



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**

**Agenda Number:**

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
(805) 568-2240

**Submitted on:**  
**(COB Stamp)**

**Department Name:** PW/Flood Control  
**Department No.:** 054  
**Agenda Date:** June 23, 2026  
**Placement:** Administrative Agenda  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Directors, Flood Control and Water Conservation District <sup>DS</sup>  
**FROM:** Department Director: Chris Sneddon, Public Works Director <sup>DS</sup>  
Contact: Matt Griffin, Deputy Director – Flood Control <sup>MG</sup>  
**SUBJECT:** Orcutt Solomon Basin Outlet Modifications Project (OR2401), Fourth Supervisorial District

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence: Risk Management**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Directors:

- a) Approve and Authorize the Chair to sign plans and specifications for the Orcutt Solomon Basin Outlet Modifications Project;
- b) Award, approve, and authorize the Chair to execute the construction contract for the Orcutt Solomon Basin Outlet Modifications Project, in the amount of \$275,064.34 to the lowest responsible bidder, The JF Will Company, Inc (a local vendor), subject to the provisions of documents and certifications, as set forth in the plans and specifications applicable to the project and as required by law;
- c) Authorize the Public Works Director or designee to approve changes or additions to the work being performed under the Construction Contract for a contingency amount not to exceed \$26,253.22 for a total not to exceed authorization of \$301,317.56 to complete the work within the scope of the Agreement for the Orcutt Solomon Basin Outlet Modifications Project;
- d) Determine that the Orcutt Solomon Basin Outlet Modifications Project to be carried out is for the benefit of a single zone; and

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- e) Find that the proposed activity involves operations, repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing public facilities or topographic features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing uses and that the proposed activity is therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, and direct the Clerk of the Board to file the Notice of Exemption (Attachment D).

**Summary Text:**

This item requests approval of the project plans (Attachment A), project specifications (Attachment B), and award of the construction contract (Attachment C) for the Orcutt Solomon Basin Outlet Modifications Project.

On April 29, 2026, eight bids were opened for the project. In accordance with Section 3-1.04 of the Special Provisions and Public Contract Code Division 2, Part 1, Chapter 2, the District evaluated the bids received and determined that The JF Will Company, Inc. submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid in the amount of \$275,064.34. The District recommends awarding the contract to The JF Will Company, Inc.

**Discussion:**

This project is intended to improve the efficiency of District maintenance operations by replacing the basin’s outlet drain system, including the inlet, pipe and outfall which was originally built in 1981. Over time, the existing outlet drain has become less effective and more difficult to maintain. The proposed replacement will include improved debris screening to better capture leaves, branches, and other materials before they reach the outlet. This will help the basin drain more efficiently, reduce maintenance needs, and improve overall system performance during storm events. The project is also expected to support the long-term reliability of the basin and help District staff manage the facility more effectively.

**Background:**

The Orcutt–Solomon Basin is a key component of the regional stormwater management and groundwater recharge system, originally developed between the 1960s and 1980s to divert runoff from the Orcutt drainage area into the highly permeable Santa Maria River plain. As part of an interconnected network of facilities, the basin captures, stores, and percolates urban runoff to replenish groundwater supplies while reducing flood risk.

In recent years, the basin has experienced maintenance challenges due to inlet blockages from woody debris and sediment buildup within the outlet pipe, caused by low slopes and reduced flow velocities. To address these issues, the project proposes replacing the existing outlet drain with a more durable, low-maintenance design.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted - Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Funding Source	FY 2026-27	Total
Orcutt Flood Zone	\$301,317.56	\$301,317.56

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The Orcutt Solomon Basin Outlet Modifications Project is a Capital Improvement Project identified in the County's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Book. The total cost of the recommended actions, including construction contingency, is \$301,317.56, and the project is expected to begin in FY 2026-27. Funding is included in the FY 2026-27 Recommended Budget and provided through the Orcutt Flood Zone Cost Center CC-54410, Fund FD-2510, Program PG-0543005, Spend Category SC-8400, Project PRJ-000920 (OR2401).

No General Fund monies will be used for this project.

**Special Instructions:**

Direct the Clerk of Board to:

1. Post the attached CEQA NOE (Attachment D), and
2. Email copies of the signed plan title sheet, signed specifications page, signature page of the Agreement, stamped NOE, and minute order to Christina Lopez at [clopez@countyofsb.org](mailto:clopez@countyofsb.org).

**Attachments:**

Attachment A – Project Plans OR2401 (Signature Required)

Attachment B – Project Specifications OR2401 (Signature Required)

Attachment C – Construction Contract OR2401 (Signature Required)

Attachment D – CEQA NOE OR2401

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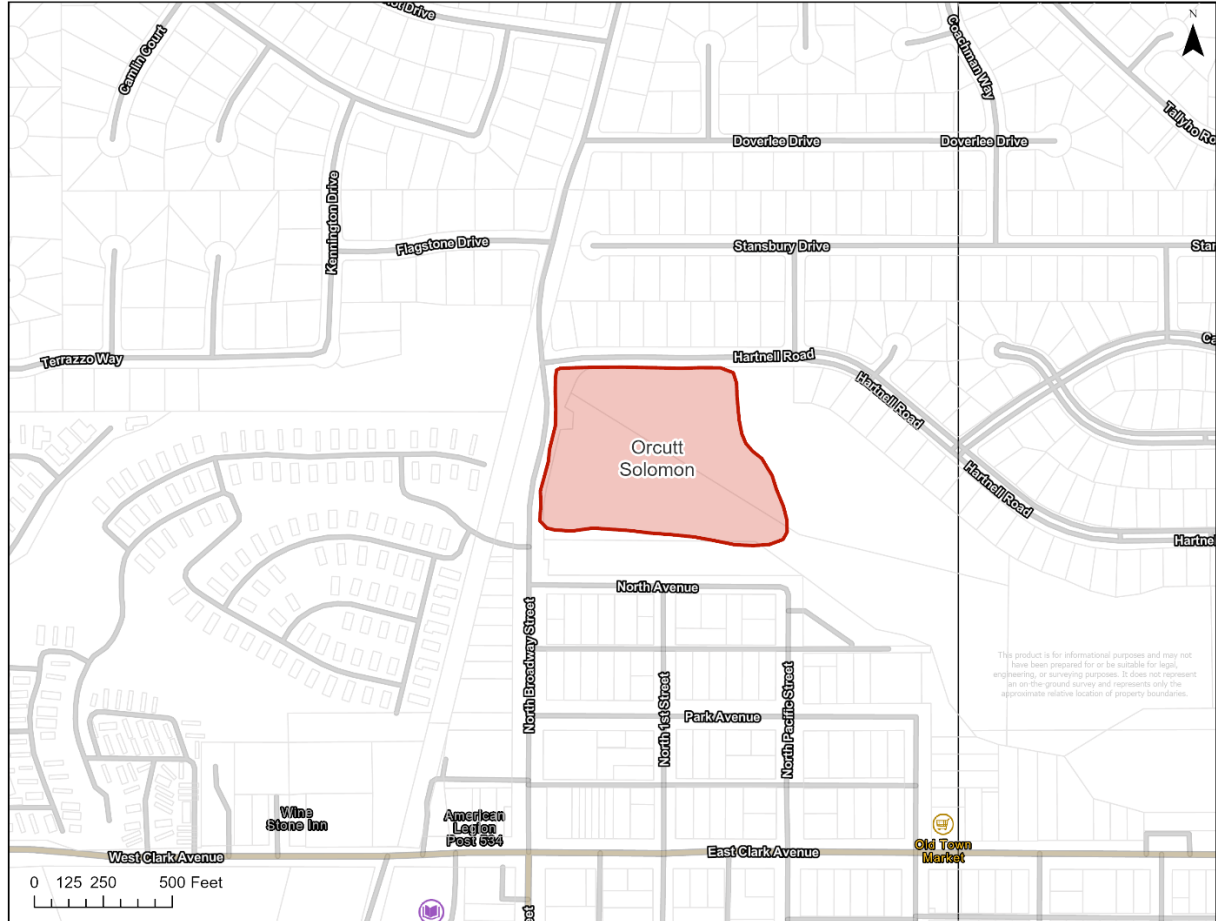
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## Orcutt-Solomon Basin Site Map



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