



**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: 12/19/06  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimate Time:  
Continued Item: NO  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: 4/5

**TO:** Board of Directors, Flood Control and Water Conservation District  
**FROM:** Department Director(s) Phillip M. Demery, Public Works Director, 568-3010  
Contact Info: Thomas D. Fayram, Deputy Public Works Director, 568-3436  
**SUBJECT: Reimbursement Agreement for Comprehensive Federal Government Affairs  
Representation with the City of Santa Maria for the Santa Maria River Levee**

**County Counsel Concurrence:**

As to form:  Yes  No  N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence:**

As to form:  Yes  No  N/A

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

As to form:  Yes  No  N/A

**Recommended Action(s):**

1. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the "Reimbursement Agreement for Comprehensive Federal Government Affairs Representation" with the City of Santa Maria to cost-share a contract with Marlowe & Company for lobbyist services for the Santa Maria River Levee in the amount of not to exceed \$26,100 for FY 2006-07; and
2. Approve Budget Revision Request (BJE 2006420) to utilize salary savings in the amount of \$26,100 to increase services and supplies to pay our share of the Reimbursement Agreement.

**Fourth and Fifth Supervisorial Districts**

**Summary:**

The Santa Maria River Levee is a federally constructed facility that is owned and operated by the County Flood Control District. The lack for federal funding applied to the Levee in the current federal budget led the City of Santa Maria to request a cost shared contract with a firm to provide additional federal advocating in Washington D.C.

**Background:**

Following the Golf Coast hurricanes of 2005, a greater public interest in levees resulted. Seeking federal funding to address the Santa Maria River Levee, staff discussed funding with the US Army Corps of Engineers which ultimately led to a visit to Washington D.C. with Chairperson Joni Gray and the Mayors of the Cities of Santa Maria and Guadalupe.

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Through these discussions and continued dialog with the Corps, only \$300,000 was included in the Senate's version of the 2007 budget.

Staffs of the City of Santa Maria and County agree that having a firm that can more consistently represent the needs of the Levee is needed.

The City of Santa Maria entered into discussions with Marlow & Associates and requested a 50-50 cost share from the County. Although the Levee is owned by the Flood Control District, the issue is of keen interest to the City, as a significant portion of the City is protected by the Levee.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted:  Yes  No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Flood Control funds	\$ 26,100.00		\$ 26,100.00
Total	\$ 26,100.00	\$ -	\$ 26,100.00

Narrative:

A budget revision is attached to utilize \$26,100 in salary savings from staffing vacancies to increase services and supplies to cost share with the City of Santa Maria a contract with Marlowe and Company for lobbyist representation for the Santa Maria River Levee.

**Staffing Impact(s):**

**Legal Positions:**

**FTEs:**

**Special Instructions:**

Direct the Clerk of the Board to send:

1. two originals of the Reimbursement Agreement, a copy of Budget Revision Request (BJE 2006420), and a copy of the minute order to the Flood Control District office, Attn: Christina Lopez, and
2. a copy of Budget Revision Request (BJE 2006420) to the CEO, Attn: Jennie Esquire.

**Attachments:**

Reimbursement Agreement

Budget Revision Request (BJE 2006420)

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