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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
ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
PROJECT ID NO. WRDM000062
DEVIL'S GATE SOUTHEAST ENTRANCE IMPROVEMENTS
IN THE CITY OF PASADENA
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3-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 Devil's Gate Southeast Entrance Improvements project in the City of Pasadena.

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

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 in Public Works' Project Management Division III for the Devil's Gate Southeast Entrance Improvements project at an estimated construction contract cost between \$1,200,000 and \$1,800,000.
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 July 14, 2026, in accordance with the Notice Inviting Bids.

4. Delegate authority to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District 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.
5. Delegate authority to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee to award and execute a construction contract for the Devil's Gate Southeast Entrance Improvements project with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within or less than the estimated cost range of \$1,200,000 and \$1,800,000.
6. Delegate to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District 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 Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee under California Public Contract Code, Section 20998; (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); approve the project; and allow Public Works to perform improvements at the Devil's Gate southeast entrance by means of landscaping improvements, fencing and gate installation, building abatement and removal, driveway reconfiguration, public walkway construction, and other appurtenant work (see enclosed map). The project would be constructed in response to a commitment to the community as part of the Devil's Gate Reservoir Sediment Removal Settlement Agreement, approved by the Board on July 7, 2020. The proposed project would enhance visual appeal by upgrading the entry with natural materials and native landscaping, improve public access to Hahamongna Watershed Park and trails, and expand functionality for maintenance operations.

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 \$1,200,000 and \$1,800,000. The total cost is estimated to be \$3,317,000. 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 Flood Control District Fund (B07 – Capital Assets - Infrastructure) Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This project will be advertised in accordance with Section 20991 of the California Public Contract Code.

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.

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.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project is exempt from CEQA. The project, which includes demolition of two appurtenant buildings (office and garage), abatement and removal of building debris, restoration of one remaining structure (outhouse), installation of prefabricated building to replace demolished garage, landscaping and irrigation improvements, driveway configuration, street striping enhancements, and the installation of fencing and gate, public walkway, signage, and information kiosk, is within a class of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and meet the criteria set forth in Sections 15301 (c), (d), (h), and (l); 15302 (a); 15304 (a); and 15311 (a) and (b) of the CEQA Guidelines; and Class 1 (c), (d), (h), and (l); 2 (a); 4 (a); and 11 (a) and (b) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, since the project consists of minor repair and alteration of an existing public facility with negligible or no expansion of use, replacement of features at the site with the same purpose and capacity, and minor alteration to land and accessory structures. 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 project and related actions, Public Works will file a Notice of Exemption with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and with the State Clearinghouse in the Office

of Land Use and Climate Innovation in accordance with California Public Resources Code, Section 21152, and will post the notice to Public Works' 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 LA County" and "Do Business with Public Works" websites for open bids:

<https://lacounty.gov/business/doing-business-with-la-county/>

<https://dpw.lacounty.gov/contracts/opportunities.aspx>

Additionally, contract solicitations 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 restoring the landscape and improving access to visitors at the southeast entrance of the reservoir.

It is anticipated that construction work will start in November 2026 and be completed in May 2027. Pedestrian access will be limited for the duration of construction. Public Works has been gathering community input and providing updates throughout the project development and no concerns are expected.

CONCLUSION

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mark Pestrella".

MARK PESTRELLA, PE

Director

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Enclosures

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

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Legend

- ★ Project Location
- 1045 La Canada Verdugo Rd
Pasadena CA 91103