



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER
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Agenda Number:

Department Name: Flood Control
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: March 14, 2017
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
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: Final Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Santa Maria Airport Ditch Improvement Project, Fourth Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Directors:

- a) Certify that the Board has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration #16NGD-00000-00014 and make the California Environmental Quality Act Findings;
- b) Approve the project and Adopt the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration #16NGD-00000-00014 for the Santa Maria Airport Ditch Improvement Project that has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act; and
- c) Adopt the Mitigation Measures, included in the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration 16NGD-00000-00014 with their corresponding monitoring requirements, as the Mitigation Monitoring Program for this Project.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to approve the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Santa Maria Airport Ditch Improvement Project (SMAD). This project will repair damage to the existing earthen channel located along the north side of Skyway Drive immediately southeast of the Santa Maria Public Airport. The purpose of this project is to eliminate chronic erosion that is

threatening Skyway Drive and requires frequent maintenance. Following approval of the MND, staff will finalize plans and specifications in order to go out to bid. Construction of this project is anticipated to begin this summer.

Background:

The existing half-mile drainage channel is earthen with steep side slopes and is sparsely vegetated with non-native species. Unstable soil has resulted in areas of chronic erosion within the channel. Downstream of this half-mile earthen channel, the channel becomes concrete-lined and eventually drains into a regional basin. Sediment deposition from channel bank erosion impairs the channel's storm water conveyance capacity and requires regular clearing. Continued erosion along SMAD could lead to increased maintenance costs and hazardous conditions along Skyway Drive that could necessitate more intensive reconstruction efforts.

The District is proposing to construct a combination buried storm drain overlain by an earthen trapezoidal channel

The District has prepared a MND pursuant to requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the County of Santa Barbara Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA. The MND prepared for the project identifies and discusses potential impacts and associated mitigation measures that reduce all potential impacts to less than significant level and the monitoring requirements for identified subject areas. Incorporation of mitigation measures that have reduced an effect from a potentially significant impact to a less than significant impact occurs in the following subject areas: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geologic Processes, Noise, and Water Resources.

Public/Regulatory Outreach:

The Draft MND was released during the week of September 12th for the local 30-day review period and sent to the State Clearing House, which also started their 30-day review period. Both the local and State Clearing House review periods ended on October 17, 2016. Two comment letters were received, one from the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District and the other from the Native American Heritage Commission. On December 9, 2016, the County Public Works Department sent the Barbareño/Ventureño Band of Mission Indians registered letter notification of the opportunity to consult regarding the project pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) § 21080.3.1 (AB 52 Gato, 2014). No request for consultation regarding the proposed project has been received by the County to date from the Barbareño/Ventureño Band of Mission Indians or the tribes identified by the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC).

Staff considered the comments and minor changes or additions were made to the Final MND and are shown as underline or strike-out text.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
Orcutt Flood Zone			\$ 22,300.00
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Fiscal Analysis: Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,300.00

Narrative:

Costs for this MND was included in the adopted 2016-2017 budget in the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department as shown on page D-319 in the budget book. The MND was completed at a cost of \$22,300.

This project is also included in the County’s Capital Improvements Program on page D-110. This project is scheduled for construction in 2017 and construction costs are in included in the proposed FY 2017-18 budget.

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of the minute order of these actions to the Flood Control District office, Attn: Christina Lopez

Attachments:

Attachment A: Proposed Final MND (#16NGD-00000-00014)

Attachment B: CEQA Findings

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Vicinity Map





Santa Maria Airport Ditch looking northeast towards Waller Park