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Appendix B – Finance Report

On March 14, 2017, the Board of Supervisors approved mid-year budget modification, allocating \$16.8 million from the Strategic Reserve to the Disaster Assistance fund to make critical repairs in response to winter storm damages through February 16, 2017 and Soberanes Fire.

Of the \$16.8 allocated for Disaster Assistance, in FY 2016-17, \$11 million was appropriated to make immediate critical repairs; \$9,067,238 in Resource Management Agency's Road Fund budget, \$494,654 in Resource Management Agency's Parks General Fund budget, \$1,105,346 in Resource Management Agency's Parks Resort Operating budget, \$370,000 in Pajaro County Sanitation District budget, \$13,200 in San Jerardo County Sanitation District budget, \$49,562 in Boronda County Sanitation District budget, and \$260,753 for General Funds unrelated to RMA. (See *Figure 1*) Out of \$11 million, \$9,485,720 was expended in FY 2016-17 for immediate repairs to protect the health and safety of County residents.



Figure 1

In FY 2017-18, RMA has continued its critical time-sensitive repair projects caused by winter storm damage including preparations of two major permanent repair projects. On July 11, 2017, RMA obtained the Board of Supervisor's approval to allocate \$ 1,615,460 from the Disaster Assistance fund for the Palo Colorado Road emergency repairs at Rocky Creek crossing. In addition, RMA is preparing to request \$1,515,000 for permanent repairs at Pajaro County Sanitation District, \$188,781 at San Jerardo County Sanitation District, \$1,996,362 for permanent repairs of Cachagua Road, and approximately \$2 million for the on-going debris removal and emergency repairs on various County roads. The total amount to be requested from Disaster Assistance fund in FY 2017-18 is approximately \$7.3 million which depletes the remaining balance in Disaster Assistance fund.

Since March of 2017, RMA staff has been working closely with County Office of Emergency Services and FEMA on applications for reimbursement of projects associated with winter storm damage repairs. The Federal share of assistance for disaster cost is not less than 75 percent of eligible cost while the remaining 25 percent of non-federal share is split between the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) 18.75 percent and the County 6.25 percent. To date, RMA has applied for FEMA assistance in the amount of \$20.7 million for costs incurred and projected repair costs. FEMA has approved approximately \$16.3 million as of the date of this report. See *Figure 2*. Additional reimbursement will be applied as cost estimates are gathered. A status of these projects is included as **Attachment D**. Thus far, the County has received \$266,927 in Federal Reimbursements. However, it is indeterminate what the total FEMA reimbursement will be during current fiscal year or any future fiscal years for County winter storm related expenses.



Figure 2

In addition to FEMA assistance, staff is also working with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to seek emergency assistance for storm damage repairs on Federal-aid highways within the County. There are currently ten Federal-aid highway repair projects with the proposed cost estimate of \$11.5 million where 80 percent of cost could be eligible for Federal Cost Share if approved by FHWA.

In response to the Cal OES's recommendation regarding winterization of incomplete disaster repair projects, RMA has estimated a total winterization cost of \$1.7 million for road repair projects that are critical for the health and safety of County residents. The costs for winterization is in addition to the permanent repair costs. The \$16.8 million that was allocated by the Board to the Disaster Assistance fund has been exhausted by immediate storm repairs completed in FY 2016-17 and 2017-18.