



City of La Quinta

CITY / SA/ HA/ FA MEETING DATE: July 1, 2014

ITEM TITLE: RATIFY EMERGENCY CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH GRANITE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY TO PERFORM STORM DAMAGE REPAIR OF SINKHOLE ON ADAMS STREET

AGENDA CATEGORY:

BUSINESS SESSION:

CONSENT CALENDAR: 2

STUDY SESSION:

PUBLIC HEARING:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Ratify an emergency construction contract with Granite Construction Company to repair a sinkhole on Adams Street at Blackhawk Way.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- The storm of August 25, 2013 caused a large sinkhole to develop in the southbound travel lanes of Adams Street near the intersection of Blackhawk Way.
- Granite Construction Company was constructing the Adams Street Bridge just south of this location and was able to immediately begin repairs of the street.
- The total cost of the repair was \$34,782.15, which has been submitted to the County of Riverside for possible reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

FISCAL IMPACT:

Ratification of this contract will authorize the payment of \$34,782.15 to Granite Construction Company for the storm repair work. This amount was part of the continuing appropriations for Fiscal Year 2013/14 in Public Works; therefore, no additional appropriation is necessary.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

Rainfall from the storm that hit the City on August 25, 2013 was estimated to be of 150-year intensity. The heavy rainfall resulted in storm drain failure beneath

the southbound lanes of Adams Street just south of Blackhawk Way. A large sinkhole developed, which closed the southbound travel lanes on Adams Street. Granite Construction Company was constructing the Adams Street Bridge at that time just south of the sinkhole. Since Granite was already on site, the City was able to save the time and expense of mobilizing another contractor in order to repair the storm drain and road.

The lag time in reimbursing Granite for the work is due to the following reasons:

1. The City did not receive the final invoice from Granite with substantiating backup documents for time and material until well after the punch list work on the bridge was completed in January 2014.
2. The work was originally going to be paid for as part of the Adams Street Bridge work via a change order. Due to the complexity of closing out the bridge project, and the negotiations still ongoing over cost and time for outstanding change order work, it was decided to remove the sinkhole repair work and pay for it separately to eliminate any further delays.

Staff included the estimated costs for the sinkhole repair in the storm damage report, submitted to the County of Riverside in October 2013, to request reimbursement from Federal Emergency Management Agency. Any reimbursement for this incident will be returned to the General Fund.

ALTERNATIVES:

Due to the emergency nature of the work and the need to reimburse the contractor, staff does not recommend any alternatives.

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