



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: PW/Flood Control
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: March 4, 2025
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Directors, Flood Control and Water Conservation District
FROM: Department
Director(s) Chris Sneddon, Public Works Director, (805) 568-3010
Contact Info: Walter Rubalcava, Deputy Director – Flood Control, (805) 568-3436
SUBJECT: First Amendment to Cooperative Agreement for Construction of Improvements on San Jose Creek, Third Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Directors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Public Works Director or designee to execute the First Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement for Construction of Improvements on San Jose Creek with the City of Goleta, to incorporate the details of the Hollister Avenue Bridge Project and the Fish Passage Modification Project.; and
- b) Determine that executing an Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement is an organizational and administrative activity that will not result in changes in the environment, and therefore the action does not constitute a “Project” within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5).

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to execute the First Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement for Construction of Improvements on San Jose Creek with the City of Goleta (Attachment A). The original Cooperative Agreement (Attachment B) focused on the construction of the channel improvements. This amendment incorporates the details of Phase 2 (commonly referred to as the Hollister Avenue Bridge Project) and of

Phase 3 (commonly referred to as the San Jose Creek Channel Fish Passage Modification Project) of the Project. These details didn't exist at the time of the original agreement.

The original Cooperative Agreement was approved by the Board on October 5, 2010, and memorialized the details of Phase 1 of the Project, commonly referred to as the San Jose Creek Channel Capacity Improvements and Fish Passage Project. Per the terms of the original Cooperative Agreement, the Flood Control District (District) contributed \$5,000,000 to the construction of Phase 1, which was completed in 2014.

Phase 2 extends from approximately 300-feet downstream of Hollister Avenue Bridge to approximately 100-feet upstream of Hollister Avenue Bridge and consists of the completion of channel capacity improvements, replacement of the Hollister Avenue Bridge, and completes the Fish-Passage Facility. Phase 3 consists of modifications to the fish weirs installed as part of Phase 1 and includes grading of San Jose Creek upstream of Hollister Avenue. This First Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement does not obligate any additional District funds to the construction of Phases 2 & 3.

Background:

Prior to the implementation of the original Cooperative Agreement, the District owned and maintained certain improvements on San Jose Creek generally from Hollister Avenue to the Goleta Slough, including a concrete-lined channel, and per the terms of the original Cooperative Agreement (and further defined by the First Amendment) maintenance is now a shared responsibility. The City of Goleta desired to increase the flood flow capacity of San Jose Creek by improving and widening the previously existing channel and by replacing the Hollister Avenue Bridge. The overall project will reduce flooding from San Jose Creek during serious flood events and serve to reduce the FEMA 100-year Floodplain within Old Town Goleta.

The City of Goleta is the lead agency for the Construction of Improvements on San Jose Creek. The recommended action to execute the First Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement is an organizational and administrative function of government to amend the existing agreement between the Flood Control District and City of Goleta and is therefore not a "Project" pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5).

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative:

Construction costs will be paid by the City of Goleta. The Flood Control District estimates \$50,000 in Phase 2 costs for staff labor and potential consultant inspection costs. These costs are included in the South Coast Flood Zone budget (Fund 2610, Program 3005, Line Item Account 7515).

No General Fund monies are associated with these projects.

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to email a copy of the minute order of these actions to Christina Lopez at clopez@countyofsb.org.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Copy of the First Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement for Construction of Improvements on San Jose Creek
- Attachment B: Copy of original City of Goleta/Santa Barbara County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Cooperative Agreement (dated October 5, 2010)

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