



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: Flood Control  
Department No.: 054  
For Agenda Of: January 14, 2014  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**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: Authorization to Proceed to Negotiation for Purchase of Right of Way for the Las Vegas - San Pedro Creeks Capacity Improvements Project, 2nd Supervisorial District**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

As to form:

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Directors:

- a) Authorize the Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District to proceed with right-of-way negotiations for the potential purchase of property in fee or easement for use by Flood Control to construct improvements associated with the "Las Vegas - San Pedro Creeks Capacity Improvements Project," Project Number SC8322; and
- a) Determine, pursuant to 14 CCR 15162, that a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was adopted for the Las Vegas-San Pedro Creeks Capacity Improvement Project on October 4, 2011 <http://santabarbara.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=983726&GUID=3C81EDE1-E69A-4FAA-A743-0099299F0EED> and an Addendum to the MND was approved on April 10, 2012 <http://santabarbara.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=1103714&GUID=F3ACBE62-BDEE-41C5-94D7-EB0E733B7BC8>, that no substantial changes are proposed in the project, no substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken, and no new information of substantial importance has been received with respect to the project or the mitigation measures, and therefore no new EIR or Negative Declaration is required for the approval of the recommended actions.

**Summary Text:**

Las Vegas/San Pedro Creeks Capacity Improvement Project is located primarily between Fairview Avenue and Los Carneros Road on each side of and including HWY 101 in the Cities of Goleta and Santa Barbara. The project proposes hydraulic capacity improvements along Las Vegas and San Pedro Creeks under Calle Real, US 101, and the UPRR. The proposed project would increase the hydraulic capacity of the two creek systems (culvert and channel improvements) from approximately a 10-year to approximately a 25-year flood event. Additional benefits of the project include the removal of several barriers to steelhead migration.

Authorization to negotiate from the Board of Directors will allow the Flood Control District to order appraisals as needed and proceed with right-of-way negotiations with impacted property owners required for installation of a floodwall along San Pedro Creek, downstream of the Union Pacific Railroad Bridge. If negotiations result in an owner agreeing to sell, Real Property will return to your Board with a request for execution of a Real Property Purchase Contract and Escrow Instructions with supporting documents.

The recommended actions are organizational or administrative activities by the District that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment yet are necessary to proceed with Project implementation.

**Background:**

The Las Vegas/San Pedro Creeks Improvement Project is a multi-jurisdictional project with the Flood Control District assuming the lead agency responsibility for the proposed capacity improvements. The Flood Control District has worked with a multi-agency team with various jurisdictional authorities over the proposed project components. The other agencies involved in the project are the Cities of Goleta and Santa Barbara, Caltrans, the Union Pacific Railroad and possibly the Goleta Sanitary District.

San Pedro and Las Vegas Creeks, in the City of Goleta, have experienced episodic flooding during major storm events over the course of the last decade. Flooding has typically occurred at the HWY 101 and Calle Real crossings for both creeks. Several businesses and residences as well as HWY 101 became inundated during these events. The project will increase capacity of these drainage facilities and significantly reduce flooding to the area.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

This Project is included in the Adopted FY 2013-14 Budget under the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department as shown on page 178 in the budget book. Construction of the Project is anticipated to begin during the summer of 2014. No General Fund monies are utilized with these actions.

While land acquisition for the Project is included in the budget, there are no costs associated with this action. This Board action to proceed with right-of-way negotiations for potential purchase of property in fee or easement only authorizes the negotiations for land acquisition but does not commit any funding. Any

funding commitment would require the Board's approval which will be sought after negotiations result in an owner agreeing to sell.

This Project is included in the Capital Improvement Program on page B-138.

**Special Instructions:**

After Board action, distribute as follows:

Minute Order: Flood Control, Attn: Christina Lopez

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**Las Vegas - San Pedro Creeks Capacity Improvements Project  
VICINITY MAP**

