

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
AGENDA BOARD LETTER**



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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: March 19, 2004
Department: Flood Control/Public Works
Department No.: 054-04
Agenda Date: April 13, 2004
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Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors, and the
Board of Directors; Santa Barbara County
Flood Control & Water Conservation District

FROM: Phillip M. Demery, Director
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SUBJECT: Grant of Easement to the City of Santa Maria; Bradley Basin
Real Property file # R-024
Fifth Supervisorial District

Recommendation(s): That the Board of Supervisors/Directors:

- A. Acknowledge and concur with the City of Santa Maria's acceptance of the California Environmental Quality Act and General Plan compliance per the Rivergate/ Roemer Specific Plan adopted by the City of Santa Maria on January 1994, State Clearing house Number: 92111054; and
- B. Execute the attached Grant of Easement and Agreement granting to the City of Santa Maria use of the land surrounding the County's Bradley flood control and retention basin for future use as a public park.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 1. An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community, and with actions required by law or by routine business necessity.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The County of Santa Barbara and the County's Flood Control and Water Conservation District are joint owners of several parcels of land within the borders of the City of Santa Maria. The parcels which are the subject of the proposed grant of easement are known as Assessor's Parcel numbers 128-019-005, 128-019-040 & 128-002-041 (herein the "Property"). The Property is partially improved with the Bradley Flood

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Control channel and Retention basin. The remainder of the Property is unimproved.

The proposed park was considered as a part of the City's River Oaks Specific Plan and EIR. The City proposes to improve the area with park amenities and multi-purpose trails. The City would maintain all elements of the park feature, while the County Flood Control District would retain full operation of the flood control elements of the area. As a condition of development, several operational improvements to the basin system was made.

The proposed Grant of Easement and Agreement (herein the "Agreement") will grant to the City of Santa Maria (herein the "City") the right to use and develop the unused portion of the Property. In exchange for the Grant, the City agrees to develop, operate and maintain said unused portion of the Property as a public park and provide any necessary patrols and park maintenance.

Mandates and Service Levels:

There are changes in County programs or service levels. Public use and enjoyment of the Property will be improved by the park facilities and open space proposed by the City of Santa Maria.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There are no County fiscal or facilities impacts associated with this action.

Special Instructions:

After Board action, distribute as follows:

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| 1. | Original Agreement | Facilities Services, Attn: Jeff Havlik |
| 2. | Copy | Clerk of the Board Files |
| 3. | Minute Order | Facilities Services, Attn: Jeff Havlik |

Note to the Clerk of the Board: Public Works, Real Property will deliver the fully executed original Grant of Easement and Agreement for recordation. A copy of the recorded Agreement will be delivered to the Clerk for its files.

Concurrence: