



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Flood Control
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: April 9, 2019
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Directors, Flood Control and Water Conservation District

FROM: Department Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, 568-3010
Director(s)
Contact Info: Thomas D. Fayram, Deputy Public Works Director, 568-3436

SUBJECT: Maria Ygnacio Creek, Main Branch and East Branch Revegetation Project -
Second Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Directors:

- a) Authorize the Public Works Director to advertise and receive bids for construction of the Maria Ygnacio Creek, Main Branch and East Branch Revegetation Project; and
- b) Find that pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines section 15162, no substantial changes are proposed, there are no substantial changes in circumstances and no new information of substantial importance has come to light regarding environmental effects of the project or feasibility of mitigation measures and, therefore this action is within the scope of the project covered by the 2017 Updated Debris Basin Maintenance and Removal Plan approved and adopted by the Board on June 6, 2017, which is within the scope of the project covered by the Program Environmental Impact Report for the Updated Routine Maintenance Program (01-EIR-01) approved in 2001 and no new environmental document is required. The Environmental Impact Report and 2017 Updated Debris Basin Maintenance and Removal Plan can be found at:
<https://santabarbara.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3061682&GUID=DBB4555A-99A0-44A4-9388-69E7BB81B438>

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to obtain authorization to advertise and receive bids for the Maria Ygnacio Creek, Main Branch and East Branch Revegetation Project.

The Maria Ygnacio Creek, Main Branch and East Branch Revegetation Project will restore the areas disturbed during the grading activities of the Maria Ygnacio Creek, Main Branch and East Branch Debris Basin Modification Project, which is intended to be competed in the summer of 2019. Revegetation work will begin during the fall of 2019. The construction and revegetation contracts are being bid separately because the restoration and construction phases of the project are very different, the restoration phase begins several months after construction is complete, and will last approximately three years. Keeping the contracts separate will allow for completion of the construction contract.

Background:

The District intends to restore the pre-basin hydraulic function riparian corridor along Maria Ygnacio Creek through deconstruction of the Main Branch Basin dam, re-establishment of the East Branch into its original drainage course around the existing East Branch Debris Basin, and reconstruction of the creek beds to mimic pre-basin geomorphology. The basin locations are shown in Exhibit A. These basins, as with many other basins on the South Coast, were established after wild fires and were intended to serve as protection following fires. If the watersheds burn in the future, Maria Ygnacio East Branch Creek will be routed back through the basin and the Main Branch Basin will be restored to its function by placing a debris rack at the dam site to trap debris. These modifications will stay in place until the watershed recovers.

The Maria Ygnacio Creek Main and the Maria Ygnacio Creek East Debris Basins are located along the main and east branches of Maria Ygnacio Creek, a tributary of Atascadero Creek and the Goleta Slough, approximately 5.7 miles and 5.0 from the Pacific Ocean, respectively. These facilities were funded by the United States Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service (now named the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and constructed by the Flood Control District as an emergency response to the Painted Cave Fire in 1990 to mitigate the effects of the post-fire debris flows.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Narrative:

To preserve the competitive bidding process for public contracts, bid results and construction costs for this project will be provided when the construction contract comes before your Board for approval.

Partial costs for this project were included in the 2018-19 adopted budget in the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department as shown on page D-309 in the budget book. Construction costs for this project are included in the proposed 2019-20 budget since construction is scheduled to occur during the next fiscal year. No General Fund monies will be utilized with this project.

This project is also included in the Capital Improvement Program on pages D-106 and D-107.

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board send a copy of the minute order of these actions to the Flood Control District office: Attn: Christina Lopez.

Authored by:

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Exhibit A

