



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: Flood Control District  
Department No.: 054  
For Agenda Of: 3/19/13  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Directors, Flood Control & 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:** Participation in the Flood Emergency Response Program - Statewide Grant  
Application with other Southern California Counties, All Supervisorial Districts

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form:

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

- a) Authorize the Santa Barbara County Flood Control & Water Conservation District to participate in the Flood Emergency Response Statewide Grant Application with Ventura, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, Orange, San Luis Obispo, and San Diego Counties; and
- b) Find that the recommended approval and authorization is for the creation of a government funding mechanism and does not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) 14 CCR 15378 (b) (4) and does not commit the County or other County agencies to any certain project or course of action which would have significant physical impact on the environment.

**Summary Text:**

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is currently soliciting applications for grant funding for the Flood Emergency Response Program – Statewide in accordance with the FloodSAFE California Initiative under Proposition 84. The Ventura County Watershed Protection District (Ventura County) has recommended a collaboration of several Southern California agencies in the application of this grant.

As the lead agency, Ventura County will apply for FloodSAFE Proposition 84 grant on behalf of the eight interested Southern California Flood Control Districts. Ventura County has agreed to apply for this grant at no charge to all of the other Counties.

If grant funding is awarded by DWR a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be established with Ventura County to identify the working criteria and costs between Ventura County and each of the other participants to administer the grant. At that time, the Flood Control District will return to the Board for approval of this MOU as appropriate.

Approval of these recommendations will allow the Flood Control District to participate in this Statewide grant application with other Southern California Flood Control Districts.

**Background:**

The Flood Control District currently operates a Real-Time Flood Warning System (ALERT System) that is based on receiving radio transmitted data from County-wide field sensors (rain, river/stream, and reservoir). However, the current ALERT technology is 30 years old, and it is necessary to upgrade to the new advanced ALERT2 technology. The new technology will significantly improve flood warning capability. The Flood Control District has started to plan for the upgrade process that would be expected to take up to five years to fully implement.

Many Southern California County Flood Control Districts (Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, Orange, San Luis Obispo, and San Diego) have recognized a common interest in applying for a DWR Grant that will enable enhanced regional Flood Emergency Response Capability.

The multi-agency grant application approach is desirable because this will achieve a higher ranking from the State as well as all the participating County Flood Warning Systems require extensive regional coordination & implementation to function effectively & efficiently as data is shared among many of the regional groups (Counties, Cities, and the National Weather Service).

Ventura County has offered to act as the lead agency for submittal of the proposed grant application and administration of the grant if it is awarded.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>FY 13-14</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
Flood Control District Fundir	\$ 65,500.00		
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

**Narrative:**

Partial funding for upgrading the ALERT technology is included in the proposed FY 13-14 budget in the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department. Due to the uncertainty of grant funding, this grant was not included as revenue in the proposed FY 13-14 budget. There are no costs associated with applying for this grant. However, if the grant is awarded, staff will process a budget revision to accept the revenue and to also identify any costs associated with the MOU and administration of the

grant. In addition, if a grant is obtained, staff anticipates the ability to accelerate the five year plan on upgrading and replacing the ALERT equipment. No General Fund monies will be utilized with these actions.

**Special Instructions:**

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

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