



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: 06/05/07  
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 McGolpin, Interim Public Works Director, 568-3010  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Thomas D. Fayram, Deputy Public Works Director, 568-3436

**SUBJECT:** **MOU with the City of Goleta to Provide Funding for the City of Goleta's Old Town Project, Second Supervisorial District**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

- a) Authorize the Public Works Department and the County Executive Office to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Goleta (City) regarding funding of the flood control elements of the City of Goleta's Old Town Project; and
- b) Direct staff to return to the Board for approval and execution of the MOU and the related budget revision needed to provide funding for the flood control elements of the project.

**Summary Text:**

The City of Goleta (City) has requested funding for the project through the Flood Control District, SCFZ (letter attached). The SCFZ boundaries extend from Gaviota to Carpinteria, South of the Santa Ynez Mountains. The Flood Control District, through the SCFZ collects revenues from properties both in incorporated Cities and the unincorporated County. SCFZ revenue is used to fund various Flood Control activities including; Capital Projects, Routine Maintenance, and Emergency Response Efforts.

A serious flood event occurred on March 10, 1995 which caused significant flooding in downtown Goleta. San Jose Creek jumped its banks at and above Hollister Avenue causing significant damages in Goleta Old Town. The goal of this project is to reduce the flood hazard, including removing the FEMA 100 year flood zone from Old Town Goleta.

Staff prepared an analysis of the South Coast Flood Zone (SCFZ) revenues and anticipated expenditures. It is important to recognize that the SCFZ needs to retain an adequate emergency reserve fund to be able to respond to flood disasters like those in 1995, 1998, 2001, and 2005. While the Public Works Department has been generally successful in securing FEMA and State OES reimbursement for these disasters, up front funding is absolutely essential to respond to the emergency. FEMA reimbursements often are not received until a year or more after the disaster and even then only reimburse certain costs, leaving the balance a local cost that is not reimbursed. The SCFZ also is anticipated to fund several other projects in the Capital Improvement Program including Mission Creek, San Pedro / Las Vegas Creeks, and other projects.

The City estimates the total project cost at approximately \$12 million (channel and bridge costs), however the Flood Control District can provide approximately \$4 million. While the proposed Flood Control funding may not cover the total cost of the channel work, these funds can be used as a match to City funds, or as a substantial match to possible State grant funds under Propositions 1E and 84.

**Background:**

The City has been working on a revitalization project for Old Town Goleta. One element of the project is a flood capacity improvement project which includes replacement of the Hollister Avenue Bridge and enlargement of San Jose Creek downstream to contain the 100 year flood.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

Narrative:

The City estimates the total project cost is estimated at approximately \$12 million; however, the Flood Control District is able to fund \$4 million. The Flood Control District will return to the Board with a budget revision at the same time the MOU is brought back to the Board for approval.

The San Jose Creek Improvement Project, the flood control element of the Goleta Old Town Project is included in the County's Capital Improvement Program on page B-182.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

**FTEs:**

**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:**

Letter from the City of Goleta, dated March 15, 2007 to Mr. Michael Brown  
Map – San Jose Channel Widening, Goleta

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