

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

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SUBJECT: **Carpinteria Salt Marsh Enhancement Plan Project (SC8012),
First Supervisorial District**

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Directors:

- A. Award the construction contract in the amount of \$2,794,551 to the lowest responsible bidder Granite Construction, a local vendor located at 5335 Debbie Lane, Santa Barbara, California subject to the provisions of documents and certifications, as set forth in the plans and specification applicable to the project and as required by law;
- B. Authorize the Chair to execute the construction contract upon return of the contractor's executed contract documents, and the review and approval of the County Counsel, Auditor-Controller, and Risk Manager or their authorized representatives;
- C. Approve a contingency fund in the amount of \$150,000 for the above subject project; and
- D. Approve plans and specifications for the project.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The Carpinteria Salt Marsh Enhancement Plan consists of a combined flood control and wetland restoration project. The flood control elements of the Plan are part of the Carpinteria Valley Watershed Protection Program. The USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) is the federal lead agency for the project and the Santa Barbara County Flood Control District (Flood Control District) is the primary local sponsor for the project. The California Coastal Conservancy

(Conservancy) has provided funding to the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County (LTSB) for certain elements of the wetland restoration component of the Plan.

On April 6, 2004, your Board approved a Cooperative Agreement between the LTSB and the Flood Control District which identifies tasks and responsibilities of each agency for the construction and on-going maintenance of the project. One of the tasks of the Flood Control District was to go out to bid and award a construction contract pursuant to the Public Contract Code for construction of both the flood control and restoration elements of the project. This will allow for construction of the project to be done under a single contract. Construction of the Plan by two contractors is not considered feasible due to potential conflicts and timing issues. The Flood Control District will invoice the LTSB monthly for their portion of the work.

On July 27, 2004, the District received four bids for the Carpinteria Salt Marsh Enhancement Plan. Granite Construction submitted the apparent lowest bid in the amount of \$2,794,551.

Mandates and Service Levels:

This project will provide an increase in flood control protection and wetland restoration to the area. This project is also included in the County's Capital Improvement Plan.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The cost breakdown for Flood Control's work is \$1,437,330.88 and the Land Trust's work is \$1,357,220.12 for a total project cost of \$2,794,551.00.

This project was included in the Adopted 2004/05 Budget and costs were allocated in the Design Cost Center under the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department as shown on page D-326 in the budget book. Costs from this project will be paid from Dept: 054, Acct: 8700, Fund: 2610, Program: 3005.

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of the minute order of these actions to the Flood Control District office, Attn: Christina Lopez.



Flood Control Elements of the Carpinteria Salt Marsh Enhancement Plan