

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
  
Board of Directors  
Santa Barbara County Water Agency

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**SUBJECT:** **Receive a Report regarding County Involvement in Fish Management Issues, All Supervisorial Districts**

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## Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors/Directors:

Receive a report regarding County involvement in steelhead trout management and related issues, and determine whether to direct staff to return at a future date if additional information and/or decision making is desired.

## Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 5.A High Quality of Life for All Residents.

## Executive Summary and Discussion:

In previous Board actions on grants and fish issues related to the Cachuma project, the Board directed staff to return to the Board with a broader briefing on the status of the County's involvement in various programs and projects relating to fish, in particular, Steelhead. Steelhead became listed as a Federal Endangered Species in 1997 and since that time, various projects and programs have existed to attempt to address Steelhead issues.

The staff report, attached, provides the Board with a listing of activities that are currently underway and allow the Board to provide direction as appropriate.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

The County has no direct responsibility relating to the listing of Steelhead. However, listing of Steelhead does impact issues such as water supply, flood control activities, transportation activities, recreation, and also can impact individual land owners.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Fish management issues were included in the 2005-06 Budget and are identified under the Water Agency cost center of the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department. Except for allocation for the Cachuma contract allocation, direct costs and most County staff costs for these activities are funded through grants, with some staff time use as a local match. A cost breakdown of current funding is below:

<u>Revenue Sources for Direct Costs</u>	<u>Total Allocation</u>	<u>Expended</u>
Cachuma Contract allocation (annual)	\$100,000	\$100,000
Existing TCFT Grant (available through 6/07)	68,500	21,044
Coastal Conservancy Grant (available through 3/08)	453,000	40,000

Attachment