



County of Monterey

Item No.

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
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Recommend to the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors to Adopt Plans and Special Provisions for the South Access Road Repair at Nacimiento Dam, Project No. 26-005; and Authorize the General Manager of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency to advertise the “Notice to Bidders” in the Monterey County Weekly.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors:

Recommend to the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors to Adopt Plans and Special Provisions for the South Access Road Repair at Nacimiento Dam, Project No. 26-005; and Authorize the General Manager of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency to advertise the “Notice to Bidders” in the Monterey County Weekly.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Adopting the Plans and Special Provisions and authorizing the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (Agency) to advertise the South Access Road Repair at Nacimiento Dam, Project No. 26-005 will allow the Agency to proceed with the construction phase of the Project and solicit construction bids. The Agency will return to the Board after opening bids and determining the lowest responsible bidder to award the Project.

There are two access routes to the Nacimiento Dam’s Hydro-plant. The primary Hydro-plant access route is the Low Flow Crossing near the Dam’s spillway plunge pool. The secondary access route to Nacimiento Dam’s Hydro-plant is called the Hydro-plant South Access Road. During high flow spillway releases, the Low Flow Crossing is not passable making the South Access Road the only vehicle access to the Hydro-plant.

During the January 2023 storms, the Hydro-plant’s South Access Road suffered erosion damage at three locations and threatening the stability of the road embankment. FEMA reimbursement for repairing the South Access Road was applied for. FEMA has authorized reimbursement for needed repairs with a project completion deadline set for September 2026.

The bid opening date is to be determined. Bids will be opened at the Monterey County Water Resources Agency office located at 1441 Schilling Place, Salinas California 93901. Project construction is scheduled to begin in August 2026.

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Agency staff filed a Notice of

Exemption on February 10, 2025. The project was determined to be a Category 1 exemption under 14 CCR§ 15301 Existing Facilities.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

FEMA (reimbursement and contracting requirements).

County of San Luis Obispo-Building and Planning (grading permit)

FINANCING:

Reimbursement of Agency expenses to include design, permitting, and construction has been authorized by FEMA.

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Attachments:

1. South Access Road RFB
2. Draft South Access Road RFB Package
3. Draft Notice to Bidders