

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
AGENDA BOARD LETTER**



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

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**SUBJECT:** **FLOOD CONTROL BENEFIT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM FOR  
FISCAL YEAR 2006-07, All Supervisorial Districts**

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** C.A. Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

That the Board of Directors:

- A. File the attached CEQA Notice of Exemption for the Flood Control Benefit Assessment Program for FY 2006-07 (POST);
- B. Set the first hearing to (FOR JUNE 20, 2006 ESTIMATED TIME: 10 MINUTES);
  - 1) Introduce an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 3150, the Flood Control Benefit Assessment Ordinance, Relating to Benefit Assessments for Flood Control Services", imposing Flood Control Benefit Assessments for Fiscal Year 2006-07;
  - 2) Receive a Report regarding Flood Control Benefit Assessment for Fiscal Year 2006-07 and direct recordation;
  - 3) Receive and file an update from the March 1996 Voter Approved South Coast Benefit Assessment Increase Measure;
- C. Set the second hearing to: (FOR JULY 11, 2006 ESTIMATED TIME: 5 MINUTES)
  - 1) Make a determination upon each assessment described in the report ordered filed by the Board at the June 20, 2006 meeting;
  - 2) Adopt the Resolution confirming Flood Control Benefit Assessment for Fiscal Year 2006-07 and authorize the Clerk of the Board to record a certified copy; and
  - 3) Adopt the ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 3150, the Flood Control Benefit Assessment Ordinance, Relating to Benefit Assessments for Flood Control Services", imposing Flood Control Benefit Assessments for Fiscal Year 2006-07 (ordinance introduced on June 20, 2006).

**ALIGNMENT WITH BOARD STRATEGIC PLAN:**

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. Ensure the Public Health and Safety and Provide Essential Infrastructure.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Board has set June 20, 2006 as the date for the first hearing to introduce an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 3150, the Flood Control Benefit Assessment Ordinance, Relating to Benefit Assessments for Flood Control Services"; and has set July 11, 2006 as the date of the second hearing. It is proposed that the rates in each zone be increased by 4.7% for Fiscal Year 2006-07 as shown below, as determined by the State Department of Finance.

Upon adoption of the Resolution presented, the Board will have considered and made a determination regarding the assessments as presented in the Report.

The voters in Santa Barbara County approved a Benefit Assessment program to fund Flood Control activities in the 10 Flood Zones in the County. This voter approved assessment includes an annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase which has been implemented every year since its original implementation in 1980. The CPI is calculated by the State Department of Finance.

A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk of the Board until the conclusion of the hearings.

CEQA does not apply to the increase of rates by the CPI pursuant to Title 14, California Administrative Code Section 15273 (a)(1)(2)(3)(4).

**MANDATES AND SERVICE LEVELS:**

Adoption of this Board of Directors Ordinance is recommended to continue the current level of Flood Control services.

**FISCAL AND FACILITIES IMPACTS:**

Santa Barbara County residents approved, by vote, the levying of benefit assessments to help pay the cost of providing flood control services. The ordinance that established the assessment program allows for annual increases in assessment rates up to the increase in the CPI for the preceding twelve months.

The new assessment rate increase should generate approximately \$2,561,000, which represents an estimated increase of \$151,000 from which the District currently receives collectively within the zones. The CPI increases are intended to equalize service levels year-to-year by stabilizing buying power.

The new benefit assessment rates prevent the devaluation of District revenues from inflation.

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

Direct the Clerk of the Board to:

1. Post the attached CEQA Notice of Exemption (NOE);
2. Publish the attached Notice of Public Hearing pursuant to Section 6066 of the Government Code (publish notice on May 30 and June 6, 2006) in the Santa Barbara News-Press and the Santa Maria Times; and
3. Send a copy of the minute order, a stamped copy of the NOE, and a signed copy of the Notice of Public Hearing to the Flood Control District office, attn: Christina Lopez.

Concurrence: Auditor-Controller and County Counsel

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**PROPOSED RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007**

**FLOOD ZONE BENEFIT ASSESSMENT RATES & MINIMUM PARCEL ASSESSMENT PER CATEGORY**

	Group A		Group B		Group C		Group D		Group E	
	FY 2006-2007		FY 2006-2007		FY 2006-2007		FY 2006-2007		FY 2006-2007	
	\$/Ac	Min \$ Assmt	\$/Ac	Min \$ Assmt	\$/Ac <sup>1</sup> (over 0.3 Ac only)	Min \$ Assmt	\$/Ac	Min \$ Assmt	\$/Ac	Min \$ Assmt
Bradley #3	\$35.03	\$10.51	\$26.27	\$7.88		\$5.29	\$1.31	\$0.39	\$0.12	\$0.04
Guadalupe #3	\$18.55	\$5.56	\$13.92	\$4.18		\$2.79	\$0.70	\$0.21	\$0.07	\$0.02
Lompoc City #2	\$78.25	\$23.48	\$58.68	\$17.60		\$11.74	\$2.94	\$0.88	\$0.28	\$0.08
Lompoc Valley #2	\$30.56	\$9.16	\$22.90	\$6.87		\$4.57	\$1.14	\$0.34	\$0.11	\$0.03
Los Alamos #1	\$38.85	\$11.66	\$29.15	\$8.74		\$5.83	\$1.45	\$0.43	\$0.14	\$0.04
Orcutt #3	\$23.28	\$6.99	\$17.46	\$5.24		\$3.50	\$0.87	\$0.26	\$0.09	\$0.03
Santa Maria #3	\$74.49	\$22.35	\$55.88	\$16.80		\$11.17	\$2.80	\$0.84	\$0.26	\$0.08
SMR Levee	\$20.10	\$6.03	\$15.07	\$4.52		\$3.02	\$0.75	\$0.23	\$0.08	\$0.02
SantaYnez #1	\$17.16	\$5.15	\$12.87	\$3.86		\$2.57	\$0.64	\$0.19	\$0.07	\$0.02
South Coast #2	\$130.77	\$39.23	\$98.07	\$29.42		\$19.61	\$4.90	\$1.47	\$0.48	\$0.14

- GROUP A - Commercial Industrial.
- GROUP B - Institutions and Apartments.
- GROUP C - Single-family residential and small multiple (2 to 4 units), cemeteries.
- GROUP D - Irrigated agriculture, golf courses.
- GROUP E - Dry farmed agricultural, vacant ground.

Note: A \$1.00 per parcel assessment is added per Resolution No. 82-209 pursuant to Government Code Sections 29304 and 51800.

<sup>1</sup>Minimum assessment included up to 0.3-acre lot. Any single family "Group C" LOT AREA over 0.3 acres will be additionally charged in accordance with the schedule for "Group D".

