



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Brian M. Balbas, Public Works Director/Chief Engineer
Date: September 8, 2020

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 reviews of our operational practices, continued ongoing process improvement, and 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, 2008, 2012 and 2016. In anticipation of our virtual re-accreditation visit by the APWA evaluators scheduled for

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **09/08/2020** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Diane Burgis, 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: September 8, 2020

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

By: June McHuen, Deputy

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cc:

October 12-15, 2020, we have reviewed all of our practices, policies, and procedures and feel we are in full compliance with the standards set by APWA.

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

In addition to the Public Works Department, the Flood Control and Water Conservation District (Flood Control District) was accredited by APWA in 2016 during the same site visit in October. The APWA evaluators will review the practices, policies and procedures for the Flood Control District.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

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

ATTACHMENTS

Accreditation Report 2020