

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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TO: Board of Directors
Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

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SUBJECT: **West Green Canyon Drainage Improvement Project (03-ND-16),
Fourth Supervisorial District**

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Directors:

- A. Approve the West Green Canyon Drainage Improvement Project;
- B. Approve the Mitigated Negative Declaration (03-ND-16) for the project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines;
- C. Approve the Plans and Specifications for the project; and
- D. Authorize the Public Works Director to advertise and receive bids for the project.

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 proposed project constitutes the final phase of drainage improvements on the Green Canyon watershed that begins at Bradley Lake located east of Highway 101. The project consists of an 11,200-foot long stormdrain beginning at Stowell Road, continuing north along existing farm roads to West Main Street and then west to the existing "West Main St Channel - Unit Two" Flood Control channel. The storm drain is a continuation of an existing stormdrain that discharges from the Hobbs Fee Recharge Basin. In addition, the existing floodgates at the Unit II Channel junction with the Santa Maria River Levee will be modified to function better.

This project will also complete a flood control infrastructure improvement program that has been coordinated in cooperation with landowners, farming tenants, developers, and the City of Santa Maria.

The completed program consists of a series of retention/recharge basins that provide both groundwater recharge and improved drainage control for agricultural lands.

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, the District prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (ND) for the West Green Canyon Drainage Improvement Project (03-ND-16). The ND was circulated for a 30-day public review period that ended on September 2, 2003. Minor comments were received and modifications were incorporated into the final document as appropriate.

Mandates and Service Levels:

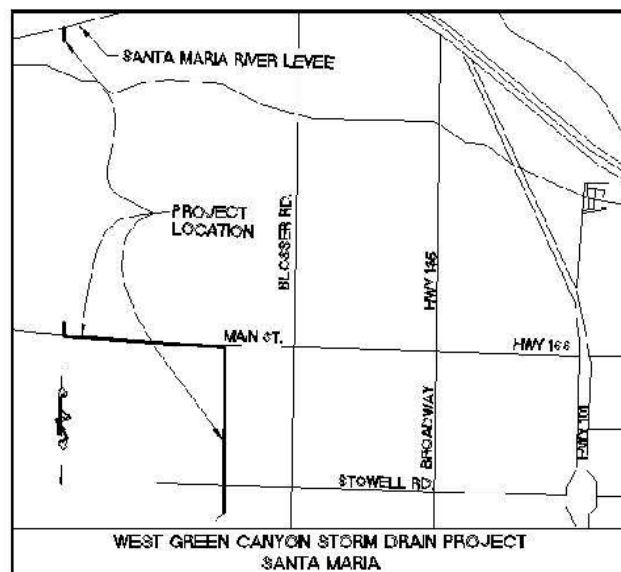
This project will improve drainage and increase flood control protection in the area.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

This project was included in the Adopted 2003/04 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-322 in the budget book. Costs for this project will be paid from Dept: 054, Acct: 8700, Fund: 2560, Program: 3005. This project is also identified in the 2003 Capital Improvement Plan. A portion of the project cost will be repaid by developer fees collected in cooperation with the City of Santa Maria.

Special Instructions:

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



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