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



ITEM: 11.3 (ID # 21728) MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, May 02, 2023

FROM: FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

SUBJECT: FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT: Approval of Memorandum of Understanding By and Between the United States of America, Acting By and Through the Department of the Army, and the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Governing Responsibilities for the Market Street Bridge and Mission Boulevard Bridge Replacements Over the Existing Santa Ana River Levee System (EPs 3761 and 3887), CEQA Exempt, Districts 1 and 2. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Find that the Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") establishing a mutual framework governing the respective maintenance responsibilities of the Department of the Army and the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District ("District") for coordination of the Federal Levee Rehabilitation and the Bridge Replacements is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities, and Section 15061(b)(3), the "Common Sense" exemption;

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ACTION:Policy

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes:

Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

Date:

May 2, 2023

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RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- Approve the MOU By and Between the United States of America, Acting By and Through the Department of the Army, and the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and authorize Chair of the District's Board of Supervisors ("Board") to execute the MOU documents on behalf of the District;
- 3. Authorize the General Manager-Chief Engineer or designee to take all necessary steps to implement the MOU, including, but not limited to, negotiating, approving and executing any future non-substantive amendments to the MOU that do not materially change the provisions to the MOU, subject to approval as to form by County Counsel;
- 4. Authorize the General Manager-Chief Engineer, at his sole discretion, to terminate the MOU in accordance with the terms and conditions of the MOU if such action is desired by the District; and
- 5. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return three (3) copies of the executed MOU to the District.

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	T	otal Cost:	Ongoing Cos	it
COST	\$0	\$0		\$0		\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0		\$0		\$0
SOURCE OF FUNDS	Budget Adjustment: No					
	For Fiscal Y	ear: N/A				

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

This MOU between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District ("Corps") and the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District ("District") will establish a mutual framework governing the respective maintenance responsibilities of the Corps and the District for three overlapping projects:

- The Corps' ongoing Riverside Levees Rehabilitation Project ("Federal Project").
- The County of Riverside Transportation Department's ("RCTD") two forthcoming projects for the removal and replacement of the Market Street and Mission Boulevard Bridges, hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Bridges Project".

Any proposed modifications to an existing Corps-constructed project (either federally or locally maintained) require Corps review and approval under the United States Code, Title 33, Section 408 ("Section 408"). As the non-federal sponsor for the Federal Project, the District is responsible for coordinating the submission of requests for Section 408 permits to the Corps. On behalf of RCTD, the District has submitted Section 408 requests to the Corps for the Bridges Project.

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Federal Project:

The Riverside Levee 1 and Riverside Levee 2 were federally authorized under the Flood Control Act of 1950 (Public Law 516, 81st Congress, 2nd Session) and subsequently constructed by the Corps in two phases. By the late 1950s, both phases were transferred to the District for maintenance.

During December 2010 and January 2011, multiple storms resulted in substantial flows in the Santa Ana River. These flood flows scoured away sediment and lowered the riverbed along the Riverside Levees. The District requested assistance from the Corps to repair the Riverside Levees under the Corps' Rehabilitation and Inspection Program ("Rehabilitation Program"). On August 24, 2021 (Agenda Item No. 11.1), the District's Board approved the Cooperation Agreement between the Corps and the District for the Federal Project. Construction of the Federal Project is currently ongoing.

Bridges Project:

The Mission Boulevard Bridge and the Market Street Bridge serve as major links across the Santa Ana River for residents, visitors and businesses in northwestern Riverside County, including the cities of Jurupa Valley and Riverside. As the lead agency for the Bridges Project, RCTD, in cooperation with the Cities of Riverside and Jurupa Valley, plans to remove and replace the existing Mission Boulevard Bridge and Market Street Bridge.

County Counsel has approved the MOU as to legal form.

Prev. Agn. Ref.: MT#16842 11.1 of 08/24/2021

Environmental Findings

The MOU is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities), which exempts the "minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use." The MOU merely establishes a mutual framework governing the respective maintenance responsibilities of the Corps and the District associated with the Corps' levee rehabilitation within the existing levee system that has been maintained by the District since the late 1950s. More specifically, the District will accept early maintenance responsibility for portions of the levee system prior to the completion of the entire rehabilitation work by the Corps.

Additionally, the MOU is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption), which provides, "The activity is covered by the common-sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA." The MOU establishes the terms by which the District will accept maintenance responsibility of portions of the existing levee system from the Corps prior to completion of the entire levee

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rehabilitation work. Accordingly, because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the execution of the MOU in question may have a significant effect on the environment, Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines applies.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

The proposed action entails no new fees, taxes or bonded indebtedness to residents or businesses. The District's maintenance activities will not substantially change from the activities that have been performed within the levee system since the late 1950s.

Additional Fiscal Information

The MOU merely establishes a mutual framework governing the respective maintenance responsibilities of the Corps and the District for coordination associated with the Corps' Federal Project and RCTD's Bridges Project.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Vicinity Map
- 2. Memorandum of Understanding

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Jason Farin, Principal Management Analyst

4/26/2023

Kristine Bell-Valdez

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This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is entered into by and between the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, ("RCFCWCD") a body corporate and politic and the Los Angeles District of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, a federal agency ("USACE"), collectively referred to as the "Parties."

RECITALS

WHEREAS, USACE Los Angeles District ("SPL") has an ongoing construction project named Riverside Levees Rehabilitation Project to rehabilitate the Riverside 1 and Riverside 2 Levee Systems (the "Federal Project"), located in Riverside County, California;

WHEREAS RCFCWCD seeks to permit Riverside County Transportation Department ("RCTD") to replace the Market Street Bridge and Mission Boulevard Bridge (collectively known as the "Bridges Project") within the construction footprint of the Federal Project;

WHEREAS RCFCWCD, as the Riverside Levees Project Local Sponsor, has submitted to the USACE two requests under 33 U.S.C. § 408 for Permission to construct the Bridges Project on behalf of the RCTD, 408 Permission numbers 408-SPL-2022-0010 and 408-SPL-2022-0012:

WHEREAS construction of the Bridges Project conflict with the temporary construction easement acquired for the Federal Project;

WHEREAS the Parties agree that the concurrent construction of the Federal Project and Bridges Projects will require coordination, communication, and construction services to ensure that any impact to the schedule and budget of the Federal Project is minimal;

WHEREAS it is the intent of the USACE to complete construction of Riverside Levees 1 and the segment of Riverside Levees 2 between Market Street and the State Route 60 Freeway which include the southern and central diversion channels (herein "Project Turnover Area") by Dec 31, 2023 and USACE is willing to turn over the Project Turnover Area to RCFCWCD for operations and maintenance (O&M) in an effort to minimize the need for active coordination of the Federal Project and Bridges Project;

WHEREAS RCFCWCD is willing to accept O&M of the Project Turnover Area under the authorities of the existing Operation and Maintenance Manual for Riverside Levees ("O&M Manual") as an interim measure to facilitate the timely completion of the Bridges Project, except any close-out construction issues that may still need to be resolved by the Contractor for the Federal Project ("USACE's Contractor") and the USACE;

WHEREAS the Parties also recognize the small potential for construction schedules to change despite efforts by the USACE to maintain the Dec 31, 2023 turn over schedule;

WHEREAS the Parties also agree that including a mechanism to address the potential need for more proactive coordination of the Federal Project and Bridges Project may become necessary and that this MOU should provide a framework for such coordination;

WHEREAS the Parties also agree that this MOU, once executed, will become part of and included as a special condition to any permission issued to RCFCWCD under the authority of 33 U.S.C. §408;

WHEREAS the Parties agree that at the completion of the Federal Project the USACE will have addressed any remaining close-out construction items related to the Project Turnover Area and will provide RCFCWCD a complete and updated Operation, Maintenance, Repair, Replacement and Rehabilitation ("OMRR&R") Manual for the entirety of the Federal Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I – PURPOSE AND AUTHORITIES

- A. All of the recitals hereof are incorporated by this reference and are made a part hereof as though set forth at length herein.
- B. This MOU is entered into by the Parties for the purpose of establishing a mutual framework governing the respective responsibilities of the Parties for coordination associated with the Federal Project and the Bridges Project.
- C. The Parties agree that the design and construction of the Federal Project shall be pursuant to the Cooperation Agreement Between the United States of America and Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District for Rehabilitation of Federal Flood Risk Management Levees in Riverside County, California, entered into 20 October, 2021 ("Cooperation Agreement"), and any applicable federal laws, regulations and policies. Upon turnover of the Federal Project, in whole or in parts by the USACE, the OMRR&R of the Project Turnover Area shall be the responsibility of the RCFCWCD in accordance with Article II. The existing O&M Manual will serve as interim OMRR&R guidance pending the completion of the Federal Project, inclusive of close-out items and the completion and delivery of the Final OMRR&R Manual by the USACE.

ARTICLE II – SCOPE OF WORK FOR TURNOVER

- A. As the Federal Project is currently under construction and the Bridges Project will be constructed within the same vicinity, the Parties agree that it is their joint desire to create this two-party MOU to ensure success for both projects.
- B. RCFCWCD will accept maintenance responsibility for the Riverside Levee 1 (Right Levee), the two Right Levee related diversion channels ("Southern Diversion Channel" and "Central Diversion Channel") and the southern portion of the Riverside Levee 2 (Left Levee) that is south of the Market Street Bridge (see Appendix A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein) following the completion of the construction of these project elements, as provided herein. USACE will initiate the transfer process by sending a letter by December 31, 2023 to RCFCWCD documenting the Project Turnover Areas to be turned over to Riverside County for O&M responsibility under the O&M Manual and excepting any project close out items that may remain to be addressed within the Project Turnover Area.
- C. Upon turnover of the Project Turnover Area, RCFCWCD shall be responsible to make the necessary changes to rectify any negative environmental effects within the Project Turnover Area as defined in the USFWS Biological Opinion and Monitoring and Adaptive Management Plan (MAMP) issued January 20, 2022, including pending Letter of Amendment to the Biological Opinion. USACE will continue to monitor the Project Turnover Area pursuant to the January 20, 2022, Biological Opinion (or as amended) and provide RCFCWCD reports of any detected negative environmental effects. RCFCWCD shall be responsible as the point of contact for any necessary communication with California Department Fish & Wildlife and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to coordinate and affirm amelioration and resolution of any negative environmental effects or changes within the Project Turnover Area.

- D. Upon turnover of the Project Turnover Area by USACE, RCFCWCD will also be responsible for maintenance within the Project Turnover Area, as provided herein and exempting any Federal Project close out items.
- E. Contractors for the Bridges Project shall not enter, park vehicles, stage or store any materials within the USACE Temporary Construction Easement (TCE) (See Appendix B, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein) before Project Turnover Area turnover.

ARTICLE III - INTERAGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AND COORDINATION

- A. To provide for consistent and effective communication between the Parties, each party will appoint a Principal Representative to serve as its central point of contact on matters relating to this MOU. Additional representatives may also be appointed to serve as points of contact on specific actions or issues. For the purposes of this MOU, the Principal Representatives are identified in Article VI. The Principal Representative for each party may be changed upon written notification to the other party.
- B. In the event that the Project Turnover Area cannot be turned over to RCFCWCD by December 31, 2023, it may be necessary to develop a more active coordination plan between the Federal Project and the Bridges Project. Such a plan shall be put in writing and signed by both the LA District Colonel and the RCFCWCD General Manager-Chief Engineer.
- C. The Parties also agree that the following criteria will be part of the plan development and implementation:
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 - b. RCFCWCD shall be responsible for repair and maintenance of the haul roads within the Overlap Area. RCFCWCD will provide traffic control flagman as required and agreed to in the Overlap Area plan, to ensure USACE's Contractor has the priority access within the construction Overlap Area;
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ARTICLE IV - NOTICES

A. Any notice, request, demand, or other communication required or permitted to be given under this MOU shall be deemed to have been duly given if in writing and delivered personally or mailed by registered or certified mail, with return receipt, as follows:

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Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

1995 Market Street Riverside, CA 92501 Attn: Alberto Martinez, P.E.

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With a copy in all instances to:

District Counsel U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Los Angeles District 915 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1535 Los Angeles, CA 90017

ARTICLE V - TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION

A. This MOU may be modified or amended only by written mutual agreement of the Parties.

ARTICLE VI – DISPUTE RESOLUTION

As a condition precedent to a party bringing any suit for breach of this MOU, that party must first notify the other party in writing of the nature of the purported breach and seek in good faith to resolve the dispute through negotiation. If the parties cannot resolve the dispute through negotiation, they may agree to a mutually acceptable method of non-binding alternative dispute resolution with a qualified third party acceptable to the parties. Each party shall pay an equal share of any costs for the services provided by such a third party as such costs are incurred. The existence of a dispute shall not excuse the parties from performance provided herein.

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In the exercise of their respective rights and obligations under this MOU, the USACE and the RCFCWCD each act in an independent capacity, and neither is to be considered the officer, agent, or employee of the other. Neither party shall provide, without the consent of the other party, any contractor with a release that waives or purports to waive any rights a party may have to seek relief or redress against that contractor.

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To the extent permitted by the laws governing each party, the parties agree to maintain the confidentiality of exchanged information when requested to do so by the providing party.

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The applicable statutes, regulations, policies, directives, and procedures of the United States will govern this MOU and all documents and actions pursuant to it. Unless otherwise required by law, expediting of RCFCWCD-designated priority Section 408 Requests undertaken by USACE will be governed by USACE regulations, policies, and procedures.

ARTICLE X - MISCELLANEOUS

- A. This MOU will not affect any pre-existing or independent relationships or obligations between the Parties.
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- C. This MOU, including any documents incorporated by reference or attachments thereto, but excluding the pre-existing relationships or obligations between the Parties referenced herein, constitute the entire agreement between the Parties.

ARTICLE XI – EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION

This MOU and any amendments will be effective on the date of signature by the last Party. Unless amended or modified, this MOU shall remain in force until whichever of these

events occurs first: 1) December 31, 2027, or 2) after the Federal Project is turned over to RCFCWCD 3) the MOU is terminated pursuant herein. (REMAINDER LEFT INTENTIONALLY BLANK)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this MOU is executed as of the dates indicated below by RCFCWCD, acting by the Boards of Supervisors, and by the USACE, through its authorized officer_ (to be filled in by Clerk of the Board) RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, a RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL: body corporate and politic By Karen S. Spiegel KAREN SPIEGEL, Chair JASON E. UHL Riverside County Flood Control and Water General Manager-Chief Engineer Conservation District Board of Supervisors ATTEST: APPROVED AS TO FORM: KIMBERLY RECTOR MINH C. TRAN Clerk of the Board **County Counsel** ara Smoti KRISTINE BELL-VALDEZ **Deputy County Counsel**

(SEAL)

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, LOS ANGELES DISTRICT, a federal agency

By: Date: 17 May 2023

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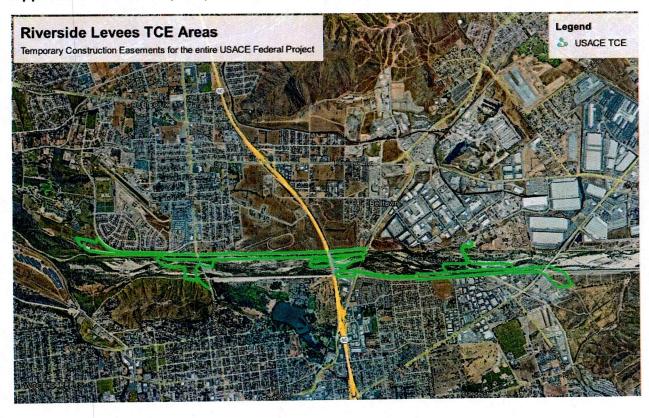
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Commander and District Engineer

Appendix A: Project Turnover Area as described in Article II: Scope of Work.



Appendix B: USACE Temporary Construction Easement (TCE)



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- C. This MOU, including any documents incorporated by reference or attachments thereto, but excluding the pre-existing relationships or obligations between the Parties referenced herein, constitute the entire agreement between the Parties.

ARTICLE XI – EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION

This MOU and any amendments will be effective on the date of signature by the last Party. Unless amended or modified, this MOU shall remain in force until whichever of these

events occurs first: 1) December 31, 2027, or 2) after the Federal Project is turned over to RCFCWCD 3) the MOU is terminated pursuant herein.
(REMAINDER LEFT INTENTIONALLY BLANK)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this MOU is executed as of the dates indicated below by RCFCWCD, acting by the Boards of Supervisors, and by the USACE, through its authorized officer _____ (to be filled in by Clerk of the Board) RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL: AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, a body corporate and politic By Karer S. Spiegel KAREN SPIEGEL, Chair General Manager-Chief Engineer Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors ATTEST: APPROVED AS TO FORM: KIMBERLY RECTOR MINH C. TRAN Clerk of the Board **County Counsel** wa mot KRISTINE BELL-VALDEZ **Deputy County Counsel**

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, LOS ANGELES DISTRICT, a federal agency

Ву:	Date:
JULIE BALTEN	
Colonel, U.S. Army	
Commander and District Engineer	

Appendix A: Project Turnover Area as described in Article II: Scope of Work.



Appendix B: USACE Temporary Construction Easement (TCE)

