

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 11/22/05  
**Department Name:** Public Works  
**Department No.:** 054/02/02  
**Agenda Date:** 1/3/06  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:**  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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

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Engineering Section Manager

**SUBJECT:** Construction of Tie-Back Earth Retaining Wall At 584 Freehaven Drive, - Location No. 1T68 (FEMA), First Supervisorial District; County Project Number 05STRM

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## Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve the Project and Categorical Exemption pursuant to the County's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines for the Construction of Tie-Back Earth Retaining Wall At 584 Freehaven Drive - Location No. 1T68 (FEMA), County Project Number 05STRM;
- B. Authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for construction bids for the Construction of Tie-Back Earth Retaining Wall At 584 Freehaven Drive - Location No. 1T68 (FEMA).

## Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Strategic Plan Goal Number 1: An efficient government able to anticipate and respond effectively to the needs of the community.

## Executive Summary and Discussion:

This project is located on Freehaven Drive between 582 and 584 Freehaven Drive in the Montecito area of the County. This roadway experienced severe damage during the 2005 winter storms. This storm damage location requires the installation of an earth retaining structure. Due to the steep slopes of the underlying wall foundation (bedrock) and right-of-way constraints, the proposed work will consist of drilling into the down sloped slip out areas and setting steel piles in relatively shallow concrete footings. Wood members (lagging) will be placed in between each steel pile and will make up the face of wall. The retaining wall construction will require full road closures for periods of time ranging from two to four hours at a time

during some operations and a single lane during the remaining construction operations. Public Works will coordinate with the residents on closure times. Temporary traffic stop control at either end of the project will be required during construction to provide the public safe passage. Advance notification will be provided for the periods of full road closures.



Pursuant to the County’s CEQA guidelines, staff has determined the project is exempt from further environmental review. Approval of this Categorical Exemption shall indicate the Board of Supervisors’ approval of this project and will commence the appeal period, pursuant to CEQA guidelines.

The “Notice to Contractors” will be published prior to the date set for the opening of bids.

Sealed proposals will be received at the Public Works front counter in the County Engineering Building, 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, California 93101, and at the North County Public Works office, presently located at 620 W. Foster Road, Santa Maria, California 93455, and will be opened publicly and read aloud at a date to be determined.

This project was approved by your Board as part of the FY05/06 Measure D Program of Projects for the County of Santa Barbara.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

Approval by the Board of Supervisors will not change the programs or service levels.

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**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will fund 75% of the project with State Office of Emergency Services (OES) funding the remaining 25%. The funds have been budgeted in Dept. 054, Fund 0015, Org. 0002, Program 2900, and Account 7511.

**Special Instructions:**

Please forward a stamped certified copy of the Minute Order approving these recommendations to Beverly Cross in the Public Works Department, Transportation Division Engineering Section. Please post a copy of the Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk of the Board for 6 days prior and remain posted for 35 days after project approval.

**Concurrence:**

None

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: CEQA Notice of Exemption