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Costa
County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Julia R. Bueren, Public Works Director/Chief Engineer
Date: August 16, 2016

Subject: Report for Public Works Department and Flood Control and Water Conservation District Accreditation Program

RECOMMENDATION(S):

ACCEPT report on the Public Works Department and Flood Control and Water Conservation District's Accreditation program, as recommended by the Public Works Director and Chief Engineer, Countywide.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact

BACKGROUND:

The Public Works Department is proud of its culture of self-improvement. We have conducted numerous studies of our business practices, embraced the concept of total quality management and through ongoing process improvement, implemented changes in several areas. The American Public Works Association (APWA) Accreditation Program gives the Department an opportunity to measure its practices, policies, and procedures against nationally accepted public works standards. The Department was the first county public works agency in California to be accredited back in 2001. We were re-accredited in 2004,

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **08/16/2016** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Mary N. Piepho, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: August 16, 2016

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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2008 and 2012. In anticipation of our re-accreditation visit by the APWA

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

evaluators scheduled for October 3, 4 & 5, 2016, we have reviewed all of our practices, policies, and procedures and feel we are in full compliance with the standards set by APWA.

In addition to the Public Works Department, the Flood Control and Water Conservation District (Flood Control District) has applied for independent accreditation by APWA. During the same site visit in October 2016, the APWA evaluators will review the practices, policies and procedures and judge the Flood Control District as a stand-alone District.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The Department will not benefit from the opportunity to become re-accredited and the Flood Control District will not have the opportunity to receive independent accreditation and be recognized by the American Public Works Association.

ATTACHMENTS

Accreditation Report 2016