

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



ITEM  
11.1  
(ID # 9566)

**MEETING DATE:**

Tuesday, April 16, 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 Storm/Flood Emergency Contract Work Within Riverside County in Response to the Winter Storm, CEQA Nothing Further is Required, All Districts. [\$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 storm/flood emergency contract work within Riverside County in response to the Winter Storm.

**ACTION:** 4/5 Vote Required, Policy

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Jason Uhley, GENERAL MGR-CHF FLD CNTRL ENG

4/8/2019

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Washington, Perez and Hewitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: Spiegel  
Date: April 16, 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**

Beginning February 13, 2019, an intense winter storm ("Winter Storm") delivered extreme amounts of rainfall over Riverside County. 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 include numerous swift water resources. Due to the effects of the Winter Storm, Governor Gavin Newsom issued an emergency proclamation for Riverside County and other counties on February 21, 2019.

Pursuant to Riverside County Ordinance No. 533, the Riverside County Director of Emergency Services proclaimed a "Local Emergency" in Riverside County on February 19, 2019. The Riverside County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2019-055 at its meeting on February 26, 2019 (Agenda Item No. 3.18) to ratify the existence of the Local Emergency as declared by the Riverside County Director of Emergency Services. The Riverside County Board of Supervisors have extended the Proclamation of Local Emergency for the Severe Weather Event through the adoption of Resolution No. 2019-075, adopted on April 9, 2019 (Agenda Item 3.10).

The Winter Storm produced significant rainfall, extensive flash flooding, erosion, and mud and debris flows throughout Riverside County, which resulted in some District facilities nearly reaching maximum capacity and other District facilities needing immediate repair to prevent significant damage to the surrounding properties and communities. With subsequent storms forecasted for late February and March, the District's General Manager-Chief Engineer found that the emergency, which affects all Supervisorial Districts, would not permit a delay resulting from a competitive solicitation for bids in accordance with California Public Contract Code Section 22050 and the District's Resolution No. F94-39.

One of the impacted facilities was the San Jacinto River interim levee, which is located in Supervisorial Districts 3 and 5. The San Jacinto River interim levee sustained severe erosion and breaches along several sections caused by rainfall, runoff and sedimentation from the Winter Storm. The District retained KIP Incorporated on an emergency basis to help implement the San Jacinto River Emergency Project ("Emergency Project").

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On April 2, 2019 (Agenda Item No. 11.1), the Board of Supervisors received and filed the Emergency Protection Agreement for storm/flood emergency contract work within Riverside County in response to the Winter Storm and authorized the use of District funds in the amount of \$500,000 for the storm/flood emergency contract work done as a part of the Emergency Project by 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 storm/flood emergency contract work by KIP Incorporated, in response to the Winter Storm, including any and all necessary cleanup.

The District is continuing to conduct the necessary analyses and engineering to respond to the impacts of the Winter Storm. Any further emergency actions needed to repair or remove debris from other existing District facilities in response to the Winter Storm, and the associated request(s) to authorize the use of additional District funds, will be brought to the Board of Supervisors for review.

**Prev. Agn. Ref.:** MT#9470 3.10 of 04/09/19  
MT#9286 11.1 of 04/02/19  
MT#9156 3.18 of 02/26/19  
9.4 of 11/22/94

**Environmental Findings**

Based on the review of the proposed emergency action, the District has found that the work is exempt pursuant to Section 15301 for "Existing Facilities", Section 15269(a) for a Declared Emergency and Section 15269(b) and (c) for "Emergency Projects" of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Guidelines. The emergency work is associated with an existing flood control facility. The project in question meets 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 Winter Storm on February 21, 2019. In accordance with CEQA, a Notice of Exemption was prepared by the District and filed by the Clerk of the Board upon the Board of Supervisors approval at its March 2, 2019 meeting. Therefore, nothing further is required under CEQA.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

The impacted facilities, including the eroded interim levee, have left the adjacent farmlands, properties and communities vulnerable to flooding during rain storms. In the event of a rain storm, the surrounding areas may be negatively impacted if these measures are not taken to repair and protect the facilities.

**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 FY 2018-2019 Zone 4 budget to

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cover the costs of the Emergency Project. Additional emergency work will be funded out to the appropriate Zone budgets for 2018-2019. The District anticipates seeking reimbursement from the State of California for its costs related to the post-Winter Storm emergency actions.

The contractor and estimated cost for the Emergency Project are listed below:

	<u>Project</u>	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
1.	San Jacinto River interim levee	KIP Incorporated	\$500,000

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 Jason Farin, Senior Management Analyst	4/11/2019	 Gregory L. Priapros, Director County Counsel	4/8/2019
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