

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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

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**SUBJECT:** **Land Acquisition for the West Green Canyon Storm Drain Project,  
Fifth Supervisorial District**

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**Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Directors:

Authorize the Flood Control District to proceed with negotiations and acquisition of an easement or fee title on APN: 117-191-007, 117-191-008, 117-200-026, and other adjacent parcels as necessary for construction and maintenance of the West Green Storm Drain 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 West Green Canyon Storm Drain Project will consist of a "bleeder" storm drain outlet to the Santa Maria River from the current terminal basin system located at the intersection of Battles Road and A Street in the Santa Maria area. In heavy rainfall years, water overflows these terminal basins and flows through the surrounding agricultural property and transportation systems. This project will mitigate these drainage issues on the west end of the Green Canyon Watershed, which extends all the way to the Lake Marie Development on the eastside of U.S. 101.

Over the past year, Supervisor Urbanske has facilitated meetings between interested parties including land owners, farming Interests, development interests, the City of Santa Maria, and County staff. These discussions have been very helpful and has allowed the group to come to a consensus on the project approach.

Acquiring easements and/or fee title is necessary to construct and maintain these drainage improvements. Staff has informally discussed property needs for the projects with US Trust, a property owner in the area, as well as the affected local tenant farming interests.

The District anticipates starting construction on this project in FY 03-04.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

This project will provide an increase in flood control benefits.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

This project was included in the Adopted 2002/03 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-300 in the budget book. Costs from this project will be paid from Dept: 054, Acct: 8700, Fund: 2560, Program: 3005. Construction costs for this project will be included in the 2003/04 Budget and will also be included in the 2003 Capital Improvement Plan.

