



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

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Agenda Number:

Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: January 15, 2008
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
Board of Directors, Flood Control and Water Conservation District

FROM: Department Scott McGolpin, Director Public Works
Director(s) 568-3010
Contact Info: Tom Fayram; Deputy Director
Flood Control and Water Conservation District 568-3436

SUBJECT: Via Rueda Interceptor Storm drain: Quitclaims

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: Select_Concurrence

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

Authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors and the Chair of the Board of Directors to execute quitclaim deeds extinguishing the County's and the Flood Control District's easements on Assessor Parcel numbers 061-362-001, -005, -006, and -007 (herein the "Subject Properties"). Direct staff to record each quitclaim deed in the Office of the County Recorder.

Summary Text:

The Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District recently installed the Via Rueda Interceptor Storm drain (herein the "Storm Drain") which collects and carries storm water from Vieja Drive down to Atascadero Creek. The Storm Drain diverts water away from an existing concrete lined ditch located on the Subject Properties. Execution and recordation of the quitclaims will extinguish the County's and District's easement interest and obligation to maintain any portion of the above referenced ditch. All County and District ownership interest in the Subject Properties will be extinguished.

Background:

This project is located on Vieja Drive off of Puente Drive in the unincorporated area of Santa Barbara County.

Via Rueda is a roadway in the immediate vicinity of the project. The residential tract which includes Via Rueda was developed in the early 1960's. The Tract Map which created the subdivision includes a "Flood Control Easement to the County of Santa Barbara" for the purpose of maintaining a portion of the concrete ditch. That ditch is located behind the Via Rueda homes at the foot of a slope that extends up to the Vieja Drive right-of-way. The Vieja Drive right-of-way along this reach is a dirt road held by the County via easement which is not within the County's maintained right of way system.

Over the years, access to the concrete ditch to perform maintenance has been problematic for the Flood Control District since it is not accessible to equipment. Consequently, maintenance of the ditch has been labor intensive. The Flood Control District conceived of a project to install a storm water drain system within the Vieja Drive right-of-way, immediately above the Via Rueda housing tract (herein the "Project"). The Project will intercept storm water that historically drained to the above referenced concrete ditch, and will carry it down to Puente Drive. The Project includes approximately 1,100 feet of storm drain, inlet facilities and manholes within the Vieja Drive right-of-way and a newly acquired Flood Control easement on 4640 Vieja Drive. The Project is more accessible to equipment for maintenance purposes than the concrete lined ditch.

The existing Flood Control easement within the Via Rueda residential tract is being quitclaimed back to the underlying property owners and will remove the County's and the District's liability associated with the concrete ditch located within the above referenced easement. The owners of the Subject Properties have given written consent to this action.

On March 14, 2007 the Santa Barbara County Planning Commission ruled that the Project is in conformity with the adopted General Plan (65402 conformity) as part of the Capitol Improvement Plan.

Performance Measure:

None

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: Budgeted: Yes

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 outside costs associated with execution and recordation of the subject quitclaim deeds. Flood Control is paying for the staff time needed to complete this transaction.

Staffing Impacts: None

Special Instructions:

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| 1. | Original Quitclaims | Surveyor's Division, Attn: Jeff Havlik |
| 2. | Copy of Quitclaims | Clerk of the Board Files |
| 3. | Minute Order | Flood Control: Christina Lopez |
| 4. | Minute Order | Surveyor's Division, Attn: Jeff Havlik |

NOTE: Real Property will record the Quitclaim Deeds at the County Recorder's Office. Upon recordation, Real Property will return the original Quitclaims to the Clerk of the Board. A copy will be mailed to the Grantors, and copies will be retained by Public Works: Flood Control, Surveying and Real Property Divisions.

Attachments:

Four Quitclaim Deeds

Authored by:

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cc:

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