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The Honorable Bill Dodd
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5064
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Senate Bill 914 (Dodd): Construction Manager At-Risk (CMAR) Contracting for Counties

Dear Senator Dodd,

On behalf of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to express support for Senate Bill 914. In addition, the County respectfully requests that, should it be possible during the legislative process, roads be included in CMAR eligible project types.

A CMAR contract is a competitively procured contract with an entity that guarantees the cost of a project and furnishes construction management services, including, but not limited to, preparation and coordination of bid packages, scheduling, cost control, value engineering, evaluation, preconstruction services and construction administration.

Before construction can begin on a project, the owner and construction manager must agree on "guaranteed maximum price" for the project. The construction manager is responsible for delivering the project within the agreed upon price, thereby assuming the risk for cost-overruns. The result is better-designed, properly-phased, and cost-effective county infrastructure project.

Current law allows counties to use CMAR on projects in excess of \$1 million for the erection, construction, alteration, repair or improvement of buildings. Counties may award the projects to the lowest responsible bidder or by the best value method. Counties have CMAR authority until January 1, 2023 and must also meet specified skilled and trained workforce requirements.

SB 914 expands county authority to use the CMAR method for other types of infrastructure projects. The County is interested in potentially using the CMAR method for flood control projects and other local projects. Again, the County believes that would

could make use of CMAR authority for road projects and would welcome that revision to the legislation.

For the reasons stated, Contra Costa County is pleased to support SB 914 and thank you for authoring this important measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Karen Mitchoff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karen Mitchoff, Chair
Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

cc: Members, Assembly Transportation Committee
Contra Costa County Legislative Delegation