



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

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Agenda Number:

Department Name: Flood Control
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: 10/11/11
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

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

FROM: Department Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, 568-3010
Director(s)
Contact Info: Thomas D. Fayram, Deputy Public Works Director, 568-3435

SUBJECT: **Authorizing Grant Application to the California Department of Water Resources for Santa Maria River Levee Reinforcement, 5th District**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: No

Recommended Actions:

- a) Adopt the attached Resolution entitled “In the Matter of Authorizing Grant Application to the California Department of Water Resources for the Santa Maria River Reinforcement Project”; and
- b) Find that the proposed action does not constitute a “Project” within the meaning of CEQA, pursuant to 14 CCR 15378 (b)(4) (creation of government funding mechanisms).

Summary Text:

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) is currently soliciting applications for FloodSAFE California Local Levee Assistance Program (Proposition 84) grant funding. Proposition 84 is a bond measure intended for a wide variety of uses such as water safety projects and was approved by California voters in November 2006. Adoption of this resolution is required by DWR to submit an application.

The Santa Maria River Levee Reinforcement Project is a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project. The first three reaches of the project have been completed and the final reach (3X), along the Bradley Canyon Levee, remains to be constructed. The Flood Control District is pursuing grant funding as a portion of the local cost share, or as an additional source of funds to replace federal funds, to construct the final reach. The total project cost is estimated at \$10,884,000 with the local contribution to be

approximately \$3,658,300. Staff anticipates making application of up to \$5 million in funds to match against federal and local funds. Currently, the design of Reach 3X is underway and some federal funding has been allocated.

Background:

The Santa Maria River Levee Reinforcement Project is located from Blosser Road to Bradley Canyon along the Santa Maria River near the City of Santa Maria. Reach 3X continues the reinforcement up the Bradley Canyon Levee and is the only reach yet to be completed. The project will reinforce the levee which will provide increased flood protection to the residents of the City of Santa Maria and outlying agricultural areas.

An Environmental Assessment/Mitigated Negative Declaration (EA/MND) for the Santa Maria River Levee Improvement Project was approved by the Army Corps of Engineers in August 2009. When it became clear that the project would extend into the Bradley Canyon Channel, the Army Corps of Engineers began working on a Supplemental EA/MND that will provide the required National Environmental Policy Act/California Environmental Quality Act (NEPA/CEQA) documentation for the proposed action. This document is being prepared specifically to address potential impacts and benefits associated with the extension of Reach 3 of the Santa Maria River Levee Improvement Project. This draft document will be circulated for public comment within the next several months.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

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:

Due to the uncertainty of grant fund timing, this grant was not included in the budget. If a grant is awarded, staff will process a budget revision to accept the revenue. Depending on the state of federal funding, a local cost share will be required from the City and County.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

Special Instructions:

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

Attachments:

Resolution entitled “In the Matter of Authorizing Grant Application to the California Department of Water Resources for the Santa Maria River Reinforcement Project”.

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