



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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**Agenda Number:**  
**Department Name:** Flood Control and Water Conservation District/Public Works/General Services  
**Department No.:** 063/054  
**For Agenda Of:** December 17, 2024  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**TO:** Board of Directors, Flood Control and Water Conservation District  
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**SUBJECT: Quitclaim of Easement granted to the Santa Barbara Flood Control and Water Conservation District (Assessor Parcel No. 137-090-068) Third Supervisorial District (RP File #004054)**

**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Directors:

- a) Approve the attached quitclaim deed releasing any and all county rights, title, and interest in an existing easement over a portion of Assessor Parcel Number: 137-090-068 (Attachment A), granted to the Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District), by Joel Baker (Owner); and
- b) Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute the Quitclaim of Easement Deed (Attachment B); and
- c) Determine that there is no possibility that the recommended action may have a significant effect on the environment and is therefore exempt from further review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3), *Review for Exemption*.

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**Summary Text:**

This action is on the agenda to give up an existing easement over a portion of Assessor Parcel Number 137-090-068 in Buellton. This easement was originally dedicated to the District in 2009, by the Owner, for a permanent, exclusive easement and right of way for future construction, reconstruction, operation, repair, maintenance and access for drainage and flood control purposes.

The District has determined that drainage requirements previously addressed by the subject easement have been met within the recent new residential development Planning requirements. The subject easement is no longer required for the purposes of District operation, and thus, should be quitclaimed back to the Owner.

**Background:**

In 2009, the District accepted the subject easement for drainage purposes as a condition of approval for a development parcel (Parcel 1 of TPM 14,609), located at 560 McMurray Road in Buellton, at no cost in order to ensure drainage rights for properties east of the development that drained into McMurray Road. As part of a recent new residential development, the parcel on which the subject easement is located has been designed and constructed to accommodate cross-lot drainage from the properties to the east, fulfilling the original intent and purpose of the subject easement and relinquishing the need for this easement by the District.

The attached Quitclaim Deed (Attachment B) releases the County's interest in the easement which is over a portion of Assessor Parcel Number 137-090-068.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

There are no fiscal impacts associated with these actions. All costs will be paid by the developer, Palm Communities.

**Narrative:**

No County General Fund or Flood District monies will be utilized for this project.

**Staffing Impacts:**

None

**Special Instructions:**

After Board action, Director of Public Works or his Designee will execute the Quitclaim Deed.

Clerk of the Board will distribute as follows:

1. Quitclaim Deed and Minute Order:General Services:

Real Property Division:

Attn: Carlo Achdjian

2. Copies of documents and Minute Order

Public Works:

Flood Control District Office

Attn: Christina Lopez

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**Attachments:**

- A. Recorded Easement
- B. Quitclaim Deed

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