

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Directors
Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

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SUBJECT: **Goleta Slough Dredging Project (SC8302),
Second Supervisorial District**

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Directors:

- A. Approve the Goleta Slough Dredging Project; and
- B. 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:

The Goleta Slough Dredging Project is a routine maintenance program that was originally approved by the Board in 1994. More recently a revised project and the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) were approved and certified by the Board on September 13, 2000. The District has also received permit renewals from the Corps of Engineers, California Department of Fish and Game, and the City of Santa Barbara. The Regional Water Quality Control Board Permit issued in 1994 is still valid. In addition, as part of the project the District consulted with the National Marine Fisheries Service regarding steelhead trout. The District has applied for a new Coastal Development Permit from the California Coastal Commission, a Land Use Permit from the County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development Department, and a lease renewal from the California State Lands Commission.

This project will consist of removing sediment that has been deposited in Atascadero, San Jose, San Pedro, Carneros, and Tecolotito Creeks within the Goleta Slough area. Sediment will be removed with a hydraulic dredge on San Jose, San Pedro, and Atascadero Creeks. Tecolotito and Carneros Creeks will be desilted using a crane rigged with a dragline. Hydraulically dredged sediment and suitable dragline sediment will be discharged in the surf zone/beach at Goleta Beach

Park. The surf zone/beach disposal provides needed beach nourishment, which is desired by your Board and BEACON.

Last winter's storms deposited approximately 70,500 cubic yards of sediment in the Goleta Slough over and above the amount the District removed and took to Goleta Beach on an emergency basis. This project will remove the remaining sediment and deposit it at the west end of the Goleta Beach Park to provide beach nourishment and shore protection for the park.

Staff will work closely with the Parks Department to maximize the nourishment of Goleta Beach for protection of the park facilities. Historically, private contractors have removed excavated material from Tecolotito and Carneros Creeks for use at upland fill sites. Staff has committed to make this material available to Parks first, if suitable for beach nourishment or deposition in the surf zone.

Mandates and Service Levels:

There are no mandates or service level changes.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The project was included in the 2005-06 Budget as a final budget adjustment under the Maintenance Cost Center of the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department. Costs will be paid from Dept: 054, Acct: 7701, Fund: 2610, Program: 3002.

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of the minute order of this action to the Flood Control office, Attn: Christina Lopez.