



**SAN BENITO COUNTY  
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**Item Number: 1.10**

**MEETING DATE:** 10/24/2023

**DEPARTMENT:** RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

**AGENDA ITEM PREPARER:** Linda Young

**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, 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 of December 27, 2022 through January 31, 2023. (4/5 vote required)

SBC FILE NUMBER: 75.5

RESOLUTION NO: 2023-134

**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 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, 2023-50, 2023-56, 2023-66, 2023-76, 2023-85, 2023-93, 2023-101, 2023-119, 2023-123, and 2023-128 at its regular meetings of April 13, 2023, April 25, 2023, May 9, 2023, May 23, 2023, June 13, 2023, June 27, 2023, July 25, 2023, August 8, 2023, August 22, 2023, September 12, 2023, September 26, 2023, and October 10, 2023, again confirming the Public Works Administrator's authority to enter into emergency repair and replacement contracts; finding that there is a need to continue emergency action; and finding emergency repair and replacement work exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Section 15259(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.- *(the permanent repairs have been completed)*
- Cottonwood Rd.- *(the creek embankment failure has been stabilized, however, additional embankment reinforcement has not begun)*
- New Idria Rd.- *(the short-term washout repair will be completed within the next two weeks. The permanent bridge installation will be completed in 2025)*
- Panoche Rd.- *(the roadway embankment failure has been stabilized; permanent repairs have not begun)*
- Old Hernandez Rd.- *(the permanent repairs have been completed)*
- Salinas Rd.- *(one embankment failure has been stabilized, however, additional embankment stabilization at a different location is yet to occur. This failure area is protected by k-rail)*
- San Felipe Rd. - *(the road embankment failure has been stabilized/completed)*
- San Juan Hwy.- *(the road embankment failure has been stabilized/completed)*

### **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:**

Adopt continuing Resolution confirming the Public Works Administrator's authority 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 of December 27, 2022 through January 31, 2023. (4/5 vote required)

**ATTACHMENTS:**

[Board Resolution Confirming Public Works Administrator's Authority to Let Contracts for Emergency Road Repairs](#)

[Local Emergency Proclamation - January 2023](#)

[Resolution No. 2023-03 Ratifying Emergency Proclamation](#)