

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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SUBJECT: **Land Acquisition for the El Encanto Debris Basin Project, First Supervisorial District**

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Directors:

Authorize the Flood Control District to proceed with negotiations and acquisition of an easement or fee title on APNs: 029-041-005, 029-041-006, 029-041-007, and other adjacent parcels as necessary for construction and maintenance of the El Encanto Debris Basin 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 El Encanto Debris Basin Project is located on Micheltorena Street and California Street by Saint Francis Hospital in the City of Santa Barbara (City). During heavy rain events, rocks, sediment, and debris from the upper watershed come down a privately owned channel plugging various storm drain pipes in the area and floods adjacent residential properties.

Currently, when these storm drain pipes get plugged, the District or/and City staff respond and manually hand remove the rocks or debris that plug the pipes to allow flows to drain. The El Encanto Debris Basin Project will consist of constructing a debris basin, retaining walls, and an access ramp. Construction of this project will reduce potential plugging of the downstream storm drains and associated flooding.

The District and the City have had several meetings and conversations with individual property owners to discuss their concerns and to talk about potential projects. On October 5, 2002, the

District held a workshop with affected property owners to discuss the El Encanto Debris Basin Project and to receive comments. City staff was also in attendance.

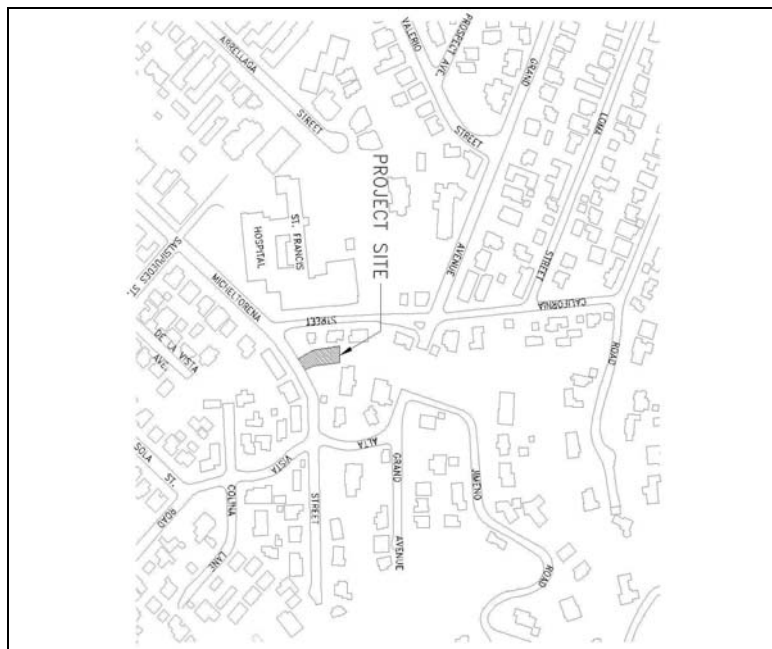
Acquiring easements and/or fee title is necessary to construct and maintain these drainage improvements. The District is preparing a Negative Declaration for the project and plans to bring it before your Board for approval in Spring 2003. The District anticipates starting construction on this project in Summer 2003.

Mandates and Service Levels:

These projects will provide an increase in flood control benefits.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

This project was included in the 2002 Capital Improvement Plan and in the Adopted 2002/03 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-300 in the budget book. Costs from this project will be paid from Dept: 054, Acct: 8700, Fund: 2610, Program: 3005. Construction costs for this project will be included in the 2003-04 Budget.



El Encanto Debris Basin Project