



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** Flood Control  
**Department No.:** 054  
**For Agenda Of:** May 21, 2019  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Directors, Flood Control and Water Conservation District

**FROM:** Department Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, 568-3010  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Thomas D. Fayram, Deputy Public Works Director, 568-3436

**SUBJECT:** California Department of Fish and Wildlife 2018-19 Proposition 1 Watershed Restoration Grant Acceptance, First Supervisorial District

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to Form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Directors:

- a) Adopt and authorize the Chair to execute the attached resolution entitled, "In the Matter of Accepting 2018-19 Proposition 1 Watershed Restoration Grant Program funding from California Department of Fish and Game" to:
  - i. Approve and authorize the Public Works Director or designee to accept and execute a grant agreement and all subsequent agreements or amendments required to receive grant monies for the Cold Springs Debris Basin, San Ysidro Debris Basin, and Romero Creek Debris Basin Capacity Improvement Projects;
  - ii. Authorize the Project Manager, or designee, to manage the grant agreement, including the submission of invoices, providing management and support services required for performance of work and administration of the agreement; and
- b) Find that the proposed action is related to creation of a government funding and other fiscal activity which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially

significant physical impact on the environment, and is therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Guideline Section 15378(b)(4).

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda to adopt a resolution to authorize the Public Works Director or designee to accept and execute an agreement with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to receive \$419,232 in 2018-19 Proposition 1 Watershed Restoration Grant Program funding for the Cold Springs Debris Basin, San Ysidro Debris Basin, and Romero Creek Debris Basin Capacity Improvement Projects (Planning Projects).

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) requires the Board of Directors confirms its approval of the projects and grant monies by executing an authorizing resolution. The resolution entitled, “In the Matter of Accepting 2018-19 Proposition 1 Watershed Restoration Grant Program funding from California Department of Fish and Game” is included as Attachment A. The CDFW Grant Agreement entitled, “Proposition 1 Watershed Restoration Grant Program – Santa Barbara Debris Basins Capacity Improvement Project – Agreement Number P1896055” is included as Exhibit A in Attachment A. The CDFW “Acknowledgement of Work Commencement Authorization Disclaimer” is included as Attachment B.

**Background:**

In May of 2018, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) issued the Resilience, Recovery, and Response Proposal Solicitation Notice for the 2018-19 round of Proposition 1 Watershed Restoration Grant Program funding. On June 11, 2018, the Santa Barbara County Flood Control & Water Conservation District submitted three applications requesting funding for planning and design costs for the Cold Springs Debris Basin (CSDB), San Ysidro Debris Basin (SYDB), and Romero Creek Debris Basin (ROMB) Capacity Improvement Projects (Planning Projects). On September 10, 2018, the CDFW issued letters announcing that the three projects have been selected to each receive \$139,744 in 2018-19 Proposition 1 Restoration Grant Program funding for planning purposes, for a combined total award of \$419,232. The District will use the funds received by CDFW to assist with consultant costs incurred for the design of each project.

As a direct response to the 1-9 Debris Flow Event, the Santa Barbara County Flood Control & Water Conservation District proposes to improve load, volume, and conveyance capacities of CSDB, SYDB, and ROMB by installing outlet control structures similar to that of the Gobernador Debris Basin built in 2008. The outlet control structures will be designed to withstand the forces of large debris loads, to allow more passage of small grain sediment downstream, and to improve fish passage condition for federally endangered steelhead trout habitat.

Modifications will be patterned after the Gobernador Debris Basin Modification that proved highly successful in trapping less fine grained sands and silt thus leaving more room for larger rock and debris. This result improves the operation of the basin for its intended purpose (larger rock and debris).

Design tasks for each debris basin will be performed by WRECO, a bay-area engineering firm with extensive knowledge of Santa Barbara area watershed systems. WRECO designed the Gobernador Debris Basin outlet control structure which performed extremely well during the Thomas Fire 1-9

Debris Flow Event. WRECO is a firm identified in the Public Works Department’s 2017 list of Prequalified Consultants for Flood Control Engineering Services. The design phase for all three projects is expected to be completed by June of 2020.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

<b>Funding Sources</b>	<b>Current FY Cost:</b>	<b>Annualized On-going Cost:</b>	<b>Total One-Time Project Cost</b>
South Coast FZ			\$ 711,022.94
State CDFW 2018 Prop 1			\$ 419,232.00
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
<b>Total</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,130,254.94

**Narrative:**

Funding for debris basin rehabilitation related to the Thomas Fire 1-9 Debris Flow was included in the proposed FY 2019-20 budget in the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department. The District’s matching costs will include design, environmental, permitting, and project management costs. Costs will also be submitted to the State for reimbursement. No General Fund monies will be utilized by this project.

**Key Contract Risks:**

Key risk factors for these agreements are low.

**Special Instructions:**

Direct the Clerk of the Board to return a copy of the resolution and minute order of these actions to the Flood Control District office: Attn: Christina Lopez.

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A - Resolution entitled, “In the Matter of Accepting 2018 Proposition 1 Watershed Restoration Grant Program Funding from California Department of Fish and Game”
- Exhibit A Copy of Agreement entitled, “Proposition 1 Watershed Restoration Grant Program – Santa Barbara Debris Basins Capacity Improvement Project – Agreement Number P1896055”
- Attachment B - Copy of Acknowledgment of Work Commencement Authorization Disclaimer

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**Location Map**

