COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: September 1, 2015

Public Hearing Required	Yes	☐	N/A	☒
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	☐	N/A	☒
Published Notice Required	Yes	☐	N/A	☒
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	☐	N/A	☒
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	☐	N/A	☒
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	☒	N/A	☐
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	☐	N/A	☒
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	☐	N/A	☒
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	☐	N/A	☒

CONTACT PERSON: Denise England PHONE: 636-5005

SUBJECT: East Porterville New Water Supply Well Emergency Reaffirmation

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Reaffirm that the lack of water supply for East Porterville declared by the Board of Supervisors on June 30, 2015 is a continuing emergency.

SUMMARY:

On June 30, 2015, pursuant to California Public Contract Code Section 22050, the Board of Supervisors found the lack of water supply for the community of East Porterville due to severe drought conditions to be an emergency and directed staff to begin constructing a water supply replacement well.

Staff has been in contact with well drillers obtaining quotes and references of similar work performed in similar geological conditions.

On June 2, 2015 your Board authorized Agreement No. 27119 with the State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR) to fund construction of the new well. The cost for construction of the new well is estimated to be $1.16 million. The County is the lead agency on this project, but staff is working closely with City of Porterville staff, the City's consulting engineer, State regulatory agencies and DWR to expeditiously complete the project.

On August 11, 2015 your Board authorized an agreement with Zim Industries, Inc. to construct the new well subject to insurance verification and contract approval as to form by Counsel. On August 13, 2015 a preconstruction meeting was held with Zim Industries, Inc. Insurance documentation has been received and is awaiting approval.

This is a continuing emergency due to the ongoing drought and private well failures.

Through the week of June 29, 2015 1,183 private wells had been reported dry. As of August 18, 2015 1,562 private wells have been reported dry of which 1,252 are actively dry with more than 903 occurring in the Porterville area.

Staff must bring the matter before the Board at least every two weeks for reaffirmation of the continuing emergency action which requires a 4/5ths vote of your Board. This bi-weekly reaffirmation will continue until the work in completed and the project is terminated.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There are no additional costs associated with this request.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's Strategic Plan includes an initiative to provide for the safety and security of the public which includes the goal of providing an adequate and safe water supply.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

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Denise England
Water Resources Programs Manager

Cc: Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (2)

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF EAST PORTERVILLE NEW WATER SUPPLY WELL EMERGENCY REAFFIRMATION	))))	**Resolution No. _____** **Agreement No. _____**

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____ _____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JEAN M. ROUSSEAU
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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Reaffirmed that the lack of water supply for East Porterville declared by the Board of Supervisors on June 30, 2015 is a continuing emergency.