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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:

**WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA
QUITCLAIM OF EASEMENT
FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
TO COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION
IN THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3-VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to quitclaim its easement for ingress and egress purposes affecting Parcel 1EXE related to Private Drain No. 1133, located in the City of Santa Clarita, from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to the underlying fee property owner, Costco Wholesale Corporation. The proposed quitclaim of easement was requested by Costco Wholesale Corporation.

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 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the project.
2. Find that the easement for ingress and egress purposes affecting Parcel 1EXE related to Private Drain No. 1133, located in the City of Santa Clarita, is no longer required for the purposes of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

3. Approve the project, which is the quitclaim of easement for ingress and egress purposes affecting Parcel 1EXE related to Private Drain No. 1133, located in the City of Santa Clarita, from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to the underlying fee property owner, Costco Wholesale Corporation.

4. Delegate authority to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee to execute the Quitclaim of Easement document and authorize delivery to Costco Wholesale Corporation.

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 to allow the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to quitclaim its easement for ingress and egress purposes affecting Parcel 1EXE related to Private Drain No. 1133, located in the City of Santa Clarita, as shown on the enclosed map, to the underlying fee owner, Costco Wholesale Corporation.

In 1991, the District acquired an easement for ingress and egress purposes through Tract No. 50484. Costco requested the quitclaim of easement for ingress and egress purposes for the completion of their Fueling Facility Project. In exchange for the quitclaim, Costco granted the District a replacement easement; therefore, the subject parcel lies outside the required right of way and the original easement is no longer needed.

Costco will benefit from the quitclaim as it will provide improved access to their property for the completion of their Fueling Facility Project, while the District will benefit by retaining access to Private Drain No. 1133.

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 the District to relinquish the easement since a replacement easement will be granted over the new alignment, which will help optimize operational efficiencies.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

There will be no monetary consideration for the quitclaim of easement since Costco granted the District a replacement easement in exchange for the quitclaim.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The proposed quitclaim 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 judgement 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 Easement document as to form prior to execution and it will be recorded.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

As a responsible agency, with respect to the proposed project, which is the quitclaim of easement, the District reviewed the exemption determination of the City of Santa Clarita, the lead agency for the Fueling Facility Project, and found that the Fueling Facility Project is exempt pursuant to Section 15332 of the CEQA Guidelines. The District is a responsible agency because the Fueling Facility Project requires the District to quitclaim its easement for ingress and egress purposes, which consists of demolishing the existing fueling station and providing new parking and landscaping. The City approved the Fueling Facility Project on March 24, 2026.

In addition, based on the proposed project record, it will comply with all applicable regulations; it is not in a sensitive environment; there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, or listing on hazardous waste sites complied pursuant to California Government Code, Section 65962.5; or indications that the project 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 significant 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Pestrella". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" and last name "Pestrella" clearly distinguishable.

MARK PESTRELLA, PE

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

PRIVATE DRAIN NO. 1133
CITY OF SANTA CLARITA

SANTA PAULA FWY

PARCEL NO. 1EXE
AREA = 2,456± SQ FT

A.I.N. 2842-026-039

SUP. DISTRICT 5

VIA PRINCESSA



LEGEND:



QUITCLAIM OF LACFCD EASEMENT
PARCEL NO. 1EXE



COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION
(REQUESTOR)

File: Private Drain No. 1133



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