



County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: Community Development and Infrastructure

Subject: Status Update – Emergency Project: 180 Seacliff Dr Culvert Replacement

Meeting Date: May 6, 2025

Formal Title: Adopt resolution transferring funds from the roads restricted General Fund contingencies to the Road Fund for the emergency 180 Seacliff Drive Culvert Replacement project, and take related actions

Recommended Actions

Adopt resolution transferring funds from the roads restricted General Fund contingencies to the Road Fund in the amount of \$50,000 for the emergency 180 Seacliff Drive culvert replacement.

Executive Summary

A failing County storm system leading to a critical road access blockage was discovered at 180 Seacliff Drive in February 2025. The project was deemed an emergency by the Deputy CAO/Director of Community Development and Infrastructure (CDI). A contractor was selected and construction was completed shortly after. A transfer from the restricted road general fund contingency, set up for this purpose, is requested to fund the project.

Discussion

On December 5, 2023, the Board adopted a resolution that established budget priorities (uses) for the County's Measure K half-cent sales tax that included roads. With the adoption of the 2024-25 budget on September 24th, \$1 million of Measure K was appropriated to General Fund restricted contingencies for emergency road projects for the 2024-2025 winter.

In February of 2025, the Department of Community Development and Infrastructure (CDI) was notified by State Parks of significant damage occurring on State Parks property, caused by a CDI maintained storm system. The failing system, if left unrepaired would have led to critical road access blockage.

On February 14, 2025, the project was deemed an emergency. Local contractor Betz Works was hired to construct the project.

Repairs included clearing and grubbing, sidewalk excavation, partial removal of the failed 15" corrugated metal pipe, installation of 15" fusion welded HDPE pipe, structural backfill, drainage structure modifications and reconstructing the sidewalk.

Failure to begin these repairs would have resulted in:

- Continued loss of access to the State Parks access road.
- Hazardous and unsafe roadways conditions on Seacliff Dr.
- Loss of effective, working County infrastructure which impacts the County and State Parks public thoroughfares.

Emergency construction was completed on March 10, 2025.

Financial Impact

The total direct costs of the construction associated with this board item is \$42,800. The totals project costs, including monitoring, construction management and overhead is \$50,000. The transfer from the roads general fund contingency (GL131375) to the Road Fund (GL 621200) will cover the complete cost of the project.

Strategic Initiatives

Equity Framework - County Facilities & Infrastructure
Operational Plan - Reliable Transportation

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Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) did not significantly contribute to the development of this agenda item.