw.lacounty.gov/core-service-areas/uploads/2024/02/Final-EIR.pdf>. The location of the documents and other materials constituting the record of the proceedings upon which the Board's decision is based in this matter is <https://pw.lacounty.gov/wwd/web/SystemImprovements/DistrictNo29.aspx>.

The custodian of such documents and materials is the Civil Engineer for the Capital Projects unit in Waterworks Division.

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>

Additionally, the contract solicitation will be advertised through web-based and social media platforms.

In order to increase opportunities for small businesses, Public Works will be offering preference to Local Small Business Enterprises in compliance with Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.204.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by enhancing services in the area by connecting the region to LVMWD, allowing for additional water supply during emergencies. This will allow the community to be better prepared for emergencies such as wildfires. Additionally, this project will improve water quality for LVMWD customers.

CONCLUSION

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

Respectfully submitted,



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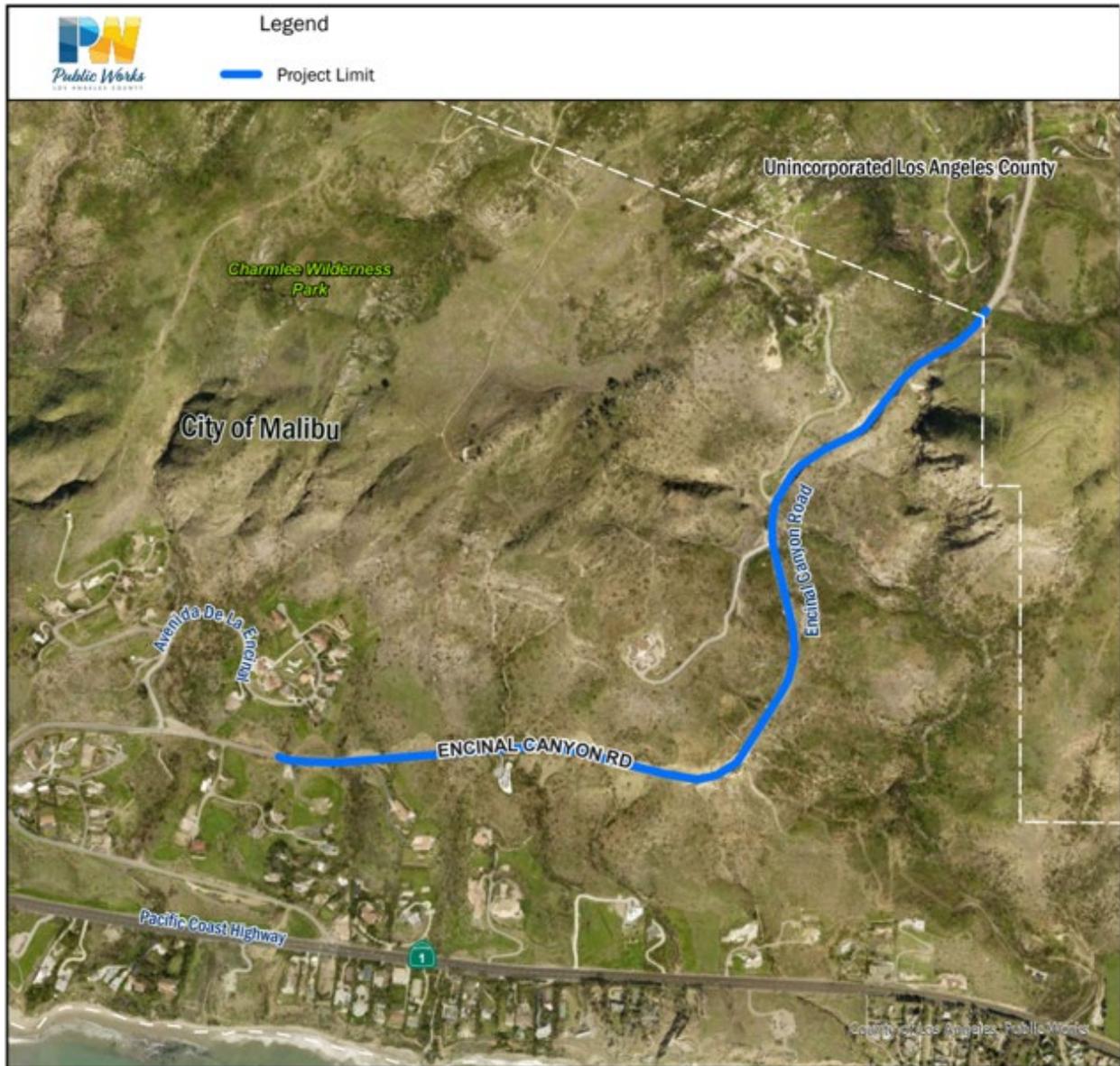
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Enclosures

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

ENCINAL CANYON ROAD EMERGENCY INTERCONNECTION
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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
1.	8-inch Pressure Reducing Valve	Cla-Val	90G-01BCSYPKC DBX D/S	(2)	Waterworks Division (WWD) staff are trained with, and only use, Cla-Val products. WWD only carries these valves in its maintenance inventory.
2.	8-inch Pressure Reducing Valve	Cla-Val	49G-03MODGABC SYPKCDBX D/S	(2)	WWD staff are trained with, and only use, Cla-Val products. WWD only carries these valves in its maintenance inventory.
3.	2-inch Pressure Relief & Sustaining Valve	Cla-Val	50G-01BPKCDBX DS	(2)	WWD staff are trained with, and only use, Cla-Val products. WWD only carries these valves in its maintenance inventory.
4.	2-inch Pressure Reducing Valve	Cla-Val	49G-03MODGABC SYPKCDBX D/S	(2)	WWD staff are trained with, and only use, Cla-Val products. WWD only carries these valves in its maintenance inventory.
5.	2-inch Pressure Reducing Valve	Cla-Val	90G-01BCSYPKC DBX D/S	(2)	WWD staff are trained with, and only use, Cla-Val products. WWD only carries these valves in its maintenance inventory.

ENCLOSURE B
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6.	2-inch HP Turbine Meter	Neptune	High Performance Turbine Meter, ProCoder V5 R900i, CF with 6-foot antenna	(2)	Specific meter requested by Las Virgenes Municipal Water District due to interconnection with their agency.
7.	8-inch HP Turbine Meter	Neptune	High Performance Turbine Meter, ProCoder V5 R900i, CF with 6-foot antenna	(2)	Specific meter requested by Las Virgenes Municipal Water District due to interconnection with their agency.
8.	Standard Pressure Water Meter	Neptune	T-10 w/ R900 meter interface unit (MIU)	(2)	WWD staff are trained with, and use, the Neptune Meter for customer water service connections and to maintain uniformity of meter type used throughout the District.

*(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.