



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: Board of Supervisors  
Department No.: 011  
For Agenda Of: October 23, 2007  
Placement: Admin  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Board Member(s) Name & Phone: Supervisor Carbajal: 568-2186  
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**SUBJECT:**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:** Select\_Other

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

The Board of Supervisors set a hearing for November 20, 2007 to direct the County Water Agency to invite other South Coast agencies and municipalities to form a regional multi-agency watershed task force that will compile an inventory of past and ongoing watershed planning and protection efforts. After compiling this data, staff will perform an evaluation and provide findings based on the data collected. Estimated time for the hearing is 30 minutes.

**Summary Text:**

In the effort to address this need for collaborative data sharing and analysis, County Water Agency staff, through the Project Clean Water Program, will take the lead in developing a South Coast Watershed Task Force comprising other representatives from South Coast agencies to develop an inventory of work that is being done by the County and other agencies within watersheds.

Specifically, the goal of this task force is to develop a regional approach to watershed planning in the South Coast by bringing together all South Coast jurisdictions to assess what is taking place within the watersheds, what resources are being allocated and by whom. This will provide information that can ultimately be used to enhance delivery of services, increase efficiency, identify any duplication of effort in the region and make our County more competitive for State and Federal grant opportunities, including Proposition 84 dollars. The data gathered may also be incorporated into potential future revisions to the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

The data will be collected through a review of existing reports and interviews with key agency staff and include California State Parks and the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project. The County has been a member of the SCWRP since its inception in 1997.

**Background:**

Currently, there are significant resources dedicated by local governing agencies and other organizations to data gathering, watershed planning, and watershed protection. We are aware of watershed based evaluations performed by the CRCDD, the County as well as the Cities of Carpinteria and Santa Barbara. These efforts have generally focused on one watershed at a time.

A review of these activities will provide the history of work completed in recent years and can lead to an understanding of possible benefits from additional work and make us more competitive for state funding opportunities. Other municipalities have expressed an interest and willingness to participate in the Task Force.

**Performance Measure:**

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Select\_Budgeted

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Narrative: No additional resources are required to accomplish this work. Project Clean Water staff is capable of completing the work in FY 07-08 without affecting other program efforts.

**Staffing Impacts:** The Project Clean Water staff has sufficient resources to perform this task. The Board included such work when it authorized this position in 2005.

**Legal Positions:**

**FTEs:**

**Special Instructions:**

**Attachments:**

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