



**SAN BENITO COUNTY
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Item Number: 1.12

MEETING DATE: 05/23/2023

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Angelika Rangel

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Steve Loupe

SUBJECT:

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY - S. LOUPE, PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR

Adopt continuing Resolution confirming the Public Works Administrator's authority to enter into emergency repair and replacement contracts to remediate a local emergency caused by December, 2022 through January, 2023 flooding and storm events, pursuant to Public Contracts Code Section 22050, without adoption of plans and specifications or competitive bidding; finding that there is a need to continue emergency action; and finding emergency repair and replacement work exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(d), as emergency projects within the rights of way of existing County and State highways damaged by flooding and storm events; and approve payment of invoices to Davey Tree Expert, in the amount of \$21,040.00, for emergency tree removal services. (4/5 vote required)

SBC FILE NUMBER: 75.5

RESOLUTION NO: 2023-56

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

On January 10, 2023, while the Board of Supervisors was not in session, the County Administrative Officer, acting as the Director of Emergency Services, in response to major road and storm damage in the County of San Benito, proclaimed a local emergency effective immediately. That Proclamation was signed on January 15, 2023. Per Ordinance 833, the Board of Supervisors must ratify the Proclamation issued by the Director of Emergency Services within seven (7) days. This Proclamation applies to the entire County of San Benito. On January 17, 2023, by Resolution No. 2023-03, the Board of Supervisors

ratified the Proclamation signed on January 15, 2023.

Due to the winter storms of December 27, 2022 through January 31, 2023, County Roads sustained substantial damages and are in need of immediate repairs, including such work as: pavement repairs; bridge repairs; shoulder and culverts clearing/replacement; slides and debris removal; new bridges/culverts; roadway section stabilization; etc. As a result of heavy rainfall throughout San Benito County and the financial impact this event has had on the residents of the County and the County itself, the Board of Supervisors also requested the Governor to proclaim a State of Emergency for San Benito County.

This proposed resolution relates to the letting of emergency contracts under Public Contracts Code 22050 and must be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors at every regular meeting until the need for emergency action terminates.

On March 28, 2023, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 2023-36 delegating authority to the Public Works Administrator to enter into emergency repair and replacement contracts to remediate a local emergency, pursuant to Public Contracts Code Section 22050, without adoption of plans and specifications or competitive bidding; finding that there is a need to continue emergency action; and finding emergency repair and replacement work exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(d), as emergency projects within the rights of way of existing County and State highways damaged by flooding and storm events.

The Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution Nos. 2023-41, 2023-46 and 2023-50 at its regular meetings on April 13, 2023, April 25, 2023, and May 9, 2023, again confirming the Public Works Administrator's authority to enter into emergency repair and replacement contracts; finding the need to continue such emergency action; and finding such emergency repair and replacement work exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(d). The Public Works Administrator hereby reports that there is a need to continue the emergency actions.

Preliminary Summary of Road Damages

Public Works crews and contractors responded to numerous issues related to the 451-mile County Maintained Road System over the course of the storm, beginning on December 27, 2022, including:

- Downed Trees
- Debris and sediment on travel ways
- Flooding
- Slip outs/landslides/rockslides
- Surface damages/failures (pavement deterioration, potholes, cracking)
- Washouts
- Culvert failures

It is estimated that approximately \$5 million in repair costs are needed because of damages sustained during the event. Many County roads were affected; however, nine major (Arterial and Collector) roads were severely impacted. Most of those were in 'South County' (south of Hollister) - where the largest

rainfall amounts were experienced. Damage Assessments are continuing. The following roads (in alphabetical order) were the most severely affected:

- Coalinga Rd.
- Cottonwood Rd.
- New Idria Rd.
- Panoche Rd.
- Old Hernandez Rd.
- Salinas Rd.
- San Felipe Rd.
- San Juan Hwy.
- Searle Rd.

Characterization of Repairs Needed

The needed repairs range from embankment stabilization to complete roadway reconstruction. Preliminary estimated costs by roads are as follows:

- Coalinga Rd. = \$600,000
- Cottonwood Rd. = \$900,000
- New Idria Rd.= \$550,000
- Panoche Rd.= \$450,000
- Old Hernandez Rd. = \$60,000
- Salinas Rd.= \$950,000
- San Felipe Rd.= \$50,000
- San Juan Hwy. = \$100,000
- Searle Rd.= \$650,000

Additional debris cleanup and tree removal costs are approximately \$500,000.

In addition to County staff, the three contractors engaged in the work above are Granite Construction, Don Chapin Company, and Davey Tree.

RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

Yes

CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

No

CONTRACT AND RFP HISTORY:

n/a

LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:

N/A

STATE IF THIS IS A NEW CONTRACT/ HOW MANY PAST AMENDED CONTRACTS/ OR N/A:

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 4. Community Engagement

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 5. Health & Safe Community

Yes

BUDGETED:

No

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NEEDED:

No

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

UNFUNDED MANDATE:

N/A

SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:

State and/or Federal Assistance has been requested

CURRENT FY COST:

Estimated at \$5 million (for informational purposes only)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully recommends that the Board:

1) Adopt continuing Resolution confirming the Public Works Administrator's authority to enter into emergency repair and replacement contracts to remediate a local emergency caused by December, 2022 through January, 2023 flooding and storm events, pursuant to Public Contracts Code Section 22050, without adoption of plans and specifications or competitive bidding; finding that there is a need to continue emergency action; and finding emergency repair and replacement work exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(d), as emergency projects within the rights of way of existing County and State highways damaged by flooding and storm events; and

2) Approve payment of invoices to Davey Tree Expert, in the amount of \$21,040.00, for emergency tree removal services.

BOARD ACTION RESULTS:

1. Adopted continuing Resolution No. 2023-56 per staff recommendation. (5/0 vote)
2. Approved payment of invoices per staff recommendation. (5/0 vote)

ATTACHMENTS:

[Board Resolution](#)

[Davey Tree Invoices - Emergency Resolution](#)

[Fully Executed Resolution No. 2023-56](#)