

STAFF REPORT
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Date: December 9, 2008

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: James R. Williams, Director of Public Works

Subject: **Approve Portofino Low-Flow Pumping System Cooperative Agreement with Los Angeles County**

Recommendation:

Approve the attached City – County Cooperative Agreement for the installation of a low-flow pumping system to pump nuisance water from the west side of 45th Street West, between Quartz Hill Road and Avenue M-4 to the Avenue M-2 (Quartz Hill) drainage basin. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all necessary documents.

Fiscal Impact:

\$185,000.00; sufficient funds are available in Capital Improvements Budget Account Numbers 101-17SD023-924, 484-17SD023-924, and 261-17SD023-924.

Background:

The project is located adjacent to and within Tract No. 53445, Portofino Estates, a gated community located on the southeast corner of 45th Street West and Quartz Hill Road. This project is necessary to mitigate the impacts of nuisance water on the downstream County residents. The project is designed to capture nuisance water coming from the Portofino Estates Tract and pump it east within an existing box culvert to the Avenue M-2 drainage basin, located just east of the tract.

The developer originally intended to construct the nuisance water pump system in June of 2006, but Los Angeles County requested that the City delay construction while they attempted to get approval for a storm drain through Quartz Hill. K. Hovnanian/Forecast Homes of Southern California, the developer of Portofino Estates, was required to deposit \$98,000.00 into the City's Guaranteed Deposit Account to cover their portion of the project. The County agreed to fund up to \$52,000.00 in construction costs due to the requested delay. Recently, in response to several complaints from downstream property owners, the County asked the City to proceed with the construction.

On September 28, 2008, Council awarded Public Works Construction Project No. 08-028, Nuisance Water Flow Improvement System, to Tejon Constructors Inc., in the amount of \$145,112.00, plus a 10% contingency, for the construction of a low-flow pumping system. The proposed Cooperative Agreement formalizes the responsibility of the parties and allows the County and the City to satisfy their respective financial obligations.

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Attachments:

City – County Cooperative Agreement