

**PUBLIC WORKS  
WATER RESOURCES PROPOSED  
FEE ORDINANCES FOR  
FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT  
AND  
PROJECT CLEAN WATER**



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS &  
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

# REASONS FOR UPDATING FEES

## COUNTY FEE POLICY

- DEPARTMENTS SHALL “ENSURE APPROPRIATE MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT OF...USER FEES THAT FULLY OFFSET USER COSTS...”

## LENGTH OF TIME BETWEEN FEE UPDATES

- LAST FEE UPDATE FOR FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT WAS COMPLETED IN MARCH OF 2010
- LAST FEE UPDATE FOR PROJECT CLEAN WATER WAS COMPLETED IN APRIL OF 2004
- FEES SHOULD BE REVIEWED AND UPDATED TO REFLECT THE IMPACT OF:
  - INFLATION
  - CHANGES TO SERVICE STRUCTURE AND DELIVERY

# FEE STUDY

## BACKGROUND

- CONDUCTED BY MGT OF AMERICA, INC., A CONSULTING FIRM WITH EXPERTISE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT FEE ANALYSIS
- MGT COMPREHENSIVELY STUDIED THE PUBLIC WORKS WATER RESOURCES DIVISION FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT AND PROJECT CLEAN WATER SERVICE FEES

## GOALS OF THE FEE STUDY

- ANALYZE COSTS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY ARE BEING APPROPRIATELY RECOVERED
- STREAMLINE AND REORGANIZE FEE STRUCTURE TO MIRROR THOSE ADOPTED BY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT IN 2017

# FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT AND PROJECT CLEAN WATER FEE STUDY FINDINGS

- THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY IDENTIFIED THAT FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT AND PROJECT CLEAN WATER ARE CURRENTLY NOT RECOVERING COSTS BY 7% AND 45% RESPECTIVELY. THE PROPOSED FEES BRING THOSE FIGURES TO 0% AND ACHIEVE FULL COST RECOVERY.
- INCREASED ANNUAL REVENUES FOR FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT AND PROJECT CLEAN WATER ARE \$8,342 AND \$19,022 RESPECTIVELY.

<i>Department/Division</i>	<b>Current</b>				<b>Recommended</b>	
	<i>Costs, User Fee Services</i>	<i>Current Revenue &amp; Recovery %</i>		<i>Shortfall</i>	<i>Recommended Revenue &amp; Recovery %</i>	<i>Potential Increase Revenue</i>
Flood Control District	\$ 121,313	\$ 112,971	93%	\$ 8,342	\$ 121,313 100%	\$ 8,342
Project Clean Water	\$ 42,354	\$ 23,332	55%	\$ 19,022	\$ 42,354 100%	\$ 19,022
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 163,667</b>	<b>\$ 136,303</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>\$ 27,364</b>	<b>\$ 163,667 100%</b>	<b>\$ 27,364</b>

# ADOPTION TIMELINE



- SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 – BOS HEARING (FIRST READING)
- SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 – BOS HEARING (SECOND READING)
- OCTOBER 21, 2020 - FEES GO INTO EFFECT