



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: 11/18/08  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
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 McGolpin, Public Works Director, 568-3010  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Thomas D. Fayram, Deputy Public Works Director, 568-3436

**SUBJECT: Letter to the US Corps of Engineers regarding Assignment of a Flood Control Easement to the City of Guadalupe, Fourth Supervisorial District**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: No

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: No

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

As to form: No

**Recommended Actions:**

Authorize the Chair to sign a letter to the US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) giving conceptual approval to the assignment of a Flood Control easement to the City of Guadalupe and request the Corps approve the assignment.

**Summary Text:**

The City of Guadalupe anticipates receiving an application for a new RV park on property in and adjacent to the Santa Maria River near Guadalupe. A portion of the property is encumbered with a Flood Control (District) easement that was acquired as a part of the Santa Maria River Levee system. As proposed, the RV Park would occupy a portion of the easement area. The City of Guadalupe has requested that the District transfer this easement to their agency.

The easement was acquired as a part of the levee project, the easement provides for flood control activities including the removal of soil and vegetation. Due to the fact the levee is a federal project; the Corps of Engineers needs to approve any transfer of the easement from the District. Transferring the easement to the City of Guadalupe would make the City responsible for the terms of the easement and would require the City to perform any work needed resulting from the easement.

This action conceptually approves the transfer of this easement to the City. The property would then need to be annexed to the City through the LAFCO process with the easement transferred formally after that process was complete.

**Background:**

The Santa Maria River Levee Project was built by the US Army Corps of Engineers in the 1960s. The levee system required flood control easements within the river to the ocean. A developer has proposed the development of a RV Park in the Santa Maria River adjacent to the City of Guadalupe. A portion of the site is encumbered by an existing easement. The City would assume the easement requirements and all liabilities if the project is approved.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: 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			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**Narrative:**

There are no fiscal impacts associated with this board action.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

**FTEs:**

**Special Instructions:**

Direct the Clerk of the Board to send the original signed letter and a copy of the minute order to the Flood Control District office, Attn: Christina Lopez. The Flood Control District will send the letter to the US Corps of Engineers.

**Attachments:**

Letter to the US Army Corps of Engineers

**Authored by:** Thomas Fayram, Deputy Public Works Director, 568-3436

**cc:**