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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

CONSTRUCTION-RELATED CONTRACTS
WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA
SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM AMOUNT FOR THE ON-CALL EMERGENCY
WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM REPAIR PROGRAM
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3-VOTES)

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to supplement the not-to-exceed program amount of the On-call Emergency Water Distribution System Repair Program services for water facilities owned, operated, or administered by the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts and County of Los Angeles.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICTS AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES:

1. Find that the proposed action is not a project under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter.

2. Approve supplementing the not-to-exceed aggregate program amount of $5.25 million by an additional $2 million for On-call Emergency Water Distribution System Repair Program services.

3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts to perform work as necessary and as authorized by California Public Contract Code Section 22050, August 22, 2006, and February 5, 2019, resolutions of the Board of Supervisors, delegating authority to order emergency work to the Director of Public Works or his designee.

4. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute the respective amendments upon proper execution by the contractors and approval as to form by County Counsel.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to supplement the aggregated not-to-exceed program amount of the contracts with Cedro Construction, Inc.; Mike Bubalo Construction Co., Inc.; and W.A. Rasic Construction Company, Inc. to provide on-call emergency repair services by an additional $2 million, from $5.25 million to $7.25 million.

Public Works has expended nearly half of the annual program amount during the current contract year due to an unexpected increase in emergency repair work.

In anticipation of additional work resulting from unforeseen emergencies, Public Works is requesting approval of the recommended action to increase the annual not-to-exceed program amount for the on-call emergency water distribution system repair services contracts by an additional $2 million to ensure continued emergency response capability throughout the County.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: North Star 2, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, Focus Area Goal D, Sustainability, Strategy iv, Environmental Justice, by facilitating timely maintenance and emergency repairs to critical water infrastructure and helping ensure the reliable delivery of clean and safe water to County residents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The three contracts, which went into effect on March 30, 2023, are each for an initial 3-year period with two 1-year renewal options for an annual program amount of $1,000,000 (allocated among the three contracts), and aggregate program amount of $5 million, with an additional 25 percent supplemental contingency amount for each annual term.

The contracts are currently in their first optional renewal term, with one additional option year remaining. On October 30, 2025, pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board, the annual not-to-exceed program amount was increased by 25 percent, from $1 million to $1.25 million. This increased the contracts' total not-to-exceed aggregate program amount from $5 million to $5.25 million.

The proposed $2 million supplemental increase to the aggregate program amount, or $1 million supplemental increase annually for 2 years, will increase the current annual amount by an additional $1 million (i.e., a total amount of $2 million for the two optional years), and thus increasing the aggregate program amount from $5.25 million to $7.25 million. Funding for the additional supplemental amount is available in the various Public Works Funds (Services and Supplies) Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Upon approval of this recommendation, a standard amendment, approved by County Counsel, supplementing the program amount of each contract, will be executed with each contractor under this program. The amendments will contain terms and conditions in compliance with the Chief Executive Office and the Board's requirements.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 21065 of the California Public Resources Code and Section 15378(b) of the CEQA Guidelines.

The proposed action to approve the supplemental funding for on-call emergency-related service contracts is an administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect changes to the environment.

As work is identified under the contracts, prior to authorizing any work to be performed, the Director of Public Works or his designee will determine whether the work is exempt under CEQA and will proceed with such work only upon making appropriate findings of exemption. Public Works will return to the Board, as necessary, to recommend approval and findings under CEQA for any activity that is not exempt prior to implementation of project activities.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On March 7, 2023, Agenda Item 40, the Board approved the award of the On-Call Emergency Water Distribution System Repair Program to Cedro Construction, Inc.; Mike Bubalo Construction Co., Inc.; and W.A. Rasic Construction Company, Inc.

All terms, conditions, requirements, and specifications of the contracts will remain unchanged. Pursuant to the previously referenced August 22, 2006, resolution, authorizing the Director of Public Works to order emergency work for water distribution systems within the various Waterworks Districts, and February 5, 2019, resolution, authorizing the Director of Public Works to order emergency work for water distribution systems owned, operated, or administered by the County. The Director has the authority to take specified actions relative to emergencies, including issuing work under these contracts in compliance with California Public Contract Code Section 22050.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects by recommending supplementing the program amount. Approval of this recommendation will allow for the continuation of on-call emergency-related services.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to Public Works, Waterworks Division.

Respectfully submitted,

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