



SANTA MARIA RIVER EMERGENCY RESTORATION

Fifth Supervisorial District

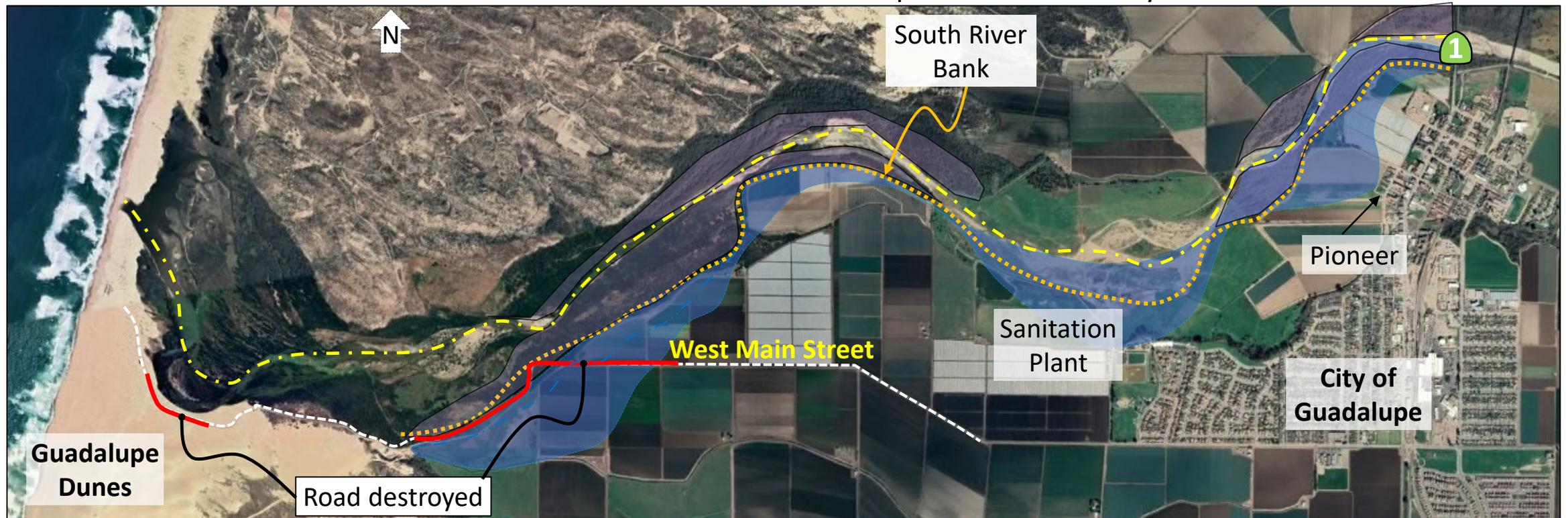
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Background

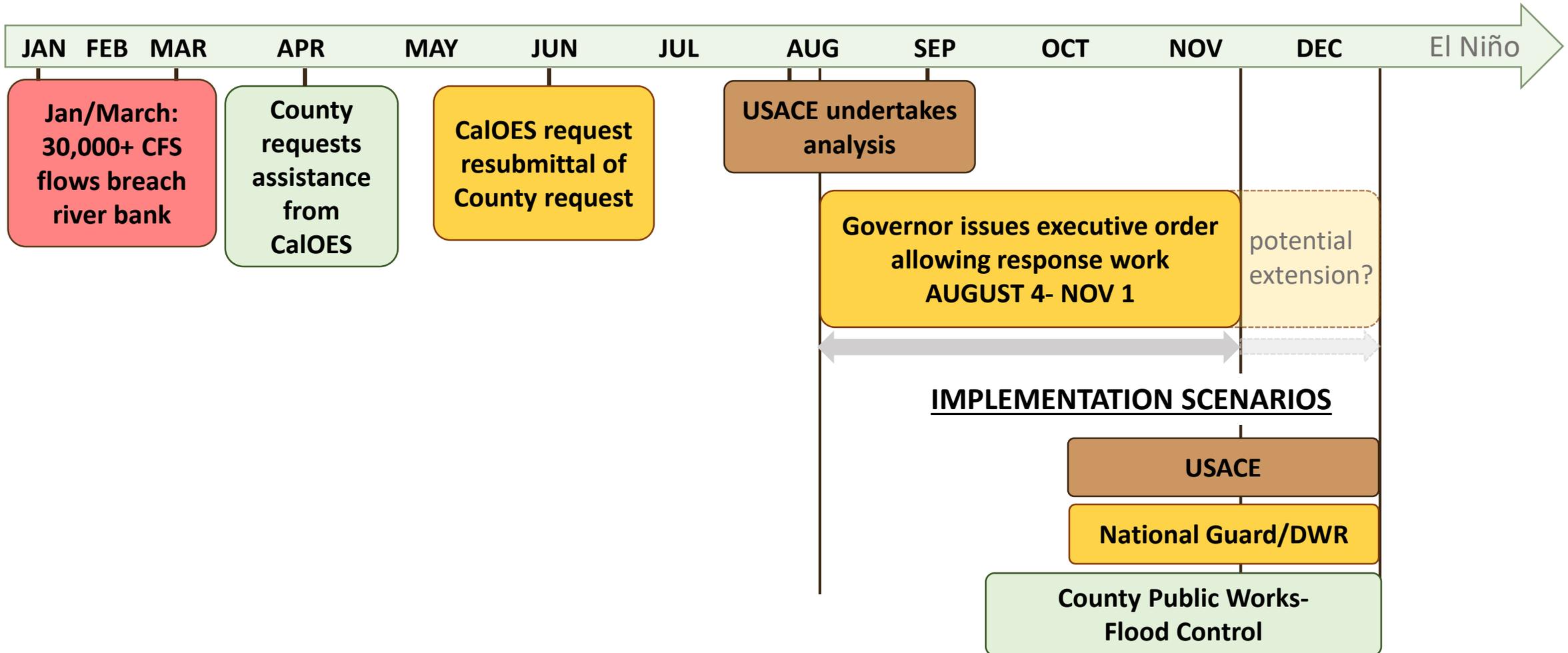
- 2023 Storms- southern bank breached between State Route 1 and the Ocean
- City of Guadalupe impacted
- Public infrastructure and private property damaged
- Farms inundated
- West Main St- Dunes and sand plant access destroyed





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Timeline





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Assessment and Actions

US Army Corps – Technical Studies and Feedback

Temporary Emergency Protective Measures

Action 1 - Debris removal - sediment and vegetation – up to \$8M

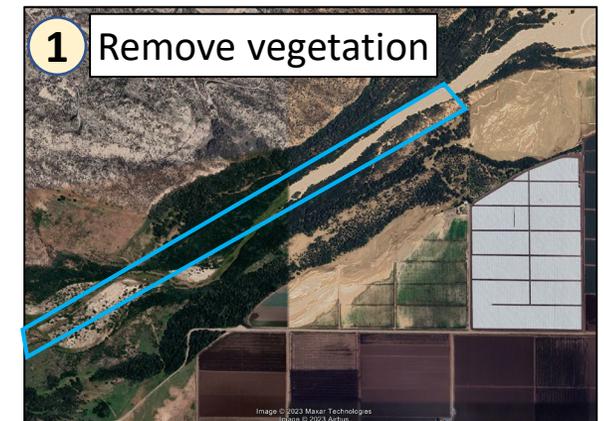
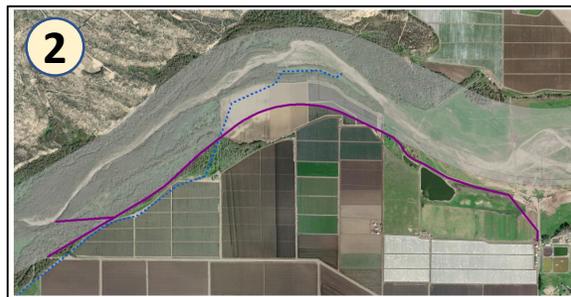
Action 2 - HESCO Baskets - 8,520 feet - \$6M

Implementation options (most effective measure – Action 1 and 2)

(Opt. 1/2/4) County OEM await State and Federal Agencies support (\$14M)

- CalOES (Action 1 and 2):
 - Mission Task Dept. of Water Resources (DWR), or
 - Mission Task California National Guard, or
 - Request FEMA to mission task USACE
- DWR: request USACE assistance (lengthy); or

(Opt. 3) Begin Action 1 work immediately using local funds





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Executive Order

Governor Executive Order N-10-23

Streamlines debris removal and levee repair by suspending multiple permitting and regulation requirements under certain conditions

EO suspended – Cal Fish and Wildlife/Water Board discharge Permit

Enacts CEQA emergency exemptions

Federal requirements not suspended – County working with Army Corp/US and Fish and Wildlife

Status as of today

County Fire assisting with vegetation removal

RW Scott has begun mobilization

Flood Control staff began planning work in case funds are approved





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Considerations

- All areas the river flows will become regulated waters of the US if river is not restored by March 2025
- Flood Control work through November 1st would deplete 25 years of Guadalupe Flood Zone funding
- All repair work being contemplated is temporary and subject to breakouts at high flows
- In it's current state any flow can be problematic
- Recommended Action 1 will reroute flows back to natural path

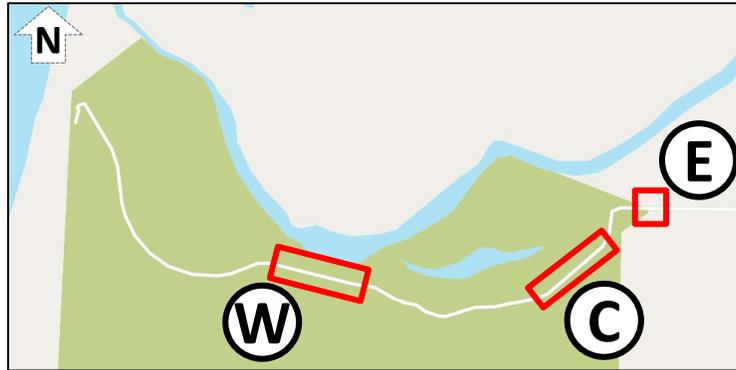


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West Main Street- Dunes Access

West Main Street

- 3 damage sites
- ~\$2M for emergency opening (estimated 6.25% local match)
- Tens of millions for permanent opening if river is not restored



East site- temporary repair





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Options

1. **Await** CalOES' response to the County and District's request to mission task a State or Federal agency to provide implementation support, including but not limited to California DWR Flood Fight, California National Guard or USACE; or
2. **The** County and District have made independent, combined and multiple requests of OES via Senator Monique Limon's Office and Assemblyman Hart's Office for the Governor to mission task resources from the California National Guard to perform debris removal and vegetation clearing within the Santa Maria River. Staff could continue working this approach; or
3. **Locally** fund Action 1- debris and vegetation removal required within the Santa Maria River, from State Highway 1 to the Pacific Ocean, if time allows, prior to expiration of the Governor's Executive Order. Public Works estimates that this effort will cost up to \$8 Million. This is staff's preferred option as the State and Federal Governments have failed to provide implementation support to date; or
4. **State** and/or Federal funded Action 2- HESCO implementation within the Santa Maria River, from State Highway 1 for 8,520 linear feet, as determined by the USACE, from approximately the end of the current levee to a location determined to be most effective to protect previously described facilities. USACE estimates that this effort will cost up to \$6 Million; or
5. Provide alternative direction; or
6. Take no action at this time.



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Recommendations

That the County Board of Supervisors:

- a) Receive and file a report on the Re-alignment of the Santa Maria River near the City of Guadalupe as a result of the winter storm events of Feb/March 2023; and
- b) Approve \$2,500,000 of American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (ARPA) to the Santa Maria River Re-alignment project, funded from offsetting reductions to the COVID-19 Direct Response Costs (\$2,198,858), Criminal Justice Data Dashboard (\$250,000), IV Community Center Sewer Replacement (\$38,142) and HHS Plan Digital Literacy (\$13,000) projects; and
- c) Approve a Budget Revision Request No. 0009313 to establish appropriations of \$8,000,000 in the Public Works Guadalupe Flood Zone Fund for Services & Supplies funded by an Operating Transfer from General County Programs General Fund of \$4,500,000, ARPA of \$2,500,000, and a Release of Restricted Fund Balance in Public Works Guadalupe Flood Zone of \$1,000,000.

That the County Flood Control District Board of Directors:

- a) Receive and file a report on the Re-alignment of the Santa Maria River near the City of Guadalupe as a result of the winter storm events of Feb/March 2023; and
- b) Approve and authorize District staff to cooperate and act in conjunction with the County of Santa Barbara, including accepting allocated County funds, pursuant to Cal. Water Code sec. 75-5.6, to reestablish the Santa Maria River Channel near the City of Guadalupe; and
- c) Approve and authorize the Director of Public Works to exercise his emergency contracting authority pursuant to Public Contract Code section 22050 and District Resolution No. 19-327 to enter into emergency contracts to reestablish the Santa Maria River Channel near the City of Guadalupe; and
- d) Determine that the emergency work to reestablish the Santa Maria River Channel between the City of Guadalupe and the coast is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Executive Order N-10-23, and is also statutorily exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15269, as it consists of actions to repair and restore facilities damaged as a result of a disaster which require emergency action to protect service facilities essential to public health, safety, and welfare, and to prevent or mitigate an emergency situation during the upcoming rain season, and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption on that basis.



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Thank You