RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2018-152

MEETING: April 3, 2018

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mike Healy, Public Works Director

RE: Authorize the PW Director to Award Emergency Construction Agreements for March 2018 Storm Damage

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Authorize the Public Works Director to Award Emergency Construction Agreements for Work Associated with the March 22, 2018 Storm Event; Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreements (Upon Approval as to Form by County Counsel), After Which Copies of the Agreements Will be Forwarded to the Auditor’s Office for Processing of Construction Invoices; and the Public Works Director Will Bring a Monthly Report to the Board of All Agreements Awarded and Signed.

On March 22, 2018, Mariposa County experienced torrential rains and major flooding caused by an atmospheric river event in our region. County roads and infrastructure sustained significant damage and some areas of the county became isolated due to roads and bridges that were washed out. In many cases, the damage far exceeds the abilities of staff to effect repairs in a prompt and efficient manner. The County has proclaimed and the Board of Supervisors has ratified a local state of emergency for this disaster.

In order to restore access and emergency response capability for storm-isolated and storm-impaired neighborhoods, the County Department of Public Works worked quickly to find contractors and begin necessary repairs as soon as conditions allowed. Repairs that have begun have been procured according to the departments’ emergency contracting strategy, which was developed with the State of California Purchasing Manual as its basis and in consultation with the State Office of Emergency Services to ensure these contracts in no way impair the County’s ability to receive potential reimbursements.

Accordingly, staff provided available contractors with site tours and an explanation of the scope of work expected for each work site. Contractors were advised of the urgency of this work, the contracting process, insurance requirements, and bid and work
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schedules. Work was evaluated and assigned on a best-interest-of-the-County basis and was followed by a notice to proceed.

Although work has already begun, and in some cases finished, formal contracts are necessary for each project. This request authorizes the public works director to proceed as outlined and requires a report of work awarded each month until all emergency work has been completed.

The County is ultimately responsible for the repairs on these roads, which are essential to the health and safety of our community. As these repairs are beyond our normal ability to pay, the County has appealed to the State and the Federal Highway Administration for emergency relief. Staff will return to the Board in a future meeting with a review of the funding for these emergency repairs.

Among the contracts to be awarded are those on Mormon Bar Crossing, four locations on Hornitos Road, Indian Peak Road, School House Road, Hirsch Road, two locations on Old Toll Road, Triangle Road and Yaqui Gulch. Additional contracted work may be required at other locations based upon ongoing evaluations, staff availability and the urgency of needed repairs.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board has authorized agreements for emergency infrastructure repairs relating to weather events in the past, including Resolution 2017-163 related to the February 2017 atmospheric river event.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The County would not be able to repair or pay for these emergency repairs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Financial Impact: Staff will establish a General Fund account to temporarily track all expenditures and return at a future meeting with total damage estimates and options for funding emergency repairs approved here.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
SECONDER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey