



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: May 12, 2015
Placement: Set Hearing
Estimated Tme: 10 minutes on 6/16/15
on the Dept. Agenda
and 7/7/15 on the Admn
Agenda
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, 568-3436

SUBJECT: Flood Control Benefit Assessment Program for Fiscal Year 2015-16, All
Supervisory Districts

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

Recommended Actions:

Set hearings to consider recommendations regarding the Flood Benefit Assessment Program for Fiscal Year 2015-16 as follows: (FOR JUNE 16, 2015 ESTIMATED TIME: 10 MINUTES)

- a) Consider the introduction (first reading) of 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 2015-16; and
- b) Receive a Report regarding Flood Control Benefit Assessment for Fiscal Year 2015-16 and direct recordation.
- c) Set the second hearing on the administrative agenda to consider the following recommendations: (FOR JULY 7, 2015)
 - i. Make a determination upon each assessment described in the report ordered filed by the Board at the June 16, 2015 meeting;

- ii. Adopt the Resolution confirming Flood Control Benefit Assessment for Fiscal Year 2015-16 and authorize the Clerk of the Board to record a certified copy;
- iii. Consider adoption (second reading) of 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 2015-16 (ordinance introduced on June 16, 2015); and
- iv. Find that the assessment revenue will be used for meeting operating expenses, including employee wage rates and fringe benefits, purchasing or leasing supplies, equipment, or materials, meeting financial reserve needs and requirements and obtaining funds for capital projects necessary to maintain service within existing service areas, and that the recalculation and imposition of the annual Flood Control Benefit Assessment are therefore exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15273(a)(1, 2, 3, and 4), and direct staff to file the attached CEQA Notice of Exemption with the Clerk of the Board.

Summary Text:

The recommended actions are to set June 16, 2015 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 to set July 7, 2015 as the date for the second hearing and to consider adoption of the ordinance. The Consumer Project Index (CPI) used to calculate the new rates for the Benefit Assessment Program for 2015-16 is not yet available. The proposed new rates will be included in the departmental Board item that will be docketed on June 4, 2015.

Background:

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, as approved by the voters.

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 Flood Control District revenues from inflation. The CPI increase approved by the voters preserves the ability to deliver services to the public.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The revenue generated from the Benefit Assessment Program was included in the proposed 2015-16 budget in each of the ten flood zones.

Budgeted: Yes

Narrative:

Benefit Assessment rates will generate approximately \$3,245,419 collectively within the Flood Control District's ten flood zones for FY 2015-16 and this revenue was included in the proposed budget.

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to:

1. Publish the attached Notice of Public Hearing pursuant to Section 6066 of the Government Code (publish notice on June 2 and June 9, 2015) in the Santa Barbara Newspress and the Santa Maria Times; and
2. Send a copy of the minute order and a signed copy of the Notice of Public Hearing to the Flood Control District office, attn: Christina Lopez.

Attachments:

Notice of Public Hearing

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