

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

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SUBJECT: **Westside Storm Drain Project Phase II (SC8320),
First and Second Supervisorial Districts**

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Directors:

- A. Reject all bids submitted on July 15, 2005 for the construction of the Westside Storm Drain Project Phase II located on the Westside area in the City of Santa Barbara (SC8320);
- B. Authorize the Public Works Director to re-advertise for construction bids for the project; and
- C. Authorize the Chair to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Cost Sharing with the City of Santa Barbara for the project.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

On July 15, 2005, bids were opened for the Westside Storm Drain Project Phase II. Upon reviewing the bid amounts, staff is recommending rejecting all of the bids.

Only two bids were received for the project. The two bids were for \$4,861,651 and \$6,983,078. The low bid was 38% higher than the engineer's estimate and the other bid was almost 100% higher than the engineer's estimate for the project. Staff believes re-bidding the project in the winter or early spring and potentially reducing the scope of the project could bring in lower bids and greater interest and larger response among local contractors. Rejecting all bids is in accordance with the "Notice Advertising for Bids", which states that your Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

The Westside Storm Drain Project is a joint project between the City of Santa Barbara (City) and the Flood Control District (District). The City is in full agreement regarding rejecting the bids for the project and re-bidding the project at a later date.

Based on these issues and with the support of the City, staff believes constructing this project next spring will be in the best interest of both the County and City and our constituents.

In 1995, an Agreement for Cost Sharing was entered into between the City and the District for the construction of the project. The agreement specifies the District's share as 75% and the City's share as 25% of the construction cost of the project and also identifies responsibilities and services that will be provided by each agency. Amendment No. 1 includes additional services that will be provided by the City and also extends the City's timeline to repay the District. This amendment was approved by the City on May 17, 2005. It is appropriate for your Board to approve this amendment at this time prior to construction of the project.

Mandates and Service Levels:

The project will improve drainage and decrease historical flooding to residents in the area.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

This project was included in the adopted 2005-06 Budget under the Design Cost Center of the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department as shown on page D-326 in the budget book. Costs from this project will be paid from Dept: 054, Acct: 8700, Fund: 2610, Program: 3005. This project is also identified in the County's Capital Improvement Plan.

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to send two originals and a certified copy of the Cost Sharing Agreement and a copy of the minute order to the Flood Control District office, Attn: Christina Lopez.