

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 05/12/03  
**Department Name:** Flood Control/Public Works  
**Department No.:** 054-04-01  
**Agenda Date:** 06/03/03  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:**  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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

**FROM:** Phillip M. Demery, Director  
Public Works Department

**STAFF  
CONTACT:** Thomas Fayram, Deputy Public Works Director, ext. 3436

**SUBJECT:** **Mission Creek Restoration Work, City of Santa Barbara  
First and Second Supervisorial Districts**

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**Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Directors:

Authorize the Public Works Director to sign and deliver a letter to the City of Santa Barbara (City) and the US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) reaffirming the County's support for the Mission Creek Section 206 Project for fish passage.

**Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

This action is primarily aligned with Goal No. 1 An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community and with Goal No. 5 A High Quality of Life For All Residents.

**Executive Summary and Discussion:**

On August 7, 2001, your Board supported a proposal by the City to initiate a project with the Corps of Engineers to address fish migration barriers on Mission Creek in the City of Santa Barbara. The two main barriers consist of two reaches of concrete lined channel between Cannon Perdido Street up through Padre Street.

The City and Corps desire to affirm the County's support for the project to ensure any land rights and maintenance issues are addressed. In addition, the District's continued involvement will allow for review of any proposed modifications to the channel to ensure that additional flood hazards are not created.

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Staff supports the proposal to allow fish passage through this reach. It is important to ensure that any project allows the continuing function of the channel for flood control. Property owners along the creek have indicated support for the fish passage project, but only if a flood hazard is not created as a result of the project.

Flood Control staff can also be of assistance to the project through permitting and CEQA issues as has been done in the past. Two fish passage projects by other agencies will be included in this year's Flood Control Annual Maintenance Plan.

This project is not associated with the Lower Mission Creek Flood Control Project. The fish passage project is totally outside of the flood control project and the two are independent of each other.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

There are no changes to service levels with this action.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

The proposed project is not a flood control project, and as such flood control funds cannot be used on the project. The City has been informed of this and they understand but desire the District's continued involvement on the project. The funding will come from the Corps with a local match from either the City or grant funds. Some staff time from the County will be required but is not considered significant.

**Special Instructions:**

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

Attachment: copy of letter

