

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Directors  
Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

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**SUBJECT: FLOOD CONTROL BENEFIT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM FOR  
FISCAL YEAR 2001-02, All Supervisorial Districts**

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:** C.A. Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

That the Board of Directors:

- A. Receive Report regarding Flood Control Benefit Assessment for Fiscal Year 2001-02 and direct recordation;
- B. Introduce an ordinance (first hearing) entitled, "An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 3150, the Flood Control Benefit Assessment Ordinance, Relating to Benefit Assessments for Flood Control Services"; and
- C. At second hearing set for July 10, 2001 (ESTIMATED TIME: 5 MINUTES)
  - 1) Make a determination upon each assessment described in the report ordered filed by the Board at the June 19, 2001, meeting;
  - 2) Adoption of the attached Resolution confirming Flood Control Benefit Assessment for Fiscal Year 2001-02 and authorize the Clerk of the Board to record a certified copy; and
  - 3) Adoption of the attached Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 3150, the Flood Control Benefit Assessment Ordinance, Relating to Benefit Assessments for Flood Control Services", imposing Flood Control Benefit Assessments for Fiscal Year 2001-02 (ordinance introduced on June 19, 2001).

### **ALIGNMENT WITH BOARD STRATEGIC PLAN:**

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. Ensure the Public Health and Safety and Provide Essential Infrastructure.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Board has set June 19, 2001 as the hearing to introduce an ordinance (first hearing) entitled, "An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 3150, the Flood Control Benefit Assessment Ordinance, Relating to Benefit Assessments for Flood Control Services"; and has set July 10, 2001 as the second hearing. Upon adoption of the Resolution presented, the Board will have confirmed the assessments as presented in the Report.

A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk of the Board until the conclusion of the hearings.

CEQA does not apply to the increase of rates by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) pursuant to Title 14, California Administrative Code Section 15273 (a)(1)(2)(3)(4).

### **MANDATES AND SERVICE LEVELS:**

Adoption of this Board of Directors Ordinance is recommended to continue the current level of Flood Control services.

### **FISCAL AND FACILITIES IMPACTS:**

Santa Barbara County residents approved, by vote, the levying of benefit assessments to help pay the cost of providing flood control services. The ordinance which established the assessment program allows for annual increases in assessment rates up to the increase in the CPI for the preceding twelve months. It is proposed to increase the rates in each zone for Fiscal Year 2001-02 by 3.5% as determined by the State Department of Finance.

The new assessment rate increase should generate approximately \$2,144,000, which represents an estimated increase of \$54,597 from which the District currently receives collectively within the zones. The CPI increases are intended to equalize service levels year-to-year by stabilizing buying power. The CPI rate increases have not addressed the District's increased environmental costs over the past ten years or the 10% loss of revenue associated with the Fiscal Year 1992/93 property tax shift.

The new benefit assessment rates prevent the devaluation of District revenues from inflation.

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

The Clerk of the Board is directed to do the following:

1. On June 19, 2001 record Report regarding Flood Control Benefit Assessment for Fiscal Year 2001-02.

After July 10, 2001 Hearing:

1. File a certified copy of the attached resolution with the County Clerk- Recorder
2. File a certified copy of the attached resolution with the County Auditor-Controller.
3. Submit a copy of recorded Resolution to the Flood Control District and County Counsel.
4. Submit a copy of adopted Ordinance to the Flood Control District and County Counsel.

**CONCURRENCE:** County Counsel, Auditor Controller

Attachments: Report re: 2001-02 Benefit Assessment Report  
Resolution  
Ordinance

