



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
Public Works



**Date:** July 1, 2013  
**Board Meeting Date:** August 6, 2013  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** James C. Porter, Director of Public Works

**Subject:** Continuance of Emergency Declaration for the Slope Stability Improvements on Ramona Road in Los Trancos

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Make a finding to continue the local emergency declaration for constructing slope stabilization improvements within the landslide adjacent to Ramona Road in Los Trancos.

**BACKGROUND:**

Public Works has been working with the Los Trancos community to implement slope stabilization improvements in response to on-going slope instability which has resulted in the failure of a portion of the Ramona Road roadway shoulder which supports the road.

On May 7, 2013, your Board made a local emergency finding at this location and authorized a contract with Soil Engineering Construction Inc. (SEC) for the construction of the slope stabilization improvements on Ramona Road. In accordance with the Agreement, SEC finalized the slope stability design and the Department approved the design to enable SEC to begin construction on July 1, 2013.

**DISCUSSION:**

Public Contract Code sections 22035 and 22050 allow for emergency contracting procedures, including the award of contracts without a formal bidding process, upon a 4/5th vote of the Board. The Board is required to review the emergency action at intervals of no greater than 30 days until the action is terminated, and to determine whether there is a need to continue the action. The current circumstances indicate a need for continuing the local emergency.

Continued approval of this action contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Livable Community by improving the stability of Ramona Road, and thus insuring continued access to the community.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The extension of the state of emergency has no impact on the General Fund.