

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

November 18, 2025

FROM

**TERRY W. THOMPSON, Director, Real Estate Services Department
NOEL CASTILLO, Director, Department of Public Works - Transportation**

SUBJECT

Amendment to License Agreement with EarthScope Consortium, Inc., for Geological Monitoring Equipment in Apple Valley

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. Find that approval of Amendment No. 1 to License Agreement No. 20-949 with EarthScope Consortium, Inc., for the non-exclusive use of 1,600 square feet of land, is an exempt project under the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Section 15301 – Existing Facilities (Class 1).
2. Approve **Amendment No. 1 to License Agreement No. 20-949** with EarthScope Consortium, Inc., to:
 - a. Approve the assignment to EarthScope Consortium, Inc. from UNAVCO, Inc.
 - b. Extend the term of the License Agreement for the period of December 1, 2025, through November 30, 2030, by exercising a five year option, following a permitted two-month holdover, from October 1, 2025, through November 30, 2025, at no cost.
 - c. Update standard license agreement language for non-exclusive use of 1,600 square feet of land located at 11923 Joshua Road in Apple Valley (Assessor's Parcel Number 3080-011-05-0000).
 - d. Continue operation and maintenance of one earthquake monitoring station.
3. Direct the Real Estate Services Department to file the Notice of Exemption in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

(Presenter: Terry W. Thompson, Director, 387-5000)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Operate in a Fiscally-Responsible and Business-Like Manner.

Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies and Stakeholders.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this item will not result in the use of Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). Amendment No. 1 (Amendment) to License Agreement No. 20-949 (License) is non-financial in nature. Administrative costs will be reimbursed by the Department of Public Works Transportation (DPW-T) (6650002000).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The recommended action will amend the existing License through the use of an available option to extend the License term with EarthScope from December 1, 2025, through November 30, 2030, following a permitted two month holdover period, for the continued use of 1,600 square

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feet of County-owned land at 11923 Joshua Road in Apple Valley, Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 3080-011-05-0000 (Property), for the operation of geological monitoring equipment. In lieu of rent, the installed equipment will provide valuable geological data available to the public to help better understand the processes controlling volcanoes and earthquakes.

On September 29, 2020 (Item No. 52), the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the no fee License with UNAVCO to operate and maintain one earthquake monitoring station located at 11923 Joshua Road in Apple Valley to provide valuable data for United States Department of the Interior and Geological Survey (USGS), contribution in lieu of monetary fees. The original term of the License was for a period from October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2025.

Approval of this Amendment is recommended to approve the assignment from UNAVCO, Inc. to EarthScope, and extend the term of the License for the period of December 1, 2025, through November 30, 2030, through the use of an available five-year option. Extending the term of the License will allow EarthScope to continue to provide valuable geological data for public use. All other terms and conditions of the License remain the same.

The project to approve the License was reviewed pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and determined to be categorically exempt under Section 15301 – Existing Facilities (Class 1) because the proposed License is to secure property to operate within the existing structure with negligible or no expansion of existing use. Accordingly, no further action is required under CEQA.

Summary of License Terms

Licensee:	EarthScope Consortium, Inc., (formerly UNAVCO, Inc.) James Downing, Esq., Senior Contracts and Permitting Manager
Location:	11923 Joshua Road in Apple Valley (APN 3080-011-05-0000)
Size:	Approximately 1,600 square feet
Term:	December 1, 2025, through November 30, 2030
Options:	Two remaining five-year options
Rent:	None
Annual Increases:	None
Improvement Costs:	None
Custodial:	None
Maintenance:	None
Utilities:	None
Insurance:	The Certificate of Liability Insurance, as required by the License, is on file with the Real Estate Services Department

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Holdover: Upon the end of the term, if permitted by Licensor, the License shall continue on a month-to-month term upon the same terms and conditions which existed at the time of expiration

Right to Terminate: 90 days written notice

Parking: None

PROCUREMENT

Not applicable.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Aaron Gest and John Tubbs II, Deputies County Counsel, 387-5455) on October 19, 2025; Public Works (Noel Castillo, Director, 387-7916) on October 15, 2025; Purchasing (Ariel Gill, Supervising Buyer, 387-2070) on October 16, 2025; and County Finance and Administration (Kathleen Gonzalez, 387-8083, and Eduardo Mora, 387-4376, Administrative Analysts) on October 29, 2025.

(CM: 840-266-0977)

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Record of Action of the Board of Supervisors
San Bernardino County

APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)

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

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY 
DATED: November 18, 2025



cc: RESD - Thompson w/agree
 Contractor - c/o RESD w/agree
 File - w/agree
MBA 11/24/2025