

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 12/27/01  
**Department Name:** Public Works - Flood Control  
**Department No.:** 054  
**Agenda Date:** 01/15/02  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors,  
County of Santa Barbara

Board of Directors,  
Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

**FROM:** Phillip M. Demery, Director  
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Flood Control and Water Conservation District

**SUBJECT:** Los Carneros Mitigation Bank  
Third Supervisorial District  
(Real Property Folio No. YB 3386)

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## Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Execute the attached Easement Deed (Permanent Easement) for the conveyance of a mitigation bank easement across portions of County Assessor Parcel Numbers 077-160-043, 077-160-046 and 077-160-058 from the County of Santa Barbara to the Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and authorize execution thereof by the Chair of the Board.

That the Board of Directors:

Accept the attached Easement Deed (Permanent Easement) for the conveyance of a mitigation bank easement across portions of County Assessor Parcel Numbers 077-160-043, 077-160-046 and 077-160-058 from the County of Santa Barbara to the Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and authorizing The Clerk of the Board to sign the original Certificates of Acceptance attached thereto.

## Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 1. An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community.

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### **Executive Summary and Discussion:**

In 1998, the District developed a conceptual restoration plan for a portion of the Lake Los Carneros County Park. The restoration plan will be implemented as a mitigation bank (Los Carneros Mitigation Bank-LCMB) for Flood Control maintenance activities. The plan was presented to the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the California Department of Fish & Game and gained their support. A Public Notice was issued by the Corps in August 2000 soliciting comments on the plan. Several comments were received and responded to.

The District's Program EIR for Routine Maintenance (certified by Board on Dec. 11, 2001) identifies the Los Carneros Mitigation Bank as a potential mitigation site for impacts associated with routine maintenance activities. Mitigation measure B-1 (Compensatory Habitat Mitigation) in the Program EIR defines the conditions under which the LCMB may be used to mitigate routine maintenance impacts.

The Parks Department has supported the District's proposal for years since the plan represents an opportunity to restore a degraded portion of the Park. With certification of the Program EIR, the LCMB has been formally identified as feasible mitigation for routine maintenance impacts. Therefore, it is now appropriate to dedicate a portion of the Lake Los Carneros County Park to the District for development of the LCMB. Restoration will begin in the spring of 2002. The District will use the LCMB as appropriate as the habitat on the site develops.

### **Mandates and Service Levels:**

No change in programs or service levels.

### **Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

There is no direct fiscal impact in this action. Establishment of the mitigation bank will make mitigation of Flood Control impacts more economically feasible. In the recent adoption of the Flood Control Maintenance Program EIR, it was recognized that should site mitigation be infeasible, the District would use mitigation credits at the Los Carneros Mitigation Bank in lieu of purchasing property on site. Thus a cost savings could result from use of the mitigation bank.

### **Special Instructions:**

After Board action, distribute as follows:

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| 1. | One (1) original Easement Deed<br>One (1) Minute Order | Facilities Services, Attn:<br>Harrison Heyl    |
| 2. | One (1) copy of Easement Deed                          | Clerk of the Board Files                       |
| 3. | One (1) copy of Easement Deed<br>One (1) Minute Order  | Flood Control District, Attn:<br>Karl Treiberg |
| 4. | One (1) copy of Easement Deed<br>One (1) Minute Order  | Flood Control District, Attn:<br>Jeff Paley    |

**Concurrence:** Parks Department, Real Property Section