



County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: Community Development and Infrastructure

Subject: Approve the Request for Proposals for engineering, geotechnical, and environmental services

Meeting Date: June 24, 2025

Formal Title: Approve Request for Proposals for engineering, geotechnical, and environmental services for December 2022 and March 2023 storm damage projects, and take related actions

Recommended Actions

1. Approve the Request for Proposals for engineering, geotechnical, and environmental services;
2. Authorize the Department of Community Development and Infrastructure to begin distribution of the Request for Proposals;
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to advertise the Notice of Request for Proposals for fourteen days beginning June 29, 2025; and
4. Direct the Department of Community Development and Infrastructure to return on or before September 30, 2025, with a recommendation for award of contract.

Executive Summary

Community Development and Infrastructure has a need for a professional engineering, geotechnical, and environmental services consultant for the design and permitting for December 2022 and March 2023 Federal Highway Administration storm damage projects. A Request for Proposals (RFP) is needed to start the process of hiring a consultant.

Discussion

As the Board is aware our County was impacted by a series of storms from December 2022 to March 2023, that caused widespread damage to County roads and infrastructure. Public Works proposes to retain up to four civil engineering consultants to assist with design work on eight storm damage road repair projects related to the December 2022 and March Storm Events. Project sites include:

- Bear Creek Road PM 7.41
- Eureka Canyon Road PM 5.17
- Hazel Dell Road PM 2.35
- Hazel Dell Road PM 2.56
- Ice Cream Grade Road PM 1.24
- Jamison Creek Road PM 1.09
- Spreckels Drive at Soquel Drive 0.04
- Upper East Zayante Road PM 1.18

Consultants will be contracted for three years, with a contract price of \$250,000 to \$500,000 per consultant. Following the completion of the consultant selection

process, Public Works will send the firm's certification of contract costs and financial management system to Caltrans for review and approval. Caltrans must issue a conformance letter before the contract may be awarded. Public Works will return to the Board with a contract for professional services after receiving the conformance letters from Caltrans. Attached for review and approval is a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Civil Engineering Design Services for storm damage related road repair projects. The storm damage repairs will be funded in part through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in cooperation with the Caltrans and the County.

Financial Impact

The total direct cost of each of the the contracts associated with this board item is expected to be between \$250,000 and \$500,000. Eligible costs will be reimbursed by the FHWA at a maximum of 88.53 percent for federal roads. The County's local match and any disallowed costs will be paid by local transportation funds, debt-financed, and/or reductions in current transportation projects or operations

These projects are budgeted in the Approved Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget under the Road Fund for 2022-2023 Winter Storms GL 621223/62330.

Strategic Initiatives

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

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Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:

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