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Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Brian M. Balbas, Public Works Director/Chief Engineer  
Date: June 7, 2022

Subject: APPROVE the Grant of Easement for the La Honda Force Main Sewer Replacement Project, and take related actions under CEQA, El Sobrante area.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Chair, Board of Supervisors, to execute, on behalf of the County, a sewer easement agreement with West County Wastewater District (District) to convey a sewer easement over a portion of County-owned property having Assessor's Parcel Number 433-242-018 for payment to the County in the amount of \$5,000 and reimbursement of County transaction costs, in connection with the District's La Honda Force Main Sewer Replacement Project, Government Code Section 25526.6, El Sobrante area. (Project No. 4500-6X5840)

FIND that the conveyance of such easement is in the public interest and will not substantially conflict or interfere with the County's use of the property.

DETERMINE that the activity will not have a significant effect on the environment and is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 5, Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, and

DIRECT the Director of the Department of Conservation and Development, or designee, to file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **06/07/2022** ☒ 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: June 7, 2022

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Stacey M. Boyd, Deputy

Contact: Mark apHugh,  
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cc:

AUTHORIZE the Public Works Director, or designee, to arrange for payment of a \$25 fee to the Department of Conservation and Development for processing, and a \$50 fee to the County Clerk for filing the Notice of Exemption.

## RECOMMENDATION(S): (CONT'D)

DIRECT the Real Estate Division of the Public Works Department to have the above referenced Grant of Easement delivered to the District for acceptance and recording in the Office of the County Clerk-Recorder.

DIRECT the Real Estate Division to cause the District's payment of the purchase price and County-cost reimbursement to be deposited into the General Fund.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

The County will be paid \$5,000 for the value of the easement, and will be reimbursed \$8,000 for its administrative and environmental review costs for this transaction. All funds will be deposited into the General Fund.

## BACKGROUND:

West County Wastewater District maintains a pump station and force main (sewer line) on a portion of the above-referenced property which is owned by the County. The District is currently undertaking its La Honda Force Main Sewer Replacement Project – a project to replace the force main, which includes the replacement of 190 linear feet of an aging 6-inch Ductile Iron Pipe (DIP) force main with dual 6-inch High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) force mains. Upon review of this parcel, the District was unable to find a recorded easement for a portion of the force main that connects to the pump station. Therefore, to correct this title omission, the County will convey a 920-square-foot easement for sewer purposes to clarify the District's rights and complete its project. The District will pay the County \$5,000 for the value of the easement and will reimburse the County's costs to process this transaction, including CEQA environmental review and filing costs. The Real Estate Division has determined that the conveyance of the easement will not substantially conflict or interfere with the County's use of this property, and that the value of the easement is less than \$5,000. The conveyance of the easement is in the public interest insofar as it is for a public sewer facility.

## CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The District will not have the necessary permanent rights for maintenance and access to the facilities installed.

## ATTACHMENTS

Agreement

Sewer Easement Agreement