

SUBMITTAL TO THE FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS **COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: General Manager-Chief Engineer

SUBMITTAL DATE: September 15, 2015

SUBJECT:

Request for Delegation of Authority to General Manager-Chief Engineer

to Authorize Utility Adjustments and Relocations up to the Amount of \$200,000

All Districts, District Funds 100%

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

Authorize the General Manager-Chief Engineer or his designee to execute necessary paper work and authorize payments to utility owners for necessary utility adjustments and relocations up to the amount of \$200,000 per occurrence.

BACKGROUND:

Summary

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	(per Exec. Office)			
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SOURCE OF FUNDS: See Page 2 Budget Adjustment: No								

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SUBMITTAL TO THE FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FORM 11: Request for Delegation of Authority to General Manager-Chief Engineer to Authorize Utility

Adjustments and Relocations up to the Amount of \$200,000; All Districts, District Funds 100%

DATE: September 15, 2015

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BACKGROUND:

Summary (continued)

As a part of the cooperative agreement for the District's capital improvement projects, both the County of Riverside and Cities within the County typically agree to order the relocation of all utilities installed by permit or franchise within County or City rights of way which conflict with the construction of projects and which must be relocated at the utility owner's expense. However, the District typically bears the relocation cost of conflicting utilities, which are either located outside of public rights of way or cannot be ordered to be relocated by County or City at utility owner's expense.

In cases where the District has determined it is advantageous to relocate the conflicting utility prior to project construction, the utility owner is often the entity best suited to design and construct the utility relocation in the most cost effective and timely manner. Also, for some utility owners (e.g., Southern California Edison and The Gas Company) the facilities and associated work is proprietary. These owners will not allow other entities or contractors to relocate their facilities.

In September 2010 the Board of Supervisors authorized the General Manager-Chief Engineer to make relocation payments of up to \$100,000. Over the past five years, there have been a number of instances where planned relocation costs have exceeded \$100,000 (i.e., major lines were affected or multiple interferences needed to be relocated by a single utility owner). More problematically, there have also been cases where undocumented interfering lines have been discovered during construction. These in-progress proprietary relocations cannot be accomplished under contract change orders because the District has no contractual relationship with the utility owner. Moreover, the utility owners routinely require advance deposits to begin the relocation work. This recommendation allows the District to complete the relocations in a timely manner with reduced costs and reduced inconvenience to the traveling public.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

When undocumented lines lead to in-progress utility relocations, increasing the authorized amount to \$200,000 will benefit residents and businesses by expediting the required utility relocation work thereby minimizing traffic impacts associated with delay in accomplishing relocations by utility owners.

SUPPLEMENTAL: Additional Fiscal Information

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

25110-947400-527980 Zone 1 Const/Maint/Misc 25120-947420-527980 Zone 2 Const/Maint/Misc 25130-947440-527980 Zone 3 Const/Maint/Misc 25140-947460-527980 Zone 4 Const/Maint/Misc 25150-947480-527980 Zone 5 Const/Maint/Misc 25160-947500-527980 Zone 6 Const/Maint/Misc 25170-947520-527980 Zone 7 Const/Maint/Misc