

**MEMORANDUM
DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY SERVICES
COUNTY OF PLACER**

To: **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** Date: **MAY 24, 2011**
From: *WD* **JAMES DURFEE / WILL DICKINSON** *WD*
Subject: **PLANT 3 ENTRANCE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT 08241**

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that your Board take the following actions with regard to the Plant 3 Entrance Road Improvements, Project 08241 located on Auburn-Folsom Road in Loomis:

1. Approve the Plans and Specifications and authorize staff to solicit bids.
2. Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the Director of Facility Services to award and execute the resulting contract, in an amount not to exceed \$46,695, upon Risk Management's and County Counsel's review and approval, and approve any required change orders consistent with the County Purchasing Manual and Section 20142 of the Public Contract Code.
3. Authorize staff to file a Notice of Exemption with the Placer County Clerk-Recorder.

BACKGROUND: Sewer Maintenance District 3 provides sewer service to approximately 615 equivalent dwelling units (EDUs) in the Horseshoe Bar area. Wastewater Treatment Plant 3 (Plant 3) was constructed in 1963 and is located on Auburn Folsom Road. The existing entrance to Plant 3 has short line-of-site distances in both directions caused by scrub vegetation and an earth and rock knoll to the north, and an outcropping of rock to the south. County staff has developed a project to clear and grub select portions of the vegetation and perform minor site grading, including rock excavation, to increase the line-of-site distance in both directions. This work will improve safety at the entrance to Plant 3.

In order to proceed with the project, staff recommends that your Board approve the Plans and Specifications, authorize staff to solicit bids, and authorize the Director of Facility Services to execute the resulting construction contract. A copy of the project Plans and Specifications are available for review at the Department of Facility Services.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE: This project is exempt from further CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities. This exemption allows for minor alteration of existing facilities which do not result in an expansion of the existing use. Section 15301(c) specifically refers to alterations to existing facilities and roads, including grading activities, for the purpose of public safety.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Engineer's Estimate for the project is \$42,450. Staff recommends a total construction budget of \$46,695, which includes an approximate 10% contingency. Adequate funding for this project exists in the SMD 3 budget for FY 2010/11.

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A COPY OF THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT THE DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY SERVICES.

ATTACHMENT: RESOLUTION
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**Before the Board of Supervisors
County of Placer, State of California**

**In the matter of: A RESOLUTION DELEGATING
AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF FACILITY
SERVICES TO AWARD AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT
AND APPROVE ANY REQUIRED CHANGE ORDERS
FOR THE PLANT 3 ENTRANCE ROAD
IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT 08241**

Resolution _____

The following RESOLUTION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held _____, by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Clerk of said Board

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, State of California that this Board authorizes the Director of Facility Services to award and execute the contract for the Plant 3 Entrance Road Improvements, Project 08241, in an amount not-to-exceed \$46,695, upon Risk Management's and County Counsel's review and approval, and grant the authority to execute required change orders consistent with the County Purchasing Manual and Section 20142 of the Public Contract Code.

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

Placer County Clerk
2952 Richardson Dr.
Auburn, CA 95603

From: Placer County Department of Facility Services
11476 C Avenue
Auburn, CA 95603

Project Title: Plant 3 Entrance Road Improvements

Project Location: 4928 Auburn Folsom Road
Loomis, CA 95650

County: Placer

Description of Project: The project consists of clearing rock and vegetation at the WWTP, north of the facility entrance, to increase road sight distance for drivers exiting the WWTP and through traffic on Auburn Folsom Road. The total area of disturbance is estimated at approximately 9,200 square feet (0.21 acres). There would be some minor grading to promote drainage away from the roadway; all disturbed areas will be seed and mulched and other BMPs installed as needed. Rock removal will done by mechanical means, expansive grout, or blasting. If blasting is required, the contractor will conduct pre- and post-blasting surveys of all structures within 500 feet, provide advance notice, and monitor structures during blasting. Lane closures will be implemented during excavation near the road. Some tree removal will be required; a tree permit is not required for removal necessary to comply with safety requirements or for routine maintenance of public utilities, pursuant to County Code 12.16.050.

Public Agency Approving and Carrying Out Project: Placer County Department of Facility Services

Exempt Status: (check one and cite)

Ministerial -

Declared Emergency -

Categorical (cite) - CEQA Guidelines, Article 19, Section 15301, Existing Facilities

Statutory (cite) -

Reason Why Project is Exempt: This project is exempt from further CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities. This exemption allows for minor alteration of existing facilities which do not result in an expansion of the existing use. Section 15301(c) specifically refers to alterations to existing facilities and roads, including grading activities, for the purpose of public safety. The project is intended to improve safety for vehicles entering and leaving Plant 3 and the through traffic on Auburn Folsom Road; the project will neither expand the existing use of, nor increase traffic at, the project site.

Lead Agency Contact: Chris Hanson, Senior Planner

Signature: _____
James Durfee, Director
Placer County Department of Facility Services

Date: _____

