

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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Department Name: Water Agency/Public Works
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Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

Board of Directors
Santa Barbara County Water Agency

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SUBJECT: **Set a Hearing to Receive a Report regarding County Involvement in Fish Management Issues, All Supervisorial Districts**

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors/Directors:

Set a hearing for July 5, 2005 (Estimated Time: 2 hours) to receive a report regarding County involvement in fish management and related issues and provide direction as appropriate.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 5.A High Quality of Life for All Residents.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

In previous Board actions on grants and fish issues related to the Cachuma project, the Board directed staff to return to the Board with a broader briefing on the status of the County's involvement in various programs and projects relating to fish, in particular, Steelhead.

Steelhead became listed as a Federal Endangered Species in 1997 and since that time, various projects and programs have existed to attempt to address Steelhead issues.

The report on July 5, 2005 will provide the Board with a listing of activities that are currently underway and allow the Board to provide direction as appropriate.

Mandates and Service Levels:

The County has no direct responsibility relating to the listing of Steelhead. However, listing of Steelhead does impact issues such as water supply, flood control activities, transportation activities, recreation, and also can impact individual land owners.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Fish management issues were included in the 2005-06 Budget and are identified under the Water Agency cost center of the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department. Most of the activities are funded through grants, with some staff time as a local match. A cost breakdown of current activities will be included in the July 5, 2005 Board report.