

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 2002-03, All Supervisorial Districts**

RECOMMENDATIONS: C.A. Recommendation: _____

That the Board of Directors:

- A. Receive Report regarding Flood Control Benefit Assessment for Fiscal Year 2002-03 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";
- C. Receive an update from the March 26, 1996 Voter Approved South Coast Benefit Assessment Increase Measure; and
- D. At second hearing set for July 2, 2002 (ESTIMATED TIME: 5 MINUTES)
 - 1) Make a determination upon each assessment described in the report ordered filed by the Board at the June 18, 2002, meeting;
 - 2) Adoption of the attached Resolution confirming Flood Control Benefit Assessment for Fiscal Year 2002-03 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 2002-03 (ordinance introduced on June 18, 2002).

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 18, 2002 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 2, 2002 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).

South Coast Benefit Assessment Increase – March 1996 Election

In March of 1996, the voters on the South Coast approved an assessment increase above the CPI to help fund not only on going maintenance but capital projects as well. Below is a summary of the major projects completed on the South Coast since the March 1996 Election

Project	FY Completed	Total Cost
Westside Stormdrain (Santa Barbara) (Completion of Phase I)	97-98	\$965,848
Franciscan Culvert (Carpinteria) (Element of Carpinteria Salt Marsh)	99-00	\$2.2 Million
Encina Drain / Las Vegas Creek (Goleta)	00-01	\$455,883
Montecito Creek Debris Basin (Montecito) (complete early FY 02-03)	02-03	\$3.5 Million
Miscellaneous Small Projects (Old San Jose Creek, Via Regina Improvements, Venado Dr Stormdrain)	Various	\$555,044

In addition, to these completed projects, work has progressed on several other major projects as detailed below.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Projected FY Comp</u>	<u>To Date Costs</u>
Mission Creek (Santa Barbara)	2007-08	\$599,162
Carpinteria Salt Marsh	Not Identified	\$530,000
Franciscan Sediment Basin (Element of Carpinteria Salt Marsh Project)	2002-03	\$1.47 Million

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 that 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 2002-03 by 2.8% as determined by the State Department of Finance.

The new assessment rate increase should generate approximately \$2,204,000, which represents an estimated increase of \$60,000 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 benefit assessment increase is revenue anticipated for the Water Resources Division in the Proposed Budget for 2002-03 and is shown on page D-300 of the budget book under Other Charges for Services.

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 18, 2002 record Report regarding Flood Control Benefit Assessment for Fiscal Year 2002-03.

After July 2, 2002 Hearing:

1. Send a certified copy of the attached resolution to the County Clerk- Recorder to be recorded.
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: 2002-03 Benefit Assessment Report
Resolution
Ordinance

