

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2024**

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 3**

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE AND AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT MAJOR MAINTENANCE PROJECTS (HAPPY WAY N, CASA DE LA TORRE CT, BURKSHIRE PL) AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION (DISTRICTS: 2 & 4)**

**OVERVIEW**

The San Diego County Flood Control District (FCD) operates and maintains FCD facilities within the unincorporated areas of San Diego County, including approximately 80 open channels, and more than 1,900 storm drain facilities, such as catch basins, underground pipes, and culverts. These facilities convey water to protect homes, businesses, and residences from flooding.

The maintenance of the flood control system and associated facilities is vital for the protection of public health and safety and for keeping our waterways clean and safe. Recurring maintenance minimizes the chance of pipe failures, allows for efficient transport of stormwater, and reduces impacts to the community by extending the useful life of the system. The maintenance activities include regular inspections of the drainage system and annual cleaning to remove sediment, vegetation, and debris. If deficiencies are identified, they are documented in inspection logs and added to a list of flood control facility locations for repair. The list is prioritized based on the severity of the deficiency and the risk to safety, health, and property. The Flood Control major maintenance project list includes projects located throughout all areas of the district. Due to funding constraints, the annual repairs are limited to two to three of the highest priority projects. This year, the three proposed flood control major maintenance projects are located in the communities of Lakeside and Valle De Oro which are included in the Flood Control District Major Maintenance Projects.

This is a request to approve the advertisement and subsequent construction contract award to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for three Flood Control District Major Maintenance Projects. If approved, construction costs are estimated to be \$600,000, including contingencies, for a total cost of \$750,000. Construction is scheduled to begin in fall 2024 and be complete in early 2025. The funding source is available prior year fund balance in the San Diego County Flood Control District.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Find in accordance with Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) that the Project is categorically exempt from CEQA review because it involves the maintenance of existing storm drain culverts involving negligible or no expansion of existing use and replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.
2. Authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to take any action necessary to advertise and award a contract and to take other action authorized by Section 401 et se., of the Administrative Code with respect to contracting for the Construction Contract for the Project.

3. Designate the Director, Department of Public Works, as the County Officer responsible for administering the construction contract, in accordance with Board Policy F-41, Public Works Construction Projects.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The San Diego County Flood Control District strives to preserve, enhance, and promote quality of life and environmental resources through the implementation of projects that improve flood control facilities. Maintaining the flood control system and associated facilities provides equitable benefits for communities by reducing flood risks, maintaining property values, ensuring public safety, and protecting environmental quality. Properly functioning culverts effectively channel floodwater, protecting property and infrastructure throughout the unincorporated area. By ensuring the flood control system functions correctly, communities can mitigate flood risks and keep everyone safe. Proper flood control system maintenance helps reduce flood risks and safeguard the environment for everyone.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Maintaining existing flood control facilities has economic, environmental, health and well-being, and sustainability benefits. Maintaining flood control facilities in a timely manner prevents more costly future maintenance efforts, thereby reducing environmental impacts and supporting economic sustainability. The flood control system rehabilitation proposed in this action will enhance water quality by effectively channeling floodwater to minimize disruption of the environment. The improvements will also help prevent erosion and flooding which contributes to the County of San Diego's sustainability goal of protecting ecosystems and habitats.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Operational Plan for the Department of Public Works (DPW) Flood Control District (District). If approved, construction costs for these three Flood Control District Major Maintenance Projects are estimated to be \$600,000, including contingency, for a total cost of \$750,000. The funding source is available prior year Flood Control District Fund fund balance. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

County of San Diego construction contracts are competitively and publicly bid and help stimulate the local economy by creating construction-related employment opportunities. All workers employed on public works projects must be paid the prevailing wages determined by the Department of Industrial Relations, according to the type of work and location of the project. The prevailing wage rates are usually based on rates specified in collective bargaining agreements. A skilled and trained workforce requirement will be included in the contract in compliance with the County's Working Families Ordinance requirements for County construction projects.

### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Director Desmond, seconded by Director Anderson, the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Flood Control District took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

ABSENT: Vargas

State of California)  
County of San Diego)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Flood Control District.

ANDREW POTTER  
Clerk of the Board of Directors



**Signed**  
by Andrew Potter

