

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Directors
Santa Barbara County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

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SUBJECT: **Contribution Agreement with Caltrans, Third Supervisorial District**

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Directors:

Authorize the Public Works Director to execute a Contribution Agreement with Caltrans for \$100,000 for the Santa Rosa Creek Riparian Restoration 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:

Over the past few years, your Board has taken action on various issues on the Santa Rosa Creek Riparian Restoration Project including authorization to seek grant funds, approval of the project's Negative Declaration, and allocation of money from the General Fund in FY 99-00. Although not a County owned project, Public Works has been actively helping the Cachuma Resources Conservation District (CRCD) implement the project.

The Santa Rosa Creek Riparian Restoration Project is located between Highway 246 and Santos Road and will significantly reduce sediment to the lower Santa Ynez River and restore a stable riparian ecosystem. This project will also protect the remaining farmland, protect public infrastructure, and provide restoration in the creek corridor.

The second phase of the project is currently being constructed and consists of earthwork operations and construction of a reinforced concrete grade control structure. The erosion control work will help protect the Santa Rosa Creek Bridge, which is owned by Caltrans. Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into this agreement with Caltrans will allow them to contribute \$100,000 towards the cost of the project.

Mandates and Service Levels:

The project will provide flood protection to the residents, farmland, and public infrastructure.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The project was included in the Adopted 2002-03 Budget and costs were allocated under the Maintenance Cost Center of the Water Resources Division as shown on page D-300 of the budget book. Funds for this project will be paid from Dept: 054, Fund: 2480, Acct: 7701.

Other funding sources include funding from the County of Santa Barbara (General Fund), the Wildlife Conservation Board, the Coastal Conservancy, and the Department of Water Resources.

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of Board to send four certified copies of the minute order to the Flood Control District office, attn: Christina Lopez. After execution of the agreement by the State, the District will return an original agreement to the Clerk of the Board's office.