# REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY AND RECORD OF ACTION

**December 19, 2023** 

#### **FROM**

**BRENDON BIGGS**, Director, Department of Public Works – Transportation

#### **SUBJECT**

Agreement with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security – Federal Emergency Management Agency for Information Sharing

## RECOMMENDATION(S)

- Approve the Information Sharing Access Agreement No. 23-1333 with the United States
  Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency to obtain a
  list of properties experiencing repetitive losses by flooding within the County jurisdiction,
  shared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, for National Flood Insurance
  Program claims data and repetitive/severe repetitive loss records.
- 2. Authorize the Director of the Department of Public Works to sign and submit the Information Sharing Access Agreement with the United States Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- 3. Direct the Director of the Department of Public Works to transmit the Information Sharing Access Agreement to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors within 30 days of submission. (Presenter: Brendon Biggs, Director, 387-7906)

#### **COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

Ensure Development of a Well-Planned, Balanced, and Sustainable County. Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this item will not result in the use of Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). The Department of Public Works (Department) is funded by Gas Tax revenue, fee revenue, and other federal, state, and local funding. The Information Sharing Access Agreement (ISAA) is not an obligation or commitment of funds, nor a basis for transfer of funds.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

On August 11, 2022, San Bernardino County (County) submitted a letter to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) expressing the County's interest in joining the FEMA Community Rating System (CRS) to enable County residents to be eligible for reduced flood insurance premiums. To continue the process of joining the CRS, the County must sign an ISAA with FEMA to access a list of properties experiencing repetitive losses by flood. The County would then develop a map to pinpoint these areas and provide descriptions of the factors contributing to repetitive loss flooding and potential mitigation strategies to reduce the future flood risks in these identified areas, update mitigation plans, and apply for specific grants.

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The purpose of the ISAA is to conduct floodplain management, disaster recovery, CRS activities, update mitigation plans, and apply for grants. Approval of this item will also authorize the Director of the Department of Public Works to sign and submit the ISAA and transmit copies to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors within 30 days of submission.

### **PROCUREMENT**

Not applicable.

### **REVIEW BY OTHERS**

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Aaron Gest, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on November 6, 2023; Finance (Carl Lofton, Administrative Analyst, 387-5404) on November 30, 2023; and County Finance and Administration (Paloma Hernandez-Barker, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on December 4, 2023.

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## APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)

Moved: Curt Hagman Seconded: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.) Ayes: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Jesse Armendarez, Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

DATED: December 19, 2023

OF SUPERING PARTIES PA

cc: PW/Trans - Fam w/agree for sign

Contractor - c/o PW/Trans w/agree

File - w/agree

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