

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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Santa Barbara County Flood Control

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SUBJECT: **Lower Devereux Creek Project (02-ND-25),
Third Supervisorial District**

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Directors:

- A. Approve plans and specifications for the Lower Devereux Creek Project; and
- B. Approve the Negative Declaration (02-ND-25) for the Project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

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 project site is located on the Ocean Meadows golf course, just west of UCSB and will consist of approximately 2,200 feet of lower Devereux Creek. Currently, during heavy rain events, sediment gets deposited and plugs stormdrain outlets, which causes flooding in the University Village subdivision. The purpose of this project is to alleviate the sedimentation problem and reduce flooding in this area. In addition, habitat enhancement elements are also included in this project.

The project will consist of:

1. Removing approximately 7,500 cubic-yards of material from lower Devereux Creek,
2. Constructing a sedimentation basin approximately 90 feet by 90 feet, and
3. Provide habitat enhancement including high marsh, freshwater marsh, and riparian elements.

The benefits derived from the project will be 1) restoration of the creek to support additional wetland and riparian vegetation, 2) restoration and enhancement of habitat for aquatic species, 3) alleviate flooding in the adjacent urban area, and golf course, and 4) an increase in habitat diversity (plant structure and open water) for wildlife.

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, the District prepared a Negative Declaration (ND) for the project. The ND was subject to a 30-day comment public comment that closed on August 7, 2002. Minimal comments were received and were incorporated into the final document as appropriate.

The Final Negative Declaration will be distributed to your Board and other interested parties on August 22, 2002.

Mandates and Service Levels:

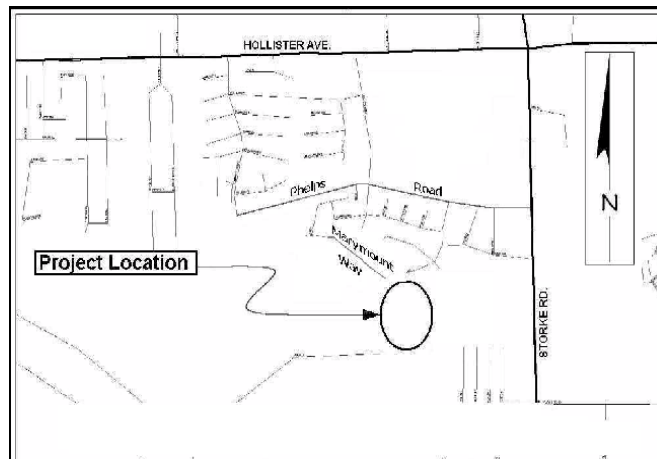
This project will reduce flooding in the University Village subdivision and will provide additional flood control benefits to the residents in the area as well as improve the biodiversity of that section of the creek.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

This project was included in the Adopted 2002/03 Budget and costs were allocated in the Design Cost Center under the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department as shown on page D-300 in the budget book. Costs for this project will be paid from Dept: 054, Acct: 8700, Fund: 2610, Program: 3005. This project is also identified in the 2002 Capital Improvement Plan.

Special Instructions:

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



Lower Devereux Creek Project Site