


Santa Barbara County Public Works Department
Flood Control  Water Agency

MEMORANDUM

Date: November 20, 2008

To: Clerk of the Board
Board of Supervisors

From: Thomas Fayram, Deputy Public Works Director *TF*

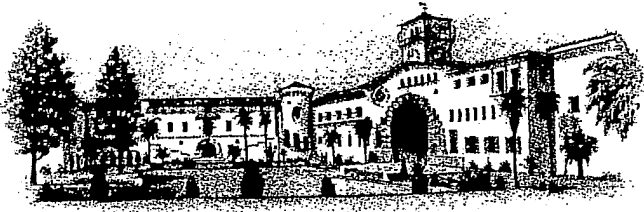
Re: **Resolution Proclaiming December 8-12, 2008 as Flood Awareness Week in the County of Santa Barbara**

Attached is a copy of a resolution "Proclaiming December 8-12, 2008 as Flood Awareness Week" in the County of Santa Barbara. Supervisor Carbajal has agreed to sponsor the resolution for the December 9, 2008 Board meeting. The resolution will not be presented.

Thank you.

Attachment

cc: Supervisor Carbajal, Chair, Board of Supervisors



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
 RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING)
 DECEMBER 8-12, 2008 AS)
 "FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK") CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, floods can occur in Santa Barbara County in any year, regardless of perceived weather patterns or trends; and

WHEREAS, through the 1990's and as recent at the winter of 2005, Santa Barbara County has seen several above average rain years, including devastating flooding to portions of our community, which should serve as a vivid reminder of the flooding threat we face; and

WHEREAS, because of the County's ongoing participation in the National Flood Insurance Program, residents are eligible to purchase federal flood insurance as financial protection against flood losses which do occur; and

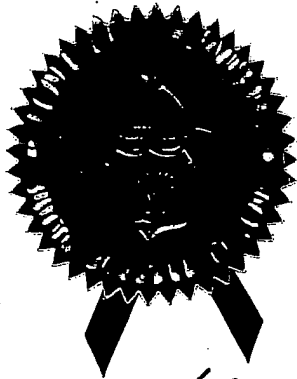
WHEREAS, of all the cities and counties in the State of California, residents of unincorporated Santa Barbara County represent one of few such communities able to purchase flood insurance at a 20% discount due to the County's floodplain management efforts; and

WHEREAS, an effective means of reducing flood damages is through public awareness of the flooding potential associated with their homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Zaca Fire last year, and the Gap Fire and Tea Fire this year have increased the flooding potential to our County requiring several additional emergency response projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors proclaim the week of December 8-12, 2008 as Flood Awareness Week and encourage Santa Barbara County residents to view the exhibits located in the lobby of the Betteravia Government Center in Santa Maria and the County Administration Building in Santa Barbara.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 9th day of December, 2008, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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 Clerk of the Board

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 Supervisor - 1st District

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 Supervisor - 2nd District

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 Supervisor - 3rd District

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 Supervisor - 4th District

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 Supervisor - 5th District