



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: Public Works/Parks Dept
Department No.: 054 and 052
For Agenda Of: 7/11/06
Placement: Set Hearing
Estimate Time: 10 Minutes on July 25, 2006
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required Majority

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

FROM: Department Director: Phillip M. Demery, Public Works Director, 568-3010
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SUBJECT: Approval of the San Antonio Creek Addendum to the Program EIR (01-EIR 01) for the Routine Creek Maintenance Program-2nd Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form/legality: Yes No N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: Yes No N/A

Recommended Action(s):

That the Board of Directors:

Set a hearing for July 25, 2006 on the Departmental Agenda to (ESTIMATED TIME: 10 MINUTES):

- a. Approve the San Antonio Creek Addendum and add it to the Flood Control District's Annual Maintenance Plan for FY 2006-07;
- b. Certify that the San Antonio Creek Addendum to Program EIR (01-EIR-01) has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);
- c. Certify that the Board has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final Program EIR and the San Antonio Creek Addendum as well as information presented during the public hearing prior to the approval of this project; and
- d. Adopt the Mitigation and Monitoring Program attached to the San Antonio Creek Addendum.

(Second Supervisorial District)

Summary:

Each year, the Flood Control Annual Maintenance Plan is prepared to describe the routine maintenance of various creeks and rivers for the coming year. Late in the process of preparing this year's Annual Maintenance Plan and after the Annual Plan had been agendized, the Parks Department received funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to conduct repairs within San Antonio Creek that would protect County Park infrastructure. Unfortunately, the funding came too late for the San Antonio Creek Addendum to be included in the Annual Maintenance Plan that was approved by the Board on June 20, 2005. The Flood Control District has written this San Antonio Creek Addendum to include creek maintenance by the Parks Department, the Flood Control District and a private property owner.

The project within San Antonio Creek utilizes appropriate maintenance practices described and analyzed in the Program EIR and has a mitigation and monitoring plan attached to the addendum to ensure that impacts are mitigated to the fullest extent feasible.

Once the Board has approved the project, applications can be made to the State Department of Fish and Game, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and other regulatory agencies for environmental permits or approvals. Applicable permits will be obtained from state and federal regulatory agencies prior to project implementation.

Approval of the San Antonio Creek Addendum will allow the County Parks Department to utilize FEMA funds to repair damages caused by the winter storms in 2005. Without approval, funds may be forfeited if they are not used this year.

Background:

The Board approved the 2006/2007 Annual Maintenance Plan on June 20, 2006, however the San Antonio Creek addendum was not able to be included in the larger plan because funding from FEMA was not received until after the Annual Maintenance Plan had been finalized.

Copies of the San Antonio Creek Addendum will be distributed to regulatory agencies, individuals and organizations in the community who had previously expressed an interest.

The addendum includes projects that will be undertaken by the District, County Parks Department, and a private property owner. The District has agreed to use the vehicle of its Updated Program EIR and Annual Planning process to assist these groups in complying with CEQA and acquiring necessary permits. The impacts and mitigation measures in the District's EIR are applicable to these projects and use of this EIR is much more efficient and cost effective than would be the case if each entity had to do its own EIR for these small projects.

Mandates have been discussed in previous Board letters regarding the Revised Creek Maintenance Program. The District's authority under State Law allows the District to undertake these projects for the public's benefit. The projects are subject to compliance with environmental laws and regulations.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Maintenance costs for Flood Control facilities were included in the 2007-08 Adopted Budget under the Maintenance cost center of the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department as shown on page D-322 in the Budget book.

Budgeted: Yes No

Fiscal Analysis

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized Cost:</u>	<u>Total Project Cost</u>
General Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
State	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Federal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other: Flood Control District	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total:	\$8,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Narrative:

Staffing Impact(s):

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

N/A

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to publish notice of this hearing in the Santa Barbara News-Press and the Santa Maria Times as provided in Section 6061 of the Government Code (publish notice once at least ten days before hearing).

Attachments: (list all)

2006/07 San Antonio Creek Routine Maintenance Addendum

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