



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Agenda Number:

Department Name: Flood Control
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: 01/10/12
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: **Montecito Creek Debris Basin Fish Passage Project Completion, First Supervisorial District**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: No

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

- a) Adopt the Resolution establishing the final quantities for work performed and materials supplied for the Montecito Creek Debris Basin Fish Passage Project by the contractor Whitaker Construction Group, Inc., in the amount of \$310,851.20; and
- b) Find that the proposed action does not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of CEQA, pursuant to 14 CCR 15378 (b)(4) The creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment and 14CCR 15378 (5) Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

On August 9, 2011, the Board entered into an agreement with Whitaker Construction Group, Inc. to construct the Montecito Creek Debris Basin Fish Passage Project in the amount of \$248,148.00. The Project is located approximately 200 feet downstream of the Casa Dorinda Bridge in the Montecito area. The fish passage work is on the upstream end of the Montecito Creek Debris Basin. The project reconfigured a portion of the existing concrete-lined channel that was not conducive to fish passage.

On September 20, 2011, the Board amended the agreement with Whitaker Construction Group, Inc., to accommodate the unanticipated discovery of buried concrete. This buried concrete was significantly in

excess of what was anticipated, changed the character of the work, and had to be removed in order to construct the project. The original contract price of \$249,148 was increased by \$65,897 for a total contract amount of \$315,045.

This project was completed at a cost of \$310,851.20. The Flood Control District has accepted the work of the contractor Whitaker Construction Group, Inc., completed on-time and per plans and specifications. On November 3, 2011 the Public Works Director signed and executed a Notice of Completion for the project and that Notice of Completion was recorded on November 8, 2011.

Background:

Montecito Creek has been identified as having prime potential to re-establish habitat for steelhead trout. The report entitled, *Steelhead Assessment and Recovery Opportunities in Southern Santa Barbara County* (Matt W. Stoecker and Conception Coast Project: June, 2002) gives Montecito Creek a Salmonid Status Score of 0.9 (0-1) indicating documented presence of adult steelhead since the year 2000.

The focus of the Montecito Creek Fish Passage Project was to modify a 100-foot portion of the concrete channel located within an existing Flood Control District easement and identified in the above report as an immediate barrier to steelhead migration. The channel was modified by constructing a step-and-pool fishway passage to provide a habitat-friendly environment, allowing steelhead access to approximately 1.79 miles of upstream creek waters for spawning and species rehabilitation.

On August 9, 2011 the Board of Supervisors found that pursuant to CEQA Section 15162, no new effects will occur and no new mitigation measures would be required as a result of the project and therefore pursuant to CEQA Section 15168 (2) Program EIR, that the Montecito Debris Basin Fish Passage Modification is within the scope of the project covered by the Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the Updated Routine Maintenance Program (01-EIR-01) approved in 2001 and the Debris Basin Maintenance Plan, an addendum to the PEIR approved in 2003, and no new environmental document is required.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
South Coast FZ	\$310,851.20		
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other			
Total	\$310,851.20	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative:

This project was included in the Adopted FY 2011-12 budget under the Design Cost Center of the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department as shown on page D-352 in the budget book. The project is also identified in the County's Capital Improvement Program on page B-121.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

Special Instructions:

Send a copy of the resolution and the minute order to the Flood Control office, Attn: Christina Lopez.

Attachments:

Resolution

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Montecito Creek Fish Passage Project Completion