



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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**Department Name:** Flood Control  
**Department No.:** 054  
**For Agenda Of:** August 18, 2020  
**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, (805) 568-3010  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Thomas D. Fayram, Deputy Public Works Director, (805) 568-3436

**SUBJECT:** 2019 Urban Streams Restoration Program Grant Acceptance, First Supervisorial District

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

- a) Approve and adopt the attached Resolution entitled, "In the Matter of Endorsing and Accepting an Urban Streams Restoration Program Grant" for the San Ysidro Debris Basin Improvement Project to:
  - i. Approve South Coast Habitat Restoration as the Project Co-sponsor for the Urban Streams Restoration Program Grant for the San Ysidro Debris Basin Improvement Project.
  - ii. Approve and authorize the Public Works Director or designee to accept and execute a grant agreement, in an amount up to the total awarded grant, upon the review and concurrence of County Counsel, Risk Management, and the Auditor-Controller, and subsequent agreements or amendments required to receive the grant monies for the Project.
  - iii. Designate the Engineering Manager or designee as the Project Manager, Contract Manager, and Fiscal Agent for the Project.
  - iv. Authorize the Project Manager, or designee, to manage the grant agreement, including the submission of invoice, providing management and support services required for performance of work, and administration of the agreement.
  
- b) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the Flood Control District as Project Sponsor, and South Coast Habitat Restoration as Co-Sponsor, for the USRP Grant for the Project; and

- c) Find that pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15162, no new effects will occur and no new mitigation measures would be required as a result of the San Ysidro Debris Basin Improvement Project, which this grant is for, and therefore pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15168 (c)(2), that the 2017 Updated Debris Basin Removal and Modification Plan is within the scope of the project covered by the Program Environmental Impact Report for the Updated Routine Maintenance Program (01-EIR-01) approved in 2001, and no new environmental document is required.

**Summary Text:**

The Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$351,417 by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Urban Streams Restoration Program (USRP) for the San Ysidro Debris Basin Improvement Project (Project). The grant must have two applicants, a local agency sponsor and a citizens' group co-sponsor to administer the grant funds and for project execution. The District will act as the local agency Project sponsor and as the principal party having primary responsibility for executing the contract, submitting the invoices, and receiving reimbursements. South Coast Habitat Restoration (SCHR) will act as Project co-sponsor and will actively support and participate in the project implementation. The USRP guidelines stipulate that the project sponsor and co-sponsor must develop separate resolutions to accept the grant prior to entering into a contract with the DWR.

USRP funded projects are required to provide flood management and protect, restore or enhance ecological viability of riparian or riverine ecosystems. The San Ysidro Debris Basin Improvement Project meets these requirements by replacing the outlet control structure that will function to trap large debris within the basin while facilitating sediment replenishment downstream and anadromous fish passage. This Project is one of 11 recommended for USRP grant funding.

**Background:**

San Ysidro Creek is a perennial stream along the south side of the Santa Ynez mountain range which drains towards the Pacific Ocean. The San Ysidro Creek watershed comprises approximately 3.5 square miles. Within the vicinity of the project site, San Ysidro Creek has a natural configuration including a debris dam owned by the Santa Barbara County Flood Control District. The debris basin and grouted rock dam were built in 1965 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as the remedial flood control response to the 1964 Coyote Fire. The debris basin's function is to mitigate post-fire debris flows by trapping debris which would otherwise transport downstream towards Montecito and reduce channel capacity.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

Narrative:

Costs for staff time and design of this project have been included in the FY 2020-21 budget. Construction of this project is scheduled for FY 2021-22. Construction costs and revenue for this grant will be included in the FY 2021-22 budget.

The project is also included in the Capital Improvement Program.

**Key Contract Risks:**

The grant agreement with the State is low risk.

**Special Instructions:**

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

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A: Vicinity Map
- Attachment B: Resolution entitled "In the Matter of Endorsing and Accepting an Urban Steams Restoration Program Grant for the San Ysidro Debris Basin Improvement Project"
- Attachment C: Sample of Funding Agreement with DWR
- Attachment D: Memorandum of Understanding (3 originals)

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