

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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

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**SUBJECT:** **EI Encanto Debris Basin Project (03-ND-22),  
First Supervisorial District**

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**Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Directors:

- A. Approve the EI Encanto Debris Basin Project;
- B. Approve the Mitigated Negative Declaration (03-ND-22) for the Project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines;
- C. Approve the plans and specifications for the project; and
- D. Authorize the Public Works Director to advertise and receive bids for the project.

**Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

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

**Executive Summary and Discussion:**

The proposed EI Encanto Debris Basin Project is located near the intersection of Micheltorena Street and California Street in the City of Santa Barbara (City). During heavy rain events, rocks, sediment, and debris from the upper watershed come down a privately owned channel plugging various storm drain pipes in the area and flood adjacent residential properties.

Plugging of the stormdrain system is the cause of the regional flooding, and also then requires debris removal by hand which is timely and expensive. Often, removal of the material is not able to be completed prior to the ensuing storm, leading to additional plugging and flooding. The EI Encanto Debris Basin Project will consist of constructing a catchment basin, retaining walls, and an access ramp, that will allow material to be collected without plugging drainage pipes. In

addition the project will replace 450 feet of existing storm drain. Construction of this project will reduce potential plugging of the downstream storm drains and reduce associated flooding.

The Environmental Hearing for the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration was held on November 13, 2003. No one attended. The 30-day public review period for the ND (03-ND-22) closed on November 24, 2003. Two letters were received and responses were incorporated into the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration as appropriate.

### **Mandates and Service Levels:**

The El Encanto Debris Basin Project was identified and included in the March 26, 1996 Voter Approved South Coast Benefit Assessment Increase Measure (J-96). In addition, this project will improve drainage and increase flood protection in this area.

### **Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

This project was included in the Adopted 2003/04 Budget and costs were allocated in the Design Cost Center under the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department as shown on page D-322 in the budget book. Costs for this project will be paid from Dept: 054, Acct: 8700, Fund: 2610, Program: 3005. This project is also identified in the 2003 Capital Improvement Plan.

### **Special Instructions:**

Direct the Clerk of the Board to publish notice of this hearing in the Santa Barbara News Press as provided in Section 6061 of the Government Code (publish once at least 10 days before hearing).



**Proposed El Encanto Debris Basin Project Site**