



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

A-8

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
(805) 568-2240

Department Name: Agricultural  
Commissioner's Office  
Department No.: 051  
For Agenda Of: May 4, 2010  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Elena Morelos, Assistant Director, (805) 934-6200  
Director(s) Guy Tingos, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner, (805) 681-5600  
Contact Info: David Chang, Agricultural Program Specialist, (805) 681-5600

**SUBJECT:** Approve the receipt of grant funds to conduct CEQA analysis of the Santa Ynez River Tamarisk and Arundo Project. Districts 1, 3 & 4.

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

- Adopts the Resolution requesting authorization of receipt of grant funds to conduct CEQA analysis of the Santa Ynez River Tamarisk and Arundo Project and approves the receipt of grant funds in the amount of \$11,743 to conduct the CEQA analysis of the Santa Ynez River Tamarisk and Arundo Project;
- Agrees to the terms and conditions of the California Department of Fish and Game Grant Agreement as outlined in **Exhibit A**;
- Agrees, that the Chair of the Board of Supervisors, in the absence of the Agricultural Commissioner, executes the Agreement with the California Department of Fish and Game and;
- Designates the Agricultural Program Specialist as the Project Manager.

**Summary Text:**

*Tamarix ramosissima* and *Arundo donax*, invasive weeds that are detrimental to native plant diversity, wildlife habitat and increases the risk of flooding and fire, occur sporadically on the Santa Ynez River. The Agricultural Commissioner's Office has funding to conduct arundo removal on the Santa Ynez River. The California Dept of Fish and Game has awarded the Agricultural Commissioner's Office a \$11,743 grant to conduct CEQA analysis of tamarisk and arundo removal on the Santa Ynez River. The

CDFG requires a resolution from the governing board demonstrating that it has approved receipt of the grant and that it will agree to the terms and conditions of the grant agreement.

**Background:**

*Tamarix ramosissima* and *Arundo donax*, invasive weeds that are detrimental to native plant diversity, wildlife habitat and increases the risk of flooding and fire, occur sporadically on the Santa Ynez River. The Agricultural Commissioner's Office is conducting a tamarisk and arundo removal project on the Santa Ynez River.

The Santa Ynez River Tamarisk and Arundo Project is being funded as part of the County of Santa Barbara Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. Funds are coming from Proposition 84 as administered by the CA Dept of Water Resources, from the Coastal Impact Assistance Program as administered by the US Minerals Management Service and from mitigation funds from the California Department of Fish and Game.

A consultant will be contracted to assist the Agricultural Commissioner's Office determine the level of compliance with CEQA and with the development of an initial study and required compliance level.

**Performance Measure:**

Exhibit A includes the performance measures.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized</u> <u>On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time</u> <u>Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			\$ 11,743.00
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,743.00

Narrative: Subcontractors will be used to assist with the majority of the work to conduct this project.

**Special Instructions:**

Please send a minute order and a copy of the Resolution to the Agricultural Commissioner's Office.

**Attachments:**

1. Resolution requesting authorization of receipt of grant funds to conduct CEQA analysis of the Santa Ynez River Tamarisk and Arundo Project
2. Exhibit A: Santa Ynez River Tamarisk and Arundo Project CEQA Compliance Statement of Work

**Authored by:**

David Chang

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA,  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE )  
RECEIPT OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE )  
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH )  
AND GAME TO CONDUCT CEQA )  
ANALYSIS OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER )  
TAMARISK AND ARUNDO PROJECT )

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS the County of Santa Barbara Agricultural Commissioner's Office is conducting a project to remove the invasive weed *Arundo donax* from the riparian corridor of the Santa Ynez River to conserve biodiversity, reduce the risk of flood and fire, and enhance water quality;

WHEREAS the California Department of Fish and Game has approved grant funding in the amount of \$11,743 to the County of Santa Barbara Agricultural Commissioner's Office as part of the Fisheries Restoration Grant Program pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 1501.5(b) to conduct CEQA analysis of the Santa Ynez River Tamarisk and Arundo Project;

WHEREAS the County of Santa Barbara Agricultural Commissioner's Office has agreed to the terms and conditions as outlined in the California Department of Fish and Game Grant Agreement attached hereto as **Exhibit A**;

WHEREAS the position of Agricultural Commissioner is currently vacant;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors:

- a. Approves the receipt of grant funds in the amount of \$11,743 to conduct the CEQA analysis of the Santa Ynez River Tamarisk and Arundo Project;
- b. Agrees to the terms and conditions of the California Department of Fish and Game Grant Agreement as outlined in **Exhibit A**;
- c. Agrees, that the Chair of the Board of Supervisors, in the absence of the Agricultural Commissioner, executes the Agreement with California Department of Fish and Game and;
- d. Designates the Agricultural Program Specialist as the Project Manager

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors, State of California, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:  
MICHAEL BROWN  
Clerk of the Board

ACCEPTED AND AGREED:  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Supervisor Janet Wolf  
Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
DENNIS A. MARSHALL  
County Counsel

APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING FORM:  
ROBERT W. GEIS, CPA  
Auditor-Controller

By: Celeste E. Anderson  
Deputy

By [Signature]  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
RAY AROMATORIO  
Risk Manager PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

By: [Signature]  
Risk Manager

**EXHIBIT A  
SANTA YNEZ RIVER TAMARISK AND ARUNDO PROJECT  
CEQA COMPLIANCE  
STATEMENT OF WORK**

Under direction of the Grantor, and under the following conditions and terms, the Grantee will:

1. Complete the appropriate California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis and acquire the streambed alteration agreement for the Santa Ynez Tamarisk and Arundo Removal Project that will ultimately lead to the removal of tamarisk and arundo in the Santa Ynez River, Santa Barbara County. Removal of these invasive non-native plants will lead to the restoration and enhancement of spawning and rearing habitat conditions for Southern steelhead in the mainstem as well as Hilton, Alisal, and Salsipuedes creeks and other tributaries of the Santa Ynez River below Bradbury Dam.
2. The Santa Ynez River is a tributary to the Pacific Ocean. The project is located in several Townships, Sections, and Ranges of the Santa Barbara 7.5 Minute U.S.G.S. Quadrangle as depicted in Attachment 1, Project Location Maps, which is attached and made part of this agreement by this reference. The project encompasses approximately 90 miles of river that traverses the entire breadth, east to west, of Santa Barbara County. The Santa Ynez River is nearly entirely contained within Santa Barbara County, beginning at the drainage of Divide Peak and emptying into the Pacific Ocean just north of Point Conception.
3. If the project will not be completed by March 31, 2013, and therefore the grantee will be requesting an amendment for time, this request and a justification for the delay resulting in the time request must be submitted no later than December 1, 2012.
4. Project tasks include:
  - a) Develop the appropriate CEQA document for the project
    - Complete the initial study and draft a mitigated negative declaration,
    - Notify and post the Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND),
    - Circulate document for public review for the appropriate review period,
    - Incorporate comments into the Draft MND,
    - File Notice of Determination,
    - Certify the Notice of Determination.
  - b) Obtain a Streambed Alteration Agreement (SAA) for the project
    - Complete an application for a SAA,
    - Submit the application and check to the Department of Fish and Game (Department) SAA program,
    - Sign the SAA upon receipt from the Department.
5. Project Deliverables: In addition to one (1) copy of the completed MND and one (1) copy of the signed SAA, a copy of all other necessary permits and GIS location data of the removed infestations will also be submitted to the Department's Grant Manager.
6. Upon completion of the project, the Grantee shall submit one (1) copy of a draft final report not later than January 5, 2013 for review and comment. Within 30 days of receipt of the draft report, the Grantor's Grant Manager shall submit final comments to the Grantee. The Grantee shall submit two (2) hard copies of a final written report and one (1) electronic, *Microsoft Word* compatible, on a CD. If the project is not completed in the current year, the Grantee shall submit a summary of the completed portion no later than December 31 and again each year until completed. The report shall not be considered final until approved and accepted by the Grantor's Grant Manager. The report shall include, but not necessarily be limited to the following information: (1) Grant number; (2)

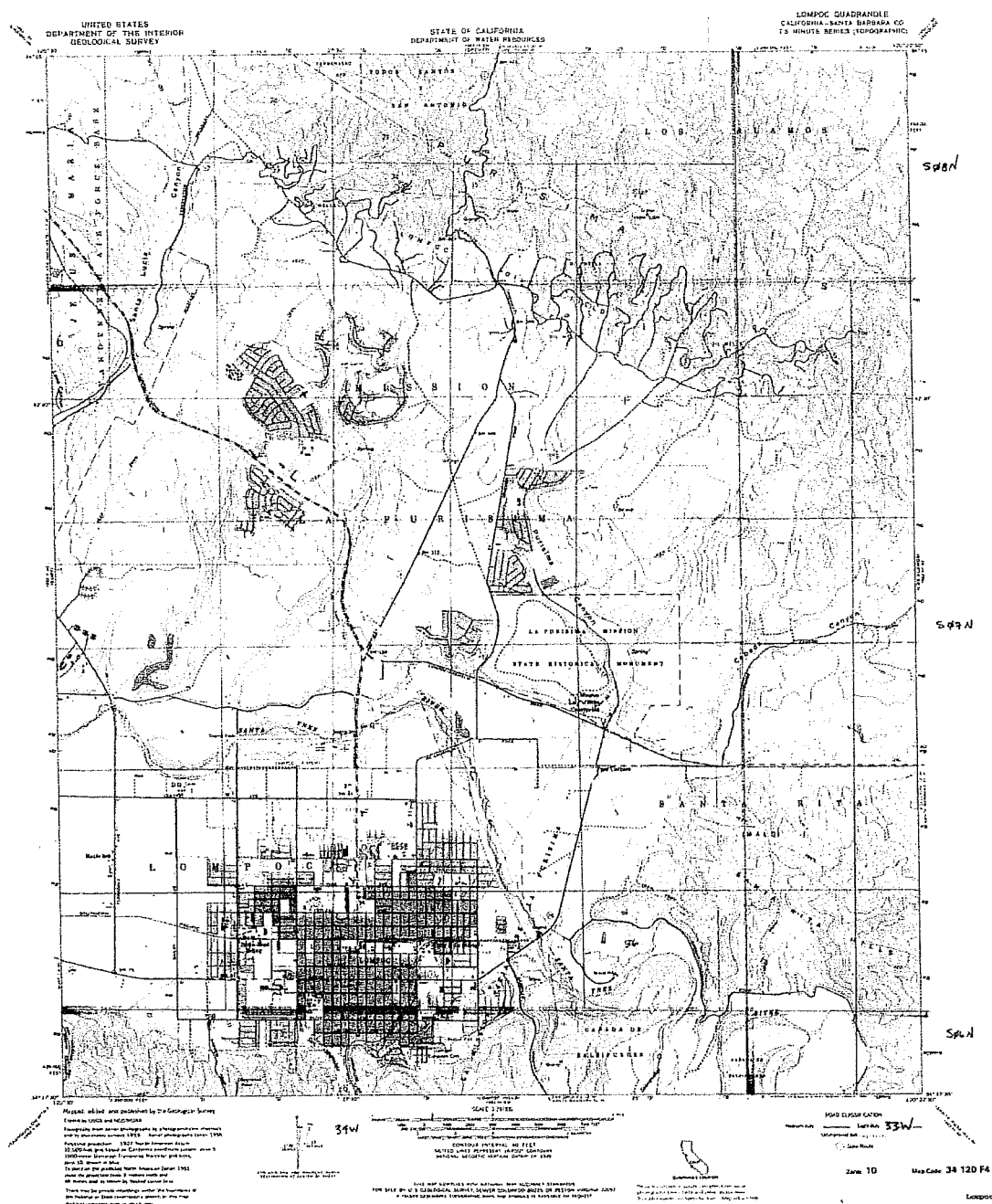
Project name; (3) Geographic area (e.g., watershed name); (4) Location of work – show project location using U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute topographical map or appropriately scaled topographical map; (5) Geospatial reference/location (lat/long is preferred – defined as point, line, or polygon); (6) Project start and end dates; (7) Total of each fund source, by line item, expended to complete the project, breaking down Grant dollars, by line item, and any other funding, including type of match (cash or in-kind service); (8) Total number of volunteer hours; dollar value of volunteer work; description of how the dollar value of the volunteer labor was determined; dollar value of non-volunteer donated labor; and description and dollar value of non-labor in-kind contributions to the project; (9) Expected benefits to anadromous salmonids from the project; (10) Labeled before and after photographs of any restoration activities and techniques; (11) Specific project access using public and private roads and trails, with landowner name and address; (12) Complete as built project description; and (13) Report measurable metrics for the project by responding to the restoration project metrics listed below.

#### **Riparian Restoration (HR)**

- Miles of stream treated overall, count stream reach only once, even if it has multiple treatments;
  - Miles of riparian stream bank treated, measure both sides of the bank if appropriate;
  - Total acres of riparian area treated;
  - If the project involves riparian planting:
    - Number of plants;
    - Provisions made for annual survival monitoring and replanting/reseeding;
    - Provisions for watering;
    - Acres of riparian area planted;
    - Species scientific names of plants planted;
  - If the project involves livestock exclusion:
    - Miles of fence installed/repared;
    - Type of fencing material proposed;
    - Number of water gap installations;
  - If the project involves plant removal/control:
    - Acres of riparian area treated for removal of non-native invasive plants;
    - Species scientific names of plants removed;
  - If monitoring was included in the project:
    - Type of monitoring, select from: implementation monitoring; compliance monitoring-engineering design; compliance monitoring-project design; pre-treatment monitoring; post treatment monitoring; salmonid monitoring; non-salmonid biological monitoring; water flow monitoring; or physical monitoring; and Location of monitoring, select from: onsite; upstream; downstream; or upslope.
7. The Grantee will acknowledge the participation of the Department of Fish and Game, Fisheries Restoration Grant Program funds on any signs, flyers, or other types of written communication or notice to advertise or explain the Santa Ynez River Tamarisk and Arundo Project CEQA Compliance project.

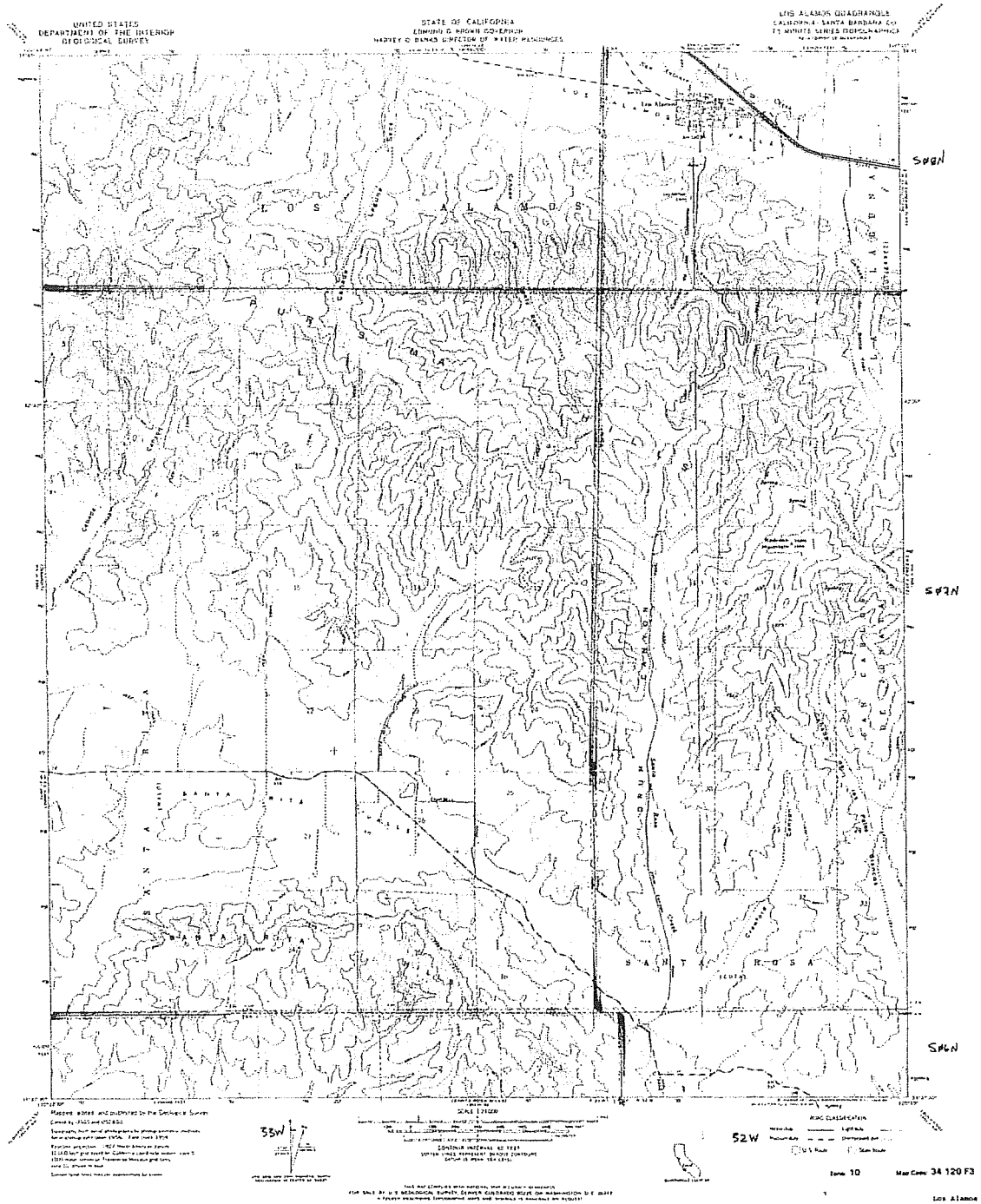
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**EXHIBIT A – ATTACHMENT 1**  
**Project Location Map, Page 2 of 6**





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