



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name:  
Department No.: 054  
For Agenda Of: 06/17/08  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Directors, Flood Control and Water Conservation District

**FROM:** Department Scott McGolpin, Public Works Director, 568-3010  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Thomas D. Fayram, Deputy Public Works Director, 568-3436

**SUBJECT:** **Resolution for Grant Funding for the Santa Maria River Levee Reinforcement Project, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

As to form: No

**Recommended Actions:**

- a) Adopt the Resolution to “Authorize the Flood Control District to apply for Grant Funding from the California Department of Water Resources for the Santa Maria River Levee Reinforcement Project”; and
- b) Authorize and direct the Public Works Director or his designee to prepare the necessary data, make investigations, sign certification required as part of the application, and sign and file such application with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR).

**Summary Text:**

The Santa Maria River Levee Reinforcement Project will reinforce the existing levees that provide protection against floods and debris for the City of Santa Maria, including the main business district (overflow area), adjacent agricultural lands in the Santa Maria Valley, and valuable residential, commercial, industrial, and public properties which would likely be subject to flooding. In addition, these levees protect US Highway 101, State Highway 1, Southern Pacific Railroad, Santa Maria Valley Railroad, three highway bridges, and one railroad bridge. Larger storm events that breach the levee could potentially inundate most of the Santa Maria Valley, including 80% of the City of Santa Maria.

This particular grant is through Proposition 84 and will be administered through DWR's Local Levee Assistance Program. The Local Levee Assistance Program has a cap of \$5 million per project. The total estimated amount required to repair the entire length of the Santa Maria River Levee is in the tens of millions of dollars; therefore the District will submit a proposal to design and construct repairs along only the most critical levee segment.

**Background:**

In November 2006, voters approved nearly \$5 billion in new bond funding for flood control projects, levee repairs, and Delta improvement and stormwater grants. Proposition 84 and 1E allocates funding for categories specifically for flood control programs and projects.

DWR held workshops last year throughout the State to inform local agencies of the availability of funds through Proposition 84 and 1E and what programs and projects may qualify for funding. There is currently approximately \$50 million available through DWR's Local Levee Assistance Program for levee repair.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Narrative:

This grant from DWR will require a 30% local match of the total project costs. Funding of this magnitude is not currently within the Levee maintenance budget. If the grant is approved, the District and City will need to develop a plan to secure the required local match. If the local funding is secured, the District will return to the Board to accept the grant funding and to allocate funding for the project.

The Santa Maria River Levee Reinforcement Project is included in the County's Capital Improvement Program on pages B-174.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

**FTEs:**

**Special Instructions:**

Direct the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of the resolution and of the minute order of these actions to the Flood Control District office, Attn: Christina Lopez.

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