



Agenda Item No. _____

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CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: November 22, 2011

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Engineering Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Emergency Purchase Order Contract For Conejo Road Storm Drain Installation Project

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council retroactively approve an Emergency Purchase Order Contract with MGE Underground for the Conejo Road Storm Drain Installation Project in the amount of \$86,404.09, pursuant to Municipal Code Section 4.52.080, pertaining to emergency purchases.

DISCUSSION:

The Conejo Slide, in the vicinity of Conejo Road south of Stanwood Drive, has had significant earth movement as documented in 1969, 1978, 1983, 1998, 2005, and 2011. This significant earth movement has historically corresponded with years of high rainfall. The City has been regularly surveying and monitoring the slide movement since 1983. Since 1998, slide monitoring locations have moved as much as 5.5 feet vertically and 19.4 feet horizontally.

As a result of continued slide movement, a large depression has formed adjacent to the intersection of Conejo Road and Conejo Lane. This area has been the most active part of the slide. The depression has increased due to the most recent slide movement. The small rain event in October revealed that this area no longer provides positive drainage down Conejo Road, and there is an immediate need to eradicate the ponding water within this depression. Therefore, a catch basin will be installed at the low point within the depression and approximately 300 feet of new directionally-drilled 12-inch storm drain pipe will be installed. The outlet of this new pipe will flow to an existing storm drain system. All new work will be within the Conejo Road public right of way.

The Public Works Director, with the assistance of the General Services Manager, has determined that the issuance of an Emergency Purchase Order is necessary to get the work done in a timely manner, in advance of the eminent rains, to minimize moisture being added to the slide area. Construction is anticipated to last approximately two weeks and is expected to be completed by December 16, 2011.

Two contractors participated in an on-site job walk and submitted quick quote bids. MGE Underground was selected for the project since they provided staff with the low bid of \$66,404.09. An additional \$20,000 has been added to cover any overages/contingencies since this is emergency work and potentially unforeseen circumstances may be encountered, such as boulders during directional drilling. While this is larger than the typical 10% contingency for construction work, it is the recommended amount given the nature of the work and to avoid the possibility of having to stop work if significant extra work is encountered.

On Wednesday, November 9, 2011, a Conejo neighborhood meeting was held where staff informed owners and residents in attendance of the status of the drainage work, City neighborhood infrastructure maintenance and repair, and addressed neighborhood questions and concerns.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

There are sufficient funds in the Streets Fund to cover the cost of this Emergency Purchase Order.

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SUBMITTED BY: Christine F. Andersen, Public Works Director

APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office