



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Flood Control
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: 6/17/08
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 McGolpin, Public Works Director, 568-3010
Director(s)
Contact Info: Thomas D. Fayram, Deputy Public Works Director, 568-3436

SUBJECT: Santa Maria River Levee Pilot Channel Project, Fourth and Fifth Supervisorial Districts

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: No

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: No

Recommended Actions:

- a) Approve plans for the Santa Maria River Levee Pilot Channel Project;
- b) Authorize the Public Works Director to advertise and receive proposals for the Santa Maria River Levee Pilot Channel Project;
- c) Authorize the Public Works Director or his designee to execute a Conditions of Temporary Entry document with the contractor who offers the highest price per cubic yard of material per site; and
- d) Authorize the Public Works Director or his designee to execute Agreements with the underlying property owners regarding revenue sharing from the work, if applicable.

Summary Text:

The 2008/2009 Annual Routine Maintenance Plan is scheduled to go before the Board for approval on June 17, 2008. One element of the plan is to excavate four pilot channels in the Santa Maria River to help focus river flows towards the middle of the river, to help protect the Santa Maria River Levees.

This work will help protect the City of Santa Maria and agricultural lands in the Santa Maria Valley.

Additionally, as with the case on other flood control facilities, excavated material can be of value to contractors and developers and can generate revenue. Fill material is in great need in the Santa Maria

Valley. Thus by excavating this material and building the pilot channels, additional revenue will be generated rather than be constructed at a cost to the Flood Control District. These funds would be available for other strengthening projects on the Levee.

The recent flood flows in the Santa Maria River proved the value of the pilot channels. The force of the flood flows were successfully directed away from the Levees and safely down the river.

Staff will provide a notice to bidders to contractor plan rooms and local contractors as well as other interested parties. Staff will receive proposals in early August and will execute a Conditions of Temporary Entry document with the highest responsible bidder.

Staff is working with County Counsel to prepare any necessary agreements with underlying property owners regarding the revenue generated from this work if applicable.

Background:

This project is included in Section 2 of the 2008/2009 Annual Routine Maintenance Plan pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The environmental review for this project is addressed through the plan.

Performance Measure:

This board action will assist the Flood Control District to achieve the KPIs relating to maintenance of flood control facilities.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative:

The revenue generated by this project was not included in the 2008-09 budget since the amount of the revenue is uncertain. Once bids are opened and the amount of revenue is known, the Flood Control District will return to the Board with a budget revision to accept the funds.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

Special Instructions:

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

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