



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: 03/17/09
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: Grant Applications for Flood Control Capital Improvement Projects

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: No

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

- a) Authorize the Flood Control District to make grant applications to seek grant funding for all applicable projects in the County's Capital Improvement Program;
- b) Authorize the Flood Control District to make grant applications for the Montecito Creek Channel Modification Project with all applicable granting agencies including the National Association of Counties (NACo) in partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Community-Based Restoration Program; and
- c) Authorize the Public Works Director or his designee to execute all grant agreements, subsequent amendments, and documents with the granting agencies to receive grant funding or to return to the Board for approval as appropriate.

Summary Text:

Currently, NACo and NOAA are accepting grant applications as part of their Coastal Counties Restoration Initiative (CCRI) developed by their Community-Based Restoration Program (CRP). The program is targeting projects that encourage diadromous fish passage, including enhancement of feeding, spawning and growth areas. The Montecito Creek Channel Modification Project fits the intent of the grant and provides an opportunity for the Flood Control District to potentially construct this project next fiscal year with a 50% cost share if grant funding is approved. This project was included in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) database but did not meet the criteria to be included in the CIP

for FY 2009-10. That is why approval of recommendation B is necessary to allow the Flood Control District to apply for grants for this specific project.

In addition, the Flood Control District is requesting the authority to submit grant applications for projects included in the County’s Capital Improvement Program. These projects are approved by the Board and funding for these projects are also included in the budget. The Flood Control District is requesting this approval in advance to be able to meet the timing of some of the grant program application deadlines.

Background:

Since the Montecito Creek Debris Basin Project was completed in the fall of 2002, Flood Control and NOAA Fisheries have been monitoring the function of the fish passage element of the project. NOAA Fisheries has indicated that the upper 75 feet of the Montecito Creek Channel that extends from the end of the “weir and pool” fish passage to the beginning of the existing upstream channel needs to be modified to enhance fish passage. The Montecito Creek Channel Modification Project will modify this reach of the Montecito Creek Channel invert to enhance fish passage.

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
SC Flood Zone			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative:

If grant application is approved, the Flood Control District will return to the Board with a budget revision to accept grant funding for the project. The projects included in the CIP are also included proposed FY 2009-10 budget under the Design cost center of the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department.

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 office, Attn: Christina Lopez.

Authored by: Jon Frye, Civil Engineering Manager, 568-3444

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