

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET
CITY OF SAN DIEGO

DATE ISSUED: March 15, 2011
ATTENTION: Natural Resources & Culture Committee
Agenda of March 23, 2011
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Public Utilities
SUBJECT: FEMA 1731-DR Alternate Projects
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): 5 (San Pasqual) and Pamo Valley
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REQUESTED ACTION:

Authorizing the Mayor, or his designee, to advertise and execute a construction contract with the lowest responsible and reliable bidder, and the Chief Financial Officer to expend funds in an amount not to exceed \$800,000 from Water Operating Fund 700011, for the purpose of funding the construction contract, contingent upon the City Comptroller furnishing one or more certificates certifying that the funds necessary for expenditure under the established contract are, or will be, on deposit with the City Treasurer.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the resolution.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Water Branch within the Public Utilities Department (formerly Water Department) acquired a large amount of land in the San Pasqual and Pamo Valley area in the 1960s. The property was purchased for the purpose of securing groundwater rights and for building a reservoir in Pamo Valley, which has never been constructed. There are numerous single family homes on the acquired land which have been leased by the City of San Diego (City) to farm workers and ranchers in the area. Unfortunately, during the 2007 Witch Creek Fire, many structures in the San Pasqual Valley and Pamo Valley were completely destroyed. The Proclamation and Declaration of the State of Emergency was made by Resolution No. R-303098 on November 8, 2007.

Public Utilities elected not to rebuild the homes that burned. In December 2008, the City requested that the United States Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approve alternate projects. FEMA allows agencies to use a percentage of funds authorized for rebuilding if an agency chooses not to rebuild. Under this Alternative Project program, FEMA approved the City's request in July 2009. In lieu of replacing the structures which were directly damaged by the wildfire, the City will repair seven single family homes in San Pasqual and two single family homes in Pamo Valley.

The alternate projects consist of selective improvements to nine houses. These houses were originally built in the early 1900s. FEMA conducted a Section 106 Historic Review and determined that the proposed work is in compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and no further historic review is needed. The proposed work has also been coordinated with the City's Historic Resources Board. The improvements included in this project vary from one

house to another. All houses will receive exterior siding repair and exterior painting. Eight homes will receive window repair or replacement. Some houses will also receive roof repair, electrical upgrade and attic insulation.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CONTRACTING:

This agreement is subject to the City’s Equal Opportunity Contracting (San Diego Ordinance No. 18173, Section 22.2701 through 22.2708) and Non-Discrimination in Contracting Ordinance (San Diego Municipal Code Sections 22.3501 through 22.3517).

Funding Agency: City of San Diego

Goals: Small Disadvantaged Business	5%
Women-Owned Business	5%
HUBZone Small Business	3%
Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business	3%

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The total cost estimate of this project is less than \$800,000. Funds for this project are available in Water Operating Fund 700011. The City will be reimbursed for 93.75% of the construction cost through the FEMA Public Assistance Funds, DR-1731 2007 Wildfires, contingent upon the completion of the projects prior to October 24, 2011.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL/COMMITTEE ACTION: None.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS:

The alternative projects have been presented to the San Pasqual Valley Land Use Task Force on April 14, 2010.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS:

The Agricultural Lessees and the San Pasqual Valley Land Use Task Force.

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