

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

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SUBJECT: **Santa Monica Debris Basin Reconstruction of Towers A&B Project (SC7703), First Supervisorial District**

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Directors:

Approve plans and specifications for the Santa Monica Debris Basin Reconstruction of Towers A&B 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:

The Santa Monica Debris Basin is located upstream of Foothill Road near the City of Carpinteria. The basin was constructed in 1977 by the Soil Conservation Service (now called the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)) after the Romero Fire. The NRCS was the federal sponsor for the project and constructed the basin. The Flood Control District was the local sponsor for the project. As the local sponsor, the Flood Control District is responsible for the operations and maintenance of the basin. Because of the size of the basin, the Santa Monica Debris Basin is under the jurisdiction of the State Division of Safety of Dams (Safety of Dams). The Safety of Dams establishes the maintenance requirements and inspects the basin annually.

Over the years, two of the reinforced concrete inlet towers of the basin have been damaged by periodic debris removal. This project will repair and modify the damaged inlet towers. This repair work is required by the Safety of Dams.

On September 23, 2003, your Board approved the Updated Debris Basin Plan as addenda to the Flood Control District's Program EIR (01-EIR-01) for the Routine Creek Maintenance Program

pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This repair work was included and identified in the Updated Debris Basin Plan.

This maintenance work will be performed by the Flood Control District's maintenance staff and the work is anticipated to begin in spring of 2004.

Mandates and Service Levels:

This work is mandated by the State Division of Safety of Dams.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

This project was included in the Adopted 2003/04 Budget and costs were allocated in the Maintenance Cost Center under the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department as shown on page D-322 in the budget book. Costs from this project will be paid from Dept: 054, Acct: 7701, Fund: 2610, Program: 3002.

Special Instructions:

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



Santa Monica Debris Basin Towers (A, B, and C)