

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE FOLLOWING:
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
BOARD GOVERNED COUNTY SERVICE AREAS
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

March 28, 2023

FROM

BRENDON BIGGS, Director, Department of Public Works – Special Districts

SUBJECT

Capital Improvement Program – County Service Area 82 Searles Valley – Sewer Improvement Project

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. Acting as the governing body of County Service Area 82 – Searles Valley:
 - a. Approve the Capital Improvement Program – County Service Area 82 Searles Valley – Sewer Improvement Project in the amount of \$6,034,682.
 - b. Approve a professional engineering design and services **Contract No. 23-259** with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$524,157 for the design of construction plans and specifications for the County Service Area 82 Searles Valley – Sewer Improvement Project.
 - c. Authorize the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector to post budget increases of \$6,034,682, as detailed in the Financial Impact Section, for the County Service Area 82 Searles Valley – Sewer Improvement Project (Four votes required).
2. Acting as the governing body of San Bernardino County:
 - a. Approve the use of up to \$6,034,682 of American Rescue Plan Act funding for eligible costs associated with the County Service Area 82 Searles Valley – Sewer Improvement Project.
 - b. Authorize the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector to post budget adjustments, as detailed in the Financial Impact Section, needed to provide American Rescue Plan Act funding for the County Service Area 82 Searles Valley – Sewer Improvement Project (Four votes required).

(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.

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). This item would authorize the use of up to \$6,034,682 from the County First District's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (Recovery Fund) to fund eligible costs associated with the County Service Area 82 Searles Valley – Sewer Improvement Project (Project) in Trona and Pioneer Point. These costs include design of the Project's plans

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and specifications, as provided by Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (Kimley Horn), project management and the future construction portion of the Project.

The following 2022-23 budget adjustments are needed to proceed with the Project:

Cost Center	Commitment Item	Description	Increase/ (Decrease)	Amount
<i>ARPA Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Special Districts:</i>				
1050003509	54104010	Improvements to Land	Increase	\$ 6,034,682
1050003509	40909975	Operating Transfers In	Increase	\$ 6,034,682
<i>San Bernardino County – ARPA Recovery Fund:</i>				
1100001078	52002135	Special Dept Expense	Decrease	\$ 6,034,682
1100911078	55305030	Operating Transfers Out	Increase	\$ 6,034,682

Sufficient appropriation will be included in future recommended budgets for the Special Districts' ARPA CIP fund as needed.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Department of Public Works - Special Districts (Department) administers all Board Governed County Service Areas (CSA's) and Zones that provide a variety of municipal services including design, construction and operation of sewer systems.

County Service Area 82 Searles Valley (CSA 82) was established by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors on June 28, 1976 to provide, among other things, sewer services for the communities of Trona and Pioneer Point, east of Ridgecrest and adjacent to the western boundary of Death Valley National Park. The Department's Water and Sanitation Division (Division) directly manages, operates, and maintains CSA 82's sewer services.

The Division currently maintains a 12-inch primary sewer effluent line, including two septic tank treatment facilities and fifty-two (52) manholes for CSA 82. The effluent line spans from Pioneer Point (north) to Trona (south) as part of the overall sewerage system. The 12-inch effluent line covers approximately 13,900 feet, along the eastern side of Trona Road, encompassing 18 manhole locations. The effluent line was constructed in 1979 and is in need of reconstructing and/or replacing worn, damaged, and deleterious segments of 12-inch effluent sewer line and manhole structures. The Division has preliminarily identified and prioritized 11,317 feet of the effluent line and up to 12 manholes that are in need of replacement. The Project will add up to six manholes to reduce spacing to a consistent 500 to 600 feet allowing for additional access points for maintenance and inspection purposes pursuant to industry standards.

In addition to providing funding and appropriation for the Project, this item seeks approval of a professional engineering design and services contract with Kimley-Horn in the amount of \$524,157 for the Project's design of construction plans and specifications. The Department anticipates returning to the Board in January 2024 with a recommendation for award of the construction contract.

PROCUREMENT

Request for Proposal (RFP) SDD-026 for the Project's professional engineering design and services was released through the County's Electronic Procurement Network (ePro) No.

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SPD122-SPDAD-4773 and sent directly to engineering firms on October 18, 2022. A total of two proposals were received in response to the RFP on November 17, 2022. Both proposals were accepted for review.

Consultant	Location
Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.	San Diego
Valued Engineering, Inc.	Ontario

The proposals were evaluated by a committee comprised of Department staff from the Project Management and Water and Sanitation Divisions. Based on the proposal that best met the design needs of CSA 82, the committee recommends award of the contract to Kimley-Horn. No protests were received.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector (Vanessa Doyle, Chief Deputy Controller, 382-3195) on March 9, 2023; County Counsel (Aaron Gest, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on March 3, 2023; Finance (Tom Forster, Administrative Analyst, 387-4635, and Guy Martinez, ARPA Compliance Officer, 387-5428) on March 8, 2023; and County Finance and Administration (Paloma Hernandez-Barker, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on March 13, 2023.

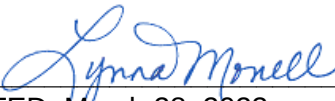
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Record of Action of the Board of Supervisors
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APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)

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

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY 
DATED: March 28, 2023



cc: BGCSA - Krause w/agree
Contractor - C/O BGCSA w/agree
File - w/agree
CCM 04/10/2023