



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Planning &
Development
Department No.: 053
For Agenda Of: December 9, 2008
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department John Baker, 568-2085
Director
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SUBJECT: Public Works Creek Maintenance

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors receive and file this report on Emergency Permits 08EMP-00000-00001; -00003; & -00005 (Site Addresses: Various, APNs 113-070-029 & -030; 001-030-014 & -030; 001-060-053 & -060; 001-080-008, -011 & -044; 007-280-047; 007-340-032 & -034; 007-530-005, -006, -007, -008 & -035, First and Fourth Supervisorial Districts).

Summary Text:

Pursuant to Section 35-171 of Article II of the County Coastal Zoning Ordinance, when an Emergency Permit is issued, the Director of Planning and Development is required to provide a written report to the Board of Supervisors regarding the nature of the emergency and the work involved. This notification fulfills the ordinance requirements.

Three (3) Emergency Permits have been approved (July 31 and August 5, 2008) for conducting Routine Annual Maintenance activities on three creeks – Middle and North Green Canyon Channels, Carpinteria Creek and San Ysidro Creek. The work involves removal of live and dead vegetation from the creek channels and banks, application of herbicide, and removal of sediment. Extra work outside of these watersheds due to the Gap Fire required a more rapid permitting process to allow the Routine Maintenance activities to occur prior to work on the Gap Fire watershed. The projects have been conditioned to protect the sensitive species and surrounding habitat, and to protect the water quality of the subject creeks through implementation of appropriate sedimentation and erosion controls.

Background:

The 2008 Gap Fire has resulted in a large increase in the amount of debris removal and creek maintenance needed prior to the rainy season in order to facilitate the anticipated heavy sediment and debris flows. This extra maintenance work is in addition to the normal Annual Maintenance projects that the Santa Barbara County Flood Control District undertakes each year. There may not be sufficient time before the first rains to conduct both the extra work in the Gap Fire area and Annual Maintenance work on various creeks if the normal processing pathway for the Annual Maintenance work is followed. Failure to conduct the proposed Annual Maintenance work prior to the rainy season could result in the obstruction of winter flows and potential flooding. Such flooding represents a potential public safety hazard and a threat to onsite and offsite property.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative: County costs for the preparation of the Emergency Permit are reimbursed by the applicant in conformance with the current Board-approved fee resolution. Permit revenues are budgeted in the Permitting and Compliance Division of the Development Review South Division, on page D-301 of the adopted 2008-2009 fiscal year budget.

Special Instructions:

None.

Attachments:

Emergency Permits (08EMP-00000-00001, -00003, -00005)

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