



**COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY**

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street
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Dear Board Members:

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY - ALAMEDA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT COOPERATING TECHNICAL PARTNERS MAPPING ACTIVITY STATEMENTS AND OBLIGATING DOCUMENTS FOR AWARD

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and delegate authority to the Director of Public Works, upon review and approval from County Counsel, to execute FEMA Cooperating Technical Partners Mapping Activity Statements and associated Obligating Documents for Award to allow the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District to receive federal grant funds which will be applied toward District studies and floodplain analysis. This delegation of authority shall expire on June 30, 2012.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

On June 30, 2009, your Board approved the District's participation in FEMA's Cooperating Technical Partners (CTP) Partnership Program by executing the CTP Partnership Agreement (C-2009-92, 25069/ 86). This agreement allows communities and regional agencies which have the interest and capability, such as the District, to become active partners in the FEMA Flood Hazard Mapping program. The partnership mechanism provides the opportunity to pool resources and extend the productivity of limited public funds.

The District will receive funds through the current CTP agreement. Mapping Activity Statements and Obligating Documents for Award (MAS) are an extension of the CTP Agreement and defines: 1. the scope of work to be completed with the CTP grant funds, and 2. the obligations required of the District by FEMA for receiving the funds. The cooperative agreements awarded for floodplain analysis and mapping activities under the CTP program are

intended to supplement, not supplant, ongoing mapping efforts by the District. Funds provided by FEMA will be in addition to the resources provided by the District for studies and floodplain analysis. The District is currently in the process of obtaining funding from FEMA in the amount of \$300,000.00.

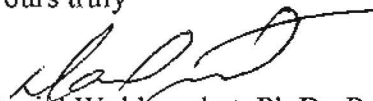
Participation in the CTP program will substantially lower the District study costs and also have a positive effect on flood insurance rates as CTP participating communities are eligible for credits under the FEMA Community Rating System.

Last year, on November 10, 2009, your Board approved and delegated authority to the Director of Public Works to execute an MAS (25461/31) which resulted in a grant of \$360,000.00. Execution of the current MAS will allow continuation of the established partnership with FEMA.

FINANCING:

There is no impact on the General Fund. The District will be receiving grant funding from FEMA to conduct hydrologic, hydraulic and floodplain mapping work, which effort is already a part of the District's work plan.

Yours truly



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Auditor-Controller

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