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Board of Supervisors
Clerk of the Board
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Santa Barbara CA 93101

This letter regards the matter of allocating additional, unanticipated Federal Coastal Impact Assistance Program revenue. This letter requests additional funding for the Tier 1 approved project – the Santa Ynez River Tamarisk and Arundo Project.

Component 1 – <i>Arundo donax</i> removal	\$110,000
Component 2 – <i>Tamarix ramosissima</i> removal	\$350,000

The Santa Ynez River Tamarisk and Arundo Project is a project designed to conserve and enhance habitat and infrastructure along the riparian corridor of the Santa Ynez River by removing the invasive weeds *Tamarix ramosissima* and *Arundo donax* from the Santa Ynez River.

Currently, the project is funded for two years of arundo removal primarily by money from the IRWMP Prop 50 process, by the CIAP, and by the California Department of Fish and Game.

The project could use additional funds for years three through five follow-up treatment of the primary year one and year two follow-up treatment for *Arundo donax* removal. This would assure the eradication of the *Arundo donax* from the river. The project requests \$110,000 to complete this component.

The Santa Ynez River Tamarisk and Arundo Project conducted an aerial survey of *Tamarix ramosissima* and *Arundo donax* along the river and found that there was more tamarisk and arundo than could be treated with the proposed budget. There is a recommendation to the Board to downgrade the project to only an arundo removal project. However, subsequent to the recommendation, additional funding has apparently become available. To reinsert *Tamarix ramosissima* into the project, the project requests \$350,000 to complete this component.

Sincerely,

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