



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** Flood Control  
**Department No.:** 054  
**For Agenda Of:** August 22, 2017  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**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, 568-3436

**SUBJECT:** Maria Ygnacio Creek Main Branch Debris Basin Modification Project - Second Supervisorial District

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Directors:

- a) Find that the bids received for the Maria Ygnacio Creek Main Branch Debris Basin Modification Project, exceeded the Engineer's cost estimate by at least 17% and reject all bids from the bid opening on July 6, 2017;
- b) Authorize the Public Works Director to re-advertise and re-bid the Maria Ygnacio Creek Main Branch Debris Basin Modification Project; and
- c) Determine that the Maria Ygnacio Creek Main Branch Debris Basin Modification Project shall be carried out and determine that it is for the benefit of one zone hereinafter referred to as a participating zone; and
- d) Find that the recommended actions a and b, to reject bids, re-advertise and re-bid are fiscal activities not constituting a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act, as set forth in California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4).

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda in order to reject the four (4) bids received on July 6, 2017 for the Maria Ygnacio Creek Main Branch Debris Basin Modification Project and to obtain authorization to re-advertise and re-bid

the Maria Ygnacio Creek Main Branch Debris Basins Modification Project. All four bids exceeded the engineer's base construction cost estimate of \$595,592 by at least 17%.

The Notice to Bidders states "The OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities and/or inconsistencies in a bid, and to make awards to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder as it may best serve the interest of the OWNER." Further, Section 3, "Contract Award and Execution," of the Flood Control District Provisions states "In its discretion, the Santa Barbara County Flood Control District may accept or reject any bids."

Staff recommends that the Board reject all the bids and authorize re-bidding of the project. Staff will redesign the project using a more simple debris basin removal approach rather than using the techniques favored by the National Marine Fisheries Service that formed the basis of this bid.

Staff intends to construct both the Maria Ygnacio Creek Main Branch and East Branch Modification Projects with a combined construction contract in 2018. The Flood Control District (District) believes that combining these two projects may offer additional economy of scale.

#### **Background:**

The Maria Ygnacio Creek Main and the Maria Ygnacio Creek East Debris Basins are located along the main and east branches of Maria Ygnacio Creek, a tributary of Atascadero Creek and the Goleta Slough, approximately 5.7 and 5.0 miles from the Pacific Ocean, respectively. These facilities were built by the United States Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service (now named the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)) and the District as an emergency response to the Painted Cave Fire in 1990 to mitigate the effects of the post-fire debris flows.

The watershed has since recovered from the effects of the Painted Cave Fire, therefore having obtained the approval of the NRCS; the District will deconstruct the debris basins. Modification of these basins will also reduce maintenance costs.

The District will retain all property interests in both basins and if concerns arise over a future fire, mitigation measures can be taken at that time.

On April 5, 2016, the Board approved and authorized the Public Works Director to accept and execute a grant agreement to receive grant monies for this project in the amount of \$231,662 by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Urban Streams Restoration Program (USRP). The grant must have two applicants, a local agency sponsor and a citizens' group co-sponsor to administer the grant funds and for project execution. The District will act as the local agency project sponsor as the principal party having primary responsibility for executing the contract, submitting the invoices, and receiving reimbursements. South Coast Habitat Restoration (SCHR) will act as project co-sponsor and will actively support and participate in the project's design and implementation. USRP funded projects are required to provide flood management and protect, restore, or enhance ecological viability of riparian or riverine ecosystems. This project meets these requirements by promoting creek bank restoration and by removing three barriers to endangered steelhead trout. This grant funding will go towards construction costs for this project.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Narrative:**

There are no fiscal impacts with these actions. Staff anticipates both Maria Ygnacio Debris Basin Modification Projects will be constructed simultaneously in 2018.

**Special Instructions:**

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

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