



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Flood Control
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: 01/14/2014
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Directors, Flood Control and 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: **Lower Mission Creek Flood Control Project, Reach 1A – Harbor View Inn
Waterline Relocation and Parking Lot Modification, Second Supervisorial District**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Directors:

- a) Approve plans and specifications for the Lower Mission Creek Flood Control Project, Reach 1A – Harbor View Inn Water Line Relocation and Parking Lot Modification; and
- b) Find that pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines section 15162, no substantial changes are proposed, there are no substantial changes in circumstances and no new information of substantial importance has come to light regarding environmental effects of the project or feasibility of mitigation measures and, therefore this action is within the scope of the project covered by the Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for the Lower Mission Creek Flood Control Project as well as the Findings, and Statement of Overriding Considerations approved and adopted by the Board on May 10, 2011, and therefore, no subsequent environmental document is required. The Findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations, EIS/ EIR, and associated information can be found at: <http://santabarbara.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=874496&GUID=D14C4C9B-DEDF-48CB-AB30-D52A228FB5A2>

Summary Text:

The Lower Mission Creek Project, Reach 1A, widens the creek channel from State Street to Mason Street, in the City of Santa Barbara. Reach 1A - Phase 1, extending from State Street to just upstream of Harbor View Inn Pedestrian Bridge, was constructed in 2011. Reach 1A - Phase 2, which will complete the creek channel widening to Mason Street, is anticipated to be constructed beginning in 2014. Staff is negotiating a Cost Sharing Agreement with the City of Santa Barbara for the construction of Reach 1A-Phase 2 to be built concurrent with the City’s Mason Street Bridge Replacement Project and will return to the Board for the Agreement’s execution.

The new channel walls proposed as part of the Lower Mission Creek Project, Reach 1A – Phase 2, conflict with, and require the relocation and modification of, two water lines serving the Harbor View Inn as well as a portion of the hotel’s parking lot. Construction of the Lower Mission Creek Project, Reach 1A – Water Relocation and Parking Lot Modification, is anticipated to begin construction in early 2014, in advance of the start of the Reach 1A – Phase 2 Project and in coordination with the Harbor View Inn to minimize impacts to the hotel’s operations.

Background:

The Lower Mission Creek Flood Control Project is a Federal, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Project that has been under development since the 1960’s. The City and the County, acting as local sponsors for the Federal Project, worked with the community in the 1990s to develop the current project that addresses the flood control concerns and environmental issues.

In 2001, the City certified the EIR/EIS and approved the Project for Lower Mission Creek as did the U.S Army Corps of Engineers subsequent to the City’s approval. Since that time, federal funding for construction has not come forward and the City and the County have been working on finding opportunities to construct elements of the project as funding options arise. To date, the following project elements have been completed:

Flood Control District Work

City Work

Union Pacific Railroad Culvert work
Reach 1A-1
Reach 2B-1

Haley – De La Vina Bridge
Ortega Street Bridge

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative:

This project was included in the adopted FY 2013-14 budget under the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department as shown on page D-176 in the budget book. The engineer’s estimate for Lower Mission Creek Project, Reach 1A – Water Relocation and Parking Lot Modification, is under \$45,000 and is eligible to be a negotiated contract in accordance with the Alternative Bidding

Procedures set forth in the California Public Contract Code and previously adopted by the District's Board of Directors. No General Fund monies will be utilized by this project.

This project is also included in the County Capital Improvement Program on page B-136.

Special Instructions:

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

Attachments:

Exhibit 1: Map

Plans and Specifications (available on the Clerk of the Board website and hard copies are available at the Clerk of Board office in Santa Barbara and the Fifth Supervisorial District office in Santa Maria)

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