

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

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SUBJECT: **Via Rueda Interceptor Project (SC8340),
Second Supervisorial District**

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Directors:

- A. Approve the Via Rueda Interceptor Project and the attached CEQA Notice of Exemption (post);
- B. Authorize the Flood Control District to proceed with negotiations and acquisition of an easement or fee title on a portion of APN: 061-362-001 for construction and maintenance of the project; and
- C. Authorize the Public Works Director to advertise and receive bids for the project.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

This project is located on Vieja Drive off of Puente Drive and Hollister Avenue in the unincorporated area of Santa Barbara County.

Via Rueda is a roadway in the immediate vicinity of the project. The Via Rueda residential tract was developed in the early 1960's and includes an easement granted to the Flood Control District for the purposes of maintaining a concrete ditch located between the homes of Via Rueda and a hillside slope that extends up to the Vieja Drive right of way. The Vieja Drive public right of way along this reach is within the system of the County's unmaintained system.

Over the years, access to the concrete ditch to perform maintenance has been problematic for the Flood Control District since the area is not accessible to equipment. Consequently, maintenance of

the existing ditch has been labor intensive. The Flood Control District conceived of a project that would install a proposed storm drain system within the Vieja Drive right of way, immediately above the Via Rueda housing tract. This would intercept the drainage that historically drained to the concrete ditch that Flood Control maintained. The proposed storm drain system is easily accessible to equipment so maintenance could be more easily performed. The Flood Control easement within the Via Rueda residential tract will be quitclaimed back to the underlying property owners except for those portions necessary to maintain the resultant drainage system. Acquiring an additional easement is necessary for construction and maintenance of this project. Overall drainage patterns are not altered.

The proposed project includes installing several hundred feet of storm drain along Vieja Drive and through the backyards of several residences and constructing drainage inlet facilities and concrete drainage structures.

Mandates and Service Levels:

This project will improve drainage to residents in the area.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Funds for this project were not included in this fiscal year's Adopted Budget. Staff will process budget revision after this project has been approved. Costs will be paid from Dept: 054, Acct: 8700, Fund: 2610, Program: 3005.

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to post the attached Notice of Exemption (NOE) and to send a copy of the stamped NOE and minute order to the Flood Control office, Attn: Christina Lopez.