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To: Contra Costa County Housing Authority Board of Commissioners
 From: Joseph Villarreal, Housing Authority
 Date: October 17, 2017

Subject: CONTRACT WITH ERNIE'S PLUMBING & SEWER SERVICE TO REPAIR GAS LINES AT LOS NOGALES IN BRENTWOOD

RECOMMENDATIONS

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the County of Contra Costa, or his designee, to execute a contract with Ernie's Plumbing & Sewer Service in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 to provide gas line repairs at the Housing Authority's Los Nogales public housing development in Brentwood for the period September 12, 2017 through November 22, 2017.

BACKGROUND

Gas leaks were detected by HACCC maintenance staff at 2 units in Los Nogales. The gas leaks were determined to be caused by defective valves for the washing machines that led to leaking water corroding the gas pipes. The design of the property meant that such conditions could be replicated at other units at Los Nogales. As a result, an outside plumbing service was brought in to test the remaining 42 units at Los Nogales (44 units total).

A small access hatch exists in 35 of the remaining units that allowed the plumbing contractor to survey the gas pipes for damage. Of the 35 units surveyed, 16 were determined to have significant corrosion and must be replaced. This process is nearing completion. It has also involved replacing faulty gas valves and water heaters that did not

Action of Board On: **10/17/2017** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF COMMISSIONERS

AYE: John Gioia, Commissioner
 Candace Andersen,
 Commissioner
 Diane Burgis,
 Commissioner
 Karen Mitchoff,
 Commissioner
 Federal D. Glover,
 Commissioner
 Jannel George-Oden,
 Commissioner

ABSENT: Fay Nathaniel,
 Commissioner

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: October 17, 2017

Joseph Villarreal, Executive Director

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survive the draining/refilling process and expanding the access hatches to allow a repair person to reach the gas line. The remaining 9 units had to have access hatches cut into their walls before the gas lines could be tested. Testing of the pipes at these 9 units is underway.

The \$250,000 not to exceed amount is based on the work already underway and a worst-case scenario projection of the units still being tested.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Housing Authority's (HACCC) total cost for this service will not exceed \$250,000. Funding for this contract is included in HACCC's current budget using the public housing capital funding provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION

If the Board of Commissioners does not approve this contract, work will cease on this project and further gas leaks may occur.

CLERK'S ADDENDUM