

# **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** AGENDA LETTER

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Agenda Number:

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Department Name: Public Works

Department No.:

054

For Agenda Of:

12/3/2013

Placement:

Administrative

**Estimated Tme:** 

**Continued Item:** 

No

If Yes, date from:

**Vote Required:** 

Majority

TO:

**Board of Supervisors** 

FROM:

Department

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Director(s)

Director, Public Works Department, x3010

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Deputy Director, x3605

SUBJECT:

Easement for Sewer Facilities from Santa Barbara Botanic Garden - First

**Supervisorial District** 

### **County Counsel Concurrence**

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence** 

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: As to form: N/A

As to form: N/A

### **Recommended Actions:**

- A. Accept the attached permanent easement deed to the real property conveyed from the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden (owner) to the County of Santa Barbara for an easement on a portion of APNs 023-060-023 and 037 by authorizing the Clerk of the Board to sign the certificate of acceptance attached thereto.
- B. Find that the proposed actions do not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of the California Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to 14 CCR 15378 (b)(5), in that it is a government administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect changes in the environment.

### **Summary Text:**

The Santa Barbra Botanic Garden prepared an EIR for its Vital Mission Plan that addresses new facilities and upgrades on its properties located in the Mission Canyon area. The project includes the extension of public sewer services for these improvements as well as existing facilities that are currently on septic. The proposed sewer line will primarily be located on public road rights of way. Acceptance of this easement establishes rights and rights of way in an area outside the road right of way where the sewer line will cross Mission Creek near County Bridge 51C-52.

### **Background:**

The Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, located in the Mission Canyon area, is an accredited museum and operates to promote and maintain programs, collections, and exhibits that promote research, education, and conservation. A final environmental impact report for the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden Vital Mission Plan was prepared in July 2009 and certified by the Board of Supervisors on June 1, 2010. The project consists of the improving and expanding of the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden facilities. Part of the improvements includes various utility systems such as water and sewer to be owned and operated by public agencies. Sewer service is provided by the County through County Service Area 12. The proposed sewer system to be constructed consists of approximately 1,355 lineal feet of sewer mains and a bridge structure to carry water and sewer facilities over Mission Creek near County Bridge 51C-52. The utility bridge as well as access to it, is partially located outside of existing road rights of way on Santa Barbara Botanic Garden property. Therefore the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden is conveying separate sewer and water easements to the respective agencies. The bridge structure will be jointly owned by the County (CSA 12) and City until such time that the utility bridge may be converted to a pedestrian/bicycle bridge. At such time that the structure is converted to a pedestrian/bicycle bridge, the road rights of way will be widened and the bridge would become the property of the County upon acceptance. No funds are planned to be paid to the County from the City or CSA12 as the Botanic Garden will be responsible for upgrading the bridge to County standards and modifying the road right of way.

### **Performance Measure:**

The easement is being dedicated at no cost as a condition of development in order to establish appropriate rights of way and access to facilities to be owned, operated and maintained by the County.

## **Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

There are no fiscal impacts with this action.

### **Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:** 

FTEs:

None

None

### **Special Instructions:**

Upon Board action, please instruct the Clerk of the Board to execute the acceptance of the three (3) original deeds and distribute the executed documents and minute order as follows:

- 1. One original easement deed for Clerk of the Board files.
- 2. Two original easement deeds to Public Works Department in Santa Maria, Attn: Martin Wilder
- 3. Minute Order to Public Works Department in Santa Maria, Attn: Martin Wilder

#### **Attachments:**

Easement deed (three originals)

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