

October 23, 2001

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Ratify changes in work and accept completed contract work under the following construction contracts:

Project ID No. FMD0002012 - Catch Basin Cleanout 2001, East Maintenance Area, Unit 1, vicinities of Sierra Madre, Alhambra, and El Monte (1 and 5), JG Maintenance, with changes in the amount of \$962.50, and a final contract amount of \$77,962.50.

Project ID No. RDC0012974 - Palmdale Blvd., et al., vicinities of Lake Los Angeles and Valyermo (5), Granite Construction Company, with changes amounting to a credit of \$15,238.06, and a final contract amount of \$1,037,837.96.

Project ID No. RMD4791601 - Parkway Tree Trimming, Florence-Walnut Park-East Rancho Dominguez, vicinities of Florence, Walnut Park, and East Rancho Dominguez (1 and 2), Arboguard, Inc., with changes amounting to a credit of \$693, and a final contract amount of \$45,652.

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Project ID No. RMD5567051 - Johnson Rd., et al., vicinity of Lancaster (5), Asphalt Construction Co., Inc., with changes in the amount of \$3,136.33, and a final contract amount of \$388,035.33.

CC 1021 - La Cienega Boulevard at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, vicinity of Baldwin Hills (2), C. W. Poss, Inc., with changes in the amount of \$102.70, and a final contract amount of \$1,575,657.04.

CC 1990 - San Pasqual Street, et al., Sanitary Sewers, vicinity of San Marino (5), Grgo & Gordon Grbavac Constr. Co., Inc., with changes amounting to a credit of \$15,387.79, and a total contract amount at this time of \$3,134,108.93 (Partial Acceptance).

CC 2022 - Trancas Zone Sanitary Sewers, City of Malibu (3), U-Liner West, a division of ZZ Liner, Inc., with changes in the amount of \$5,592.17, and a final contract amount of \$236,457.17.

CC 8755 - Leffingwell Rd., La Mirada Blvd. to Lambert Rd., vicinities of La Mirada and Whittier (4), All American Asphalt, with changes amounting to a credit of \$1,906.08, and a final contract amount of \$722,405.89.

Dominguez Gap Barrier Project, Unit 7B, Phase 4A, vicinities of Carson and Wilmington (2 and 4), Beylik Drilling, Inc., with changes amounting to a credit of \$628,124, and a total contract amount at this time of \$6,716,471.91 (Partial Acceptance).

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This action is to obtain Board ratification of Director-approved changes in public works contracts and Board acceptance of the work of the contracts in compliance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code. Included in the enclosures are project and contract data, the scope of work of changes to be ratified, and the work of the contracts to be accepted.

The Director of Public Works has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Changes to accommodate field conditions in order to meet the intent of the plans and specifications are not subject to this monetary limitation. Enclosed for your ratification are changes in work which I ordered for Project ID Nos. FMD0002012, RDC0012974, RMD4791601, and RMD5567051; Cash Contracts 1021, 1990, 2022, and 8755; and Dominguez Gap Barrier Project, Unit 7B, Phase 4A.

The projects have been completed, and it is recommended that your Board accept them on the dates indicated in the enclosures.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The acceptance of these construction contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since acceptance of these completed contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The modifications to the contract amounts range in value from a credit of \$628,124.00 to an increase in the amount of \$5,592.17, while the total values of the contracts range from \$45,652.00 to \$6,716,471.91.

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Ratification of the changes in work and acceptance of the work of the respective contracts by your Board is in compliance with the acceptance and prompt payment provisions of the Public Contract Code.

Sufficient funds are available in the Board-approved appropriations for each of the respective projects to cover the costs of the changes and the total value of each of the contracts. Detailed cost breakdowns for each of the changes together with contract cost summaries are included in the enclosures.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Each of these contracts for the construction of public works improvements was awarded by your Board to the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Director of Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The changes in the work as described above and in the enclosures are within the limits of the Board-approved projects and do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Each contract provided that the contractor be compensated for changes in the work as a result of changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs of each of the changes were based on contract unit prices, time and materials methods, or were negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the final costs of the changes are included in the enclosures.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Ratification of the requested changes and acceptance of the work of the contracts by your Board will ensure the timely closeout of the respective contracts, releasing Departmental and County assets for other construction-related activities.

CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. FMD0002012, CATCH BASIN CLEANOUT 2001, EAST MAINTENANCE AREA, UNIT 1 (in the vicinities of Sierra Madre, Alhambra, and El Monte), Supervisorial Districts 1 and 5

Contractor: JG Maintenance, 10242 San Carlos Avenue, South Gate, California 90280

Project Description:

Cleanout of approximately 10,000 catch basins at various locations in the east area of Los Angeles County.

Changes in Work:

(1) Variations in Bid Quantities	\$887.50
(2) Additional Testing for Safe Atmospheric Conditions	<u>75.00</u>
Total	<u>\$962.50</u>

Description of Changes:

(1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The increase in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities.

(2) It was necessary to compensate the contractor for testing atmospheric conditions at 125 additional catch basins which were added to the contract.

The costs for Item 1 were based on contract unit prices. The cost for Item 2 was negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications.

No additional working days were required because of these changes.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on August 27, 2001, in accordance with the plans and specifications.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$77,000.00
Changes in work authorized by Director of Public Works	<u>962.50</u>
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	<u>\$77,962.50</u>

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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0012974, PALMDALE BOULEVARD, ET AL.
(in the vicinities of Lake Los Angeles and Valyermo), Supervisorial District 5

Contractor: Granite Construction Company, P.O. Box 50085, Watsonville,
California 95077-5085

Project Description:

Widening and resurfacing of roadway pavement.

Changes in Work:

Variations in Bid Quantities (\$15,238.06)

Description of Changes:

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The costs for these changes were based on contract unit prices.

No additional working days were required because of these changes.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on June 15, 2001, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$1,053,076.02
Changes in work authorized by Director of Public Works	<u>(15,238.06)</u>
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	<u>\$1,037,837.96</u>

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PROJECT ID NO. RMD4791601, PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING, FLORENCE-WALNUT PARK-EAST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ (in the vicinities of Florence, Walnut Park, and East Rancho Dominguez), Supervisorial Districts 1 and 2

Contractor: Arborguard, Inc., 4394 Conejo Drive, Dannville, California 94506

Project Description:

Trimming and removal of parkway trees.

Changes in Work:

Variations in Bid Quantities (\$693.00)

Description of Changes:

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The costs for these changes were based on contract unit prices.

Ten additional working days were added to the contract to trim additional trees not originally shown on the plans.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on July 30, 2001, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$46,345.00
Changes in work authorized by Director of Public Works	<u>(693.00)</u>
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	<u>\$45,652.00</u>

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PROJECT ID NO. RMD5567051, JOHNSON ROAD, ET AL. (in the vicinity of Lancaster), Supervisorial District 5

Contractor: Asphalt Construction Co., Inc., P.O. Box 1187, Lancaster, California 93534

Project Description:

Resurfacing of roadway pavement.

Changes in Work:

(1) Variations in Bid Quantities	\$2,095.56
(2) Repair Damaged Asphalt Pavement	<u>1,040.77</u>
Total	<u>\$3,136.33</u>

Description of Changes:

(1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The increase in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities.

(2) It was necessary to remove and replace damaged asphalt pavement on 70th Street West. This work was not shown on the plans.

The costs for Item 1 were based on contract unit prices. The cost for Item 2 was based on time and materials methods as provided in Subsection 3-3 of the contract specifications.

No additional working days were required because of these changes.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed this project on June 25, 2001, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$384,899.00
Changes in work authorized by Director of Public Works	<u>3,136.33</u>
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	<u>\$388,035.33</u>

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CASH CONTRACT 1021, LA CIENEGA BOULEVARD AT KENNETH HAHN STATE RECREATION AREA (in the vicinity of Baldwin Hills), Supervisorial District 2

Contractor: C. W. Poss, Inc., 201 South Balcom Avenue, Fullerton, California 92832-2059

Project Description:

Regrade slope, mix outer four feet of soil with geofiber soil reinforcement, and cover slope with geofabric.

Changes in Work:

Variations in Bid Quantities	\$102.70
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Description of Changes:

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The increase in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The costs for these changes were based on contract unit prices.

Fifty-four additional working days were added to the contract because the contractor was delayed due to rain which saturated the ground thereby delaying the work.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on May 31, 2001, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$1,525,934.40
Actual cost of changes in work previously approved by the Board	49,619.94
Changes in work authorized by Director of Public Works	<u>102.70</u>
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	<u>\$1,575,657.04</u>

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT (PARTIAL)
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CASH CONTRACT 1990, SAN PASQUAL STREET, ET AL., SANITARY SEWERS
(in the vicinity of San Marino), Supervisorial District 5

Contractor: Grgo & Gordon Grbavac Constr. Co., Inc., 10519 Freer Street,
Temple City, California 91780

Project Description:

Construction of 8" and 12" mainline sanitary sewer systems.

Changes in Work:

(1) Variations in Bid Quantities	\$12,181.00
(2) Unmarked Water Services	833.09
(3) Remove and Dispose of Raw Sewage	1,062.59
(4) Replace Concrete Sidewalk	945.53
(5) Credit for Overtime Inspection	(21,260.00)
(6) Compaction Testing	<u>(9,150.00)</u>
Total	<u>(\$15,387.79)</u>

Description of Changes:

(1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based on actual quantities used. The increase in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities.

(2) During excavation activities, the contractor encountered water service lines that were neither marked in the field nor shown on the plans. It was necessary to compensate the contractor for hand digging around these utilities to avoid damaging them.

(3) During boring activities, the contractor encountered soil that was saturated with raw sewage. It was necessary to compensate the contractor for delays while they removed and replaced the soil.

(4) In order to remove the soil saturated with sewage, it was necessary to remove and replace a concrete sidewalk. This work was not shown on the plans.

(5) The contractor requested 265.75 hours of overtime inspection, which resulted in a credit to the contract in the amount shown.

(6) In accordance with the contract specifications, the contractor is responsible for the cost of failed compaction tests. This change resulted in a credit to the contract in the amount shown.

The costs for Items 1, 5, and 6 were based on contract unit prices. The cost for Items 2 through 4 were based on time and materials methods as provided in Subsection 3-3 of the contract specifications.

No additional working days were required because of these changes.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on June 7, 2001, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

The County and the contractor are attempting to resolve a dispute over changed conditions and additional work. Rather than continue to hold payment of the retention to the contractor until this issue is resolved, as provided for under Section 7107 of the Public Contract Code, we recommend releasing all amounts due the contractor under the original contract. Once the dispute is resolved, we will return to your Board for final acceptance.

Amount Due Contractor at This Time:

Original contract amount	\$3,085,525.00
Actual cost of changes in work previously approved by the Board	63,971.72
Changes in work authorized by Director of Public Works	<u>(15,387.79)</u>
AMOUNT DUE CONTRACTOR AT THIS TIME	<u>\$3,134,108.93</u>

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CASH CONTRACT 2022, TRANCAS ZONE SANITARY SEWERS (City of Malibu),
Supervisorial District 3

Contractor: U-Liner West, a division of ZZ Liner, Inc., 225 West Third Street,
Suite E, Long Beach, California 90802

Project Description:

Lining of 8" and 10" vitrified clay pipe mainline sewers using polyethylene lining.

Changes in Work:

(1) Variations in Bid Quantities	\$ 710.00
(2) Remove Mortar	346.17
(3) Add Sewer Lining	<u>4,536.00</u>
Total	<u>\$5,592.17</u>

Description of Changes:

(1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The increase in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities.

(2) It was necessary to remove cement mortar found in the main sewerline located in Monte Lado Drive. This work is not shown on the plans.

(3) An additional section of sewer pipe damaged by tree roots needed to be cleaned and lined. It was necessary to compensate the contractor for this work.

The costs for Item 1 were based on contract unit prices. The costs for Item 2 and 3 were based on time and materials methods as provided in Subsection 3-3 of the contract specifications.

Five additional working days were required because of these changes.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed this project on July 6, 2001, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$230,865.00
Changes in work authorized by Director of Public Works	<u>5,592.17</u>
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	<u>\$236,457.17</u>

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CASH CONTRACT 8755, LEFFINGWELL ROAD, LA MIRADA BOULEVARD TO
LAMBERT ROAD (in the vicinities of La Mirada and Whittier), Supervisorial District 4

Contractor: All American Asphalt, 400 East Sixth Street, Corona, California 92878

Project Description:

Resurfacing of roadway pavement; reconstruction of curb, gutter, and sidewalk;
construction of curb ramps and bus pads; and modification of traffic signals.

Changes in Work:

(1) Variations in Bid Quantities	(\$3,271.40)
(2) Provide Office Facilities	1,410.32
(3) Credit for Overtime Inspection	(945.00)
(4) Exploratory Excavations	<u>900.00</u>
Total	(\$ <u>1,906.08</u>)

Description of Changes:

(1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities.

(2) Your Board previously approved a change in work to provide a field office for the duration of the project. The cost for this work exceeded the original estimate by the amount shown.

(3) The contractor requested 18 hours of overtime inspection, which resulted in a credit to the contract in the amount shown.

(4) To determine the exact location of existing utilities, it will be necessary to perform exploratory excavations.

The costs for Item 1 were based on contract unit prices. The cost for Item 2 was based on time and materials methods as provided in Subsection 3-3 of the contract specifications. The costs for Items 3 and 4 were stipulated in the contract specifications.

One additional working day was required because of these changes.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on June 11, 2001, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$608,548.74
Actual cost of changes in work previously approved by the Board	115,763.23
Changes in work authorized by Director of Public Works	<u>(1,906.08)</u>
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	<u>\$722,405.89</u>

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT (PARTIAL)
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DOMINGUEZ GAP BARRIER PROJECT, UNIT 7B, PHASE 4A (in the vicinities of Carson and Wilmington), Supervisorial Districts 2 and 4

Contractor: Beylik Drilling, Inc., 555 South Harbor Boulevard, La Habra, California 90631

Project Description:

Installation of ten groundwater recharge wells, four groundwater observation wells, and other appurtenant work.

Changes in Work:

Variations in Bid Quantities (\$628,124.00)

Description of Changes:

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The costs for these changes were based on contract unit prices.

No additional working days were required because of these changes.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on August 2, 2001, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

The County and the contractor are currently resolving numerous claims submitted by the contractor. Rather than delay payment of the retention to the contractor for the completed work, pursuant to Section 7107 of the California Public Contract Code, we recommend that all retention be released. Once the claims are resolved, we will provide your Board with our recommendation for final acceptance of the work of the contract.

Amount Due Contractor at This Time:

Original contract amount	\$6,783,500.00
Actual cost of changes in work previously approved by the Board	561,095.91
Changes in work authorized by Director of Public Works	<u>(628,124.00)</u>
AMOUNT DUE CONTRACTOR AT THIS TIME	<u>\$6,716,471.91</u>

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