



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Flood Control
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: April 5, 2016
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
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: Urban Streams Restoration Program Grant Acceptance, Second Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

Recommended Actions:

- a) Adopt a resolution entitled, "In the Matter of Endorsing and Accepting an Urban Streams Restoration Program Grant" for the Maria Ygnacio Main Debris Basin Modification Project to:
 - i. Approve the South Coast Habitat Restoration as a co-sponsor for the Urban Streams Restoration Program Grant.
 - ii. Approve and authorize the Public Works Director or designee to accept and execute a grant agreement and all subsequent agreements or amendments to receive grant monies for the project.
 - iii. Designate the Civil Engineer Manager or designee as the Project Manager, Contract Manager, and Fiscal Agent.
 - iv. Authorize the Project Manager, or designee, to manage the grant agreement, including the submission of invoice, providing management and support services required for performance of work and administration of the agreement.
- b) Find that the proposed action is related to creation of a government funding and other fiscal activity which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, and is therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Guideline Section 15378(b)(4).

Summary Text:

The Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$231,662 by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Urban Streams Restoration Program (USRP) for the Maria Ygnacio Main Debris Basin Modification Project (Project). The grant must have two applicants, a local agency sponsor and a citizens' group co-sponsor to administer the grant funds and for project execution. The District will act as the local agency Project sponsor as the principal party having primary responsibility for executing the contract, submitting the invoices, and receiving reimbursements. South Coast Habitat Restoration (SCHR) will act as Project co-sponsor and will actively support and participate in the project's design and implementation. The USRP guidelines stipulate that the project sponsor and co-sponsor must develop separate resolutions to accept the grant prior to entering into a contract with the DWR.

USRP funded projects are required to provide flood management and protect, restore or enhance ecological viability of riparian or riverine ecosystems. The Maria Ygnacio Main Debris Basin Modification Project meets these requirements by promoting creek bank restoration and by removing three barriers to endangered steelhead trout. This Project is one of 13 recommended for USRP grant funding, out of a total of 57 applicants.

Background:

The Maria Ygnacio Creek Debris Basin dam, the concrete low-flow road crossing, and the grade control structure are located along the main branch of Maria Ygnacio Creek, a tributary of Atascadero Creek and the Goleta Slough, approximately 5.7 miles from the Pacific Ocean. The dam and grade control structures are engineered facilities built by the United States Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service (now named the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)) and the District as an emergency response to the Painted Cave Fire in 1990 to mitigate the effects of the post-fire debris flows.

The watershed has since recovered from the effects of the Painted Cave Fire, therefore with the approval of the NRCS, the District along with SCHR propose to deconstruct the debris basin and associated structures to facilitate restoration of this reach to its natural riparian function and geomorphic equilibrium.

Modification of this basin will reduce maintenance costs and provide for fish passage. The existing Flood Control easements over property will remain and an provide for future emergency response work should a fire result in the future.

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			\$ 593,680.00
USRP Grant			\$ 231,662.00
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 825,342.00

Narrative:

This project was included in this year’s adopted budget in the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department as shown on page D-302 in the budget book. Costs are also included in the proposed FY 2016-17 and 2017-18 budgets since construction of this project will begin in FY 17-18. No General Fund monies will be utilized with the project.

The project is also included in the Capital Improvement Program on page D-136.

Key Contract Risks:

N/A

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to return a copy of the resolution and minute order of these actions to the Flood Control District, Attn: Christina Lopez.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Vicinity Map

Attachment B: Resolution entitled “In the Matter of Endorsing and Accepting an Urban Steams Restoration Program Grant for the Maria Ygnacio Basin Modification Project”

Attachment C: Copy of Final Grant Agreement entitled, “Grant Agreement between the State of California the Natural Recourses Agency Department of Water Resources and Santa Barbara County Flood Control & Water Conservation District and South Coast Habitat Restoration 4600011187 for a Grant Under the California Water Code§7048”

Authored by:

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