

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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Agenda Number:
Prepared on:
Department Name: Flood Control/Public Works
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Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara

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Water Resources Division

SUBJECT: **Set a hearing to Receive Information from Colonel Alex Dornstauder of the Los Angeles District Corps of Engineers regarding the Santa Maria River Levee, Fourth and Fifth District**

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Set a hearing (FOR MARCH 28, 2006 ESTIMATED TIME: 60 MINUTES) to receive information from Colonel Alex Dornstauder, District Engineer of the Los Angeles District Corps of Engineers regarding funding and action items for protection of the Santa Maria River Levee.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

On March 14, 2006, your Board authorized the Chair to sign a letter to Colonel Alex Dornstauder requesting his attendance at regularly scheduled Board meeting to discuss the Santa Maria River Levee.

Colonel Dornstauder also personally visited the Levee with City of Santa Maria and County staff on February 15, 2006. The site visit allowed staff to emphasize to the Colonel the importance of Levee to the Santa Maria Valley. Staff reinforced the need for the Santa Maria River Levee to be priority for the Federal Government.

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Staff has also been in contact with our State and Federal legislators regarding the Santa Maria River Levee as the issue of funding for Levees is discussed. Currently, the State has clearly stated that the Funding priority for Levees is in Northern California.

Mandates and Service Levels:

The Flood Control District is mandated by contract to provide maintenance on the Santa Maria River Levee. Federal assistance will help resolve structural integrity issues that go beyond maintenance issues.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There are no fiscal or facilities impacts with this action. It is hoped that the Corps of Engineers will secure funding to address Levee integrity issues.

Board letter authorized by: Thomas Fayram, Deputy Public Works Director, Ext. 3436