

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



ITEM  
11.3  
(ID # 8913)

MEETING DATE:  
Tuesday, January 29, 2019

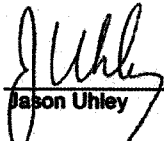
FROM : FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

SUBJECT: FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT: Review and Determine There is a Need to Continue the Emergency Action and Continue the Implementation of the Emergency Protection Projects in the Areas of Temescal Valley in Unincorporated Western Riverside County and Lake Elsinore for Storm/Flood Emergency Contract Work, CEQA Nothing Further is Required, District 1. [\$0] (4/5 vote required)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Review and determine there is a need to continue the emergency action and continue the implementation of the Emergency Protection Projects (Emergency Projects) in the areas of Temescal Valley in unincorporated western Riverside County and Lake Elsinore.

ACTION: 4/5 Vote Required, Policy

  
Jason Uhley


1/16/2019

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Hewitt, seconded by Supervisor Perez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: January 29, 2019  
xc: Flood

Kecia Harper  
Clerk of the Board  
By   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment: No</b>	
			<b>For Fiscal Year: 18/19</b>	

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

The Holy Fire began Monday afternoon, August 6, 2018, in the Cleveland National Forest and quickly moved from Orange County into Riverside County. Conditions of extreme peril to people, property and critical infrastructure necessitated the mandatory evacuation of several communities near Lake Elsinore and Temescal Valley. Due to the effects of the Holy Fire, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued an emergency proclamation for Orange and Riverside Counties on August 9, 2018.

Pursuant to Riverside County Ordinance No. 533, the Riverside County Director of Emergency Services proclaimed a "Local Emergency" in Riverside County on August 9, 2018. The Riverside County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2018-170 in a special meeting on August 16, 2018 (Agenda Item No. 1.0) to ratify the Proclamation of Local Emergency as declared by the Riverside County Director of Emergency Services. The Riverside County Board of Supervisors has extended the Proclamation of Local Emergency for the Holy Fire through the adoption of a series of resolutions as the vast burn area left by the Holy Fire leaves Riverside County residents and visitors threatened by flooding and debris flows when rain occurs, most recently through Resolution No. 2019-004, adopted on January 8, 2019 (Agenda Item 3.17).

In early October, with Hurricane Rosa forecasted to bring scattered thunderstorms to the region and the significant risk of mud and debris flows in the Holy Fire burn area, the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District's (District) General Manager-Chief Engineer found that the emergency would not permit a delay in the implementation of the Emergency Projects resulting from a competitive solicitation for bids in accordance with California Public Contract Code Section 22050 and the District's Resolution No. F94-39. KEC Engineering and KIP Incorporated were brought in on an emergency basis to protect existing District facilities in the areas of Temescal Valley in unincorporated western Riverside County and Lake Elsinore ("Post-Fire Risk Area").

On October 16, 2018 (Agenda Item No. 11.2), the Board of Supervisors received and filed the Emergency Protection Agreements for storm/flood emergency contract work on the Emergency Projects in the Post-Fire Risk Area. The Board also authorized the use of District funds in the

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amount of \$1,500,000 for the storm/flood emergency contract work done as a part of the Emergency Projects by KEC Engineering and KIP Incorporated.

On November 6, 2018 (Agenda Item 11.3) and December 4, 2018 (Agenda Item 11.1), the Board of Supervisors reviewed and determined there is a need to continue the emergency action and continue the implementation of the Emergency Projects in the areas of Temescal Valley in the Post-Fire Risk Area for storm/flood emergency contract work by KEC Engineering and KIP Incorporated, including any and all necessary cleanup.

Storms in late November and early December triggered flooding and debris flows in the Holy Fire burn area. The Riverside County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2018-234 on December 11, 2018 (Agenda Item No. 3.59) to Proclaim the Existence of Local Emergency due to the intense winter storm that delivered rainfall over the Holy Fire burn area on December 5-6, 2018. The storm caused flooding, mud and debris flows, which in turn caused the evacuation of residents, road closures, damage to property and critical infrastructure and necessitated the rescue of residents to protect their lives and safety. Despite extensive mitigation efforts taken by the County and City of Lake Elsinore prior to the storms arrival, the intensity of the storm has left streets, residential and commercial properties and critical flood control infrastructure loaded with mud and debris which must be cleared before arrival of the next storm.

With the District's facilities once again at risk of being overwhelmed by stormwater, mud and debris during future rain storms, which could result in a critical threat to life and property in the adjacent communities, the District's General Manager-Chief Engineer found that the emergency will not permit a delay in the implementation of the Emergency Projects resulting from a competitive solicitation for bids in accordance with California Public Contract Code Section 22050 and the District's Resolution No. F94-39. To help with the District's emergency efforts, the Emergency Protection Agreement with KIP Incorporated was amended to add funding for the additional emergency work. Additionally, Sukut Construction, LLC was retained on an emergency basis to protect existing District facilities in the Post-Fire Risk Area.

On January 8, 2019 (Agenda Item No. 11.2), the Board of Supervisors received and filed the First Amendment to the Emergency Protection Agreement with KIP Incorporated and the Emergency Protection Agreement with Sukut Construction, LLC for storm/flood emergency contract work on the Emergency Projects in the Post-Fire Risk Area. The Board also authorized the use of District funds in the amount of \$2,250,000 for the storm/flood emergency contract work done as a part of the Emergency Projects by KEC Engineering and KIP Incorporated.

It is requested that the Board of Supervisors review and determine there is a need to continue the emergency action and continue the implementation of the Emergency Projects in the Post-Fire Risk Area for storm/flood emergency contract work by KEC Engineering, KIP Incorporated and Sukut Construction, LLC, including any and all necessary cleanup. The series of winter storms rolling across Southern California in mid-January 2019 has already impacted the

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capacity of District's facilities. With thunderstorms predicted for the Holy Fire burn area, on January 14, 2019, a mandatory evacuation order was issued for the residents living in the Amorose, Alberhill, Glen Ivy A, Glen Ivy B, Glen Eden, Grace, Horsethief A, Laguna A, Maitri, McVicker A, Rice and Withrow A zones. The vast burn areas left by the Holy Fire leave Riverside County residents and visitors threatened by flooding and debris flows. Monsoonal storms over the burn areas have already led to post-fire flash flood warnings issued by the National Weather Service. This is a pattern that will be repeated when storms occur over the areas.

**Prev. Agn. Ref.:** MT#8644 3.17 of 01/08/19  
MT#8679 11.2 of 01/08/19  
MT#8647 3.59 of 12/11/18  
MT#8071 3.28 of 12/04/18  
MT#8443 11.1 of 12/04/18  
MT#8070 3.19 of 11/06/18  
MT#8331 11.3 of 11/06/18  
MT#8249 3.22 of 10/23/18  
MT#8183 11.2 of 10/16/18  
MT#7947 3.18 of 09/11/18  
1.0 of 08/16/18  
9.4 of 11/22/94

**Environmental Analysis**

Based on the review of the proposed emergency protection action, the District has found that the work is exempt pursuant to Section 15301 for "Existing Facilities" and Section 15269(a), (b) and (c) for "Emergency Projects" of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Guidelines. The emergency protection work is associated with existing flood control facilities. The projects in question meet the conditions described in Section 15269(a), (b) and (c) for specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency and to maintain essential flood control services. The Governor declared a state of emergency for the Holy Fire on August 9, 2018. In accordance with CEQA, two Notices of Exemption were prepared by the District and filed by the Clerk of the Board upon the Board of Supervisors approval at its October 16, 2018 and January 8, 2019 meetings. The Board of Supervisors' determination that there is a need to continue the emergency action and continue the implementation of the Emergency Projects is an implementing action of the Emergency Projects, and the emergency contract work is consistent with what was evaluated. Therefore, nothing further is required under CEQA.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

More than 20,000 residents were impacted by the fire, having to evacuate the area. While the fire was 100% contained on September 13, 2018, the conditions in the burn areas of the fire have left the adjacent communities vulnerable to mud and debris flows and flooding during rain storms. In the event of another rain storm, the area may be negatively impacted if these measures are not taken to protect the communities.

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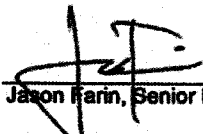
**Additional Fiscal Information**

The District budgets for flood emergencies and/or unexpected contingencies to minimize risks to life and property. Sufficient funds are available in the District's Zone 2 and Zone 3 budgets for FY 2018-2019.

**ATTACHMENT:**

1. Vicinity Map

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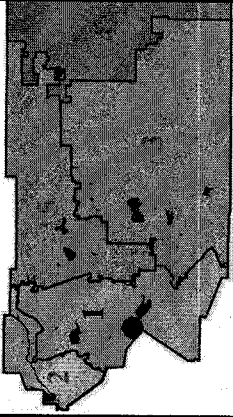
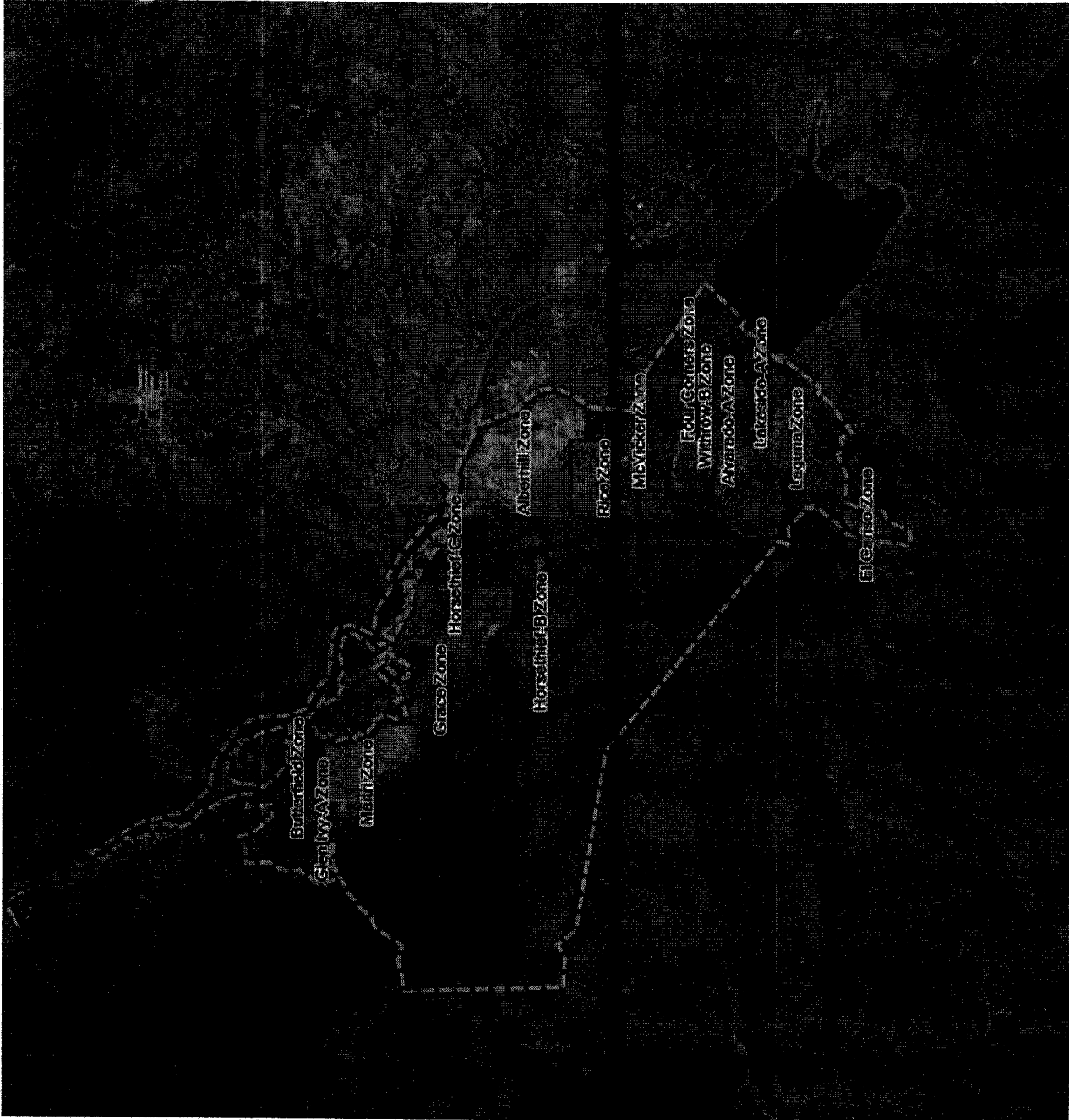
Jason Farin, Senior Management Analyst

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Gregory V. Prietos, Director County Counsel

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**Supervisor Districts**

**LEGEND:**

- Potential Project Area
- Supervisorial District

**DESCRIPTION:**

Emergency Protection Projects - Holy Fire

