

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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

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**SUBJECT:** Land Acquisition for Atascadero Channel, Second Supervisorial District

## Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Directors:

Authorize the Flood Control District to proceed with negotiations and acquisition of an easement or fee title on APN: 061-160-007 necessary for maintenance of Atascadero Channel.

## 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:

In the 1960s, the District constructed Atascadero Channel from Arroyo Road to the confluence of Hospital Creek by Vista Street. Most of the necessary easements for operations and maintenance of the channel were acquired subsequent to construction through a tract map dedication. However, at that time an easement on 500 Puente Drive, APN: 061-160-007 was missed and not acquired.

This missing easement was discovered during design of the Puente Bridge replacement project. To replace the bridge, either a small easement near the bridge would be needed, or the acquisition of the entire missing easement.

Staff recognized the acquisition of the entire easement would solve both problems and thus recommends proceeding with the full acquisition.

Acquiring this easement will provide the District access to this portion of Atascadero Channel for maintenance of the channel as well as construction and maintenance of the new Puente Road Bridge.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

Acquiring this easement will improve the ability to conduct maintenance on this portion of Atascadero Channel.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Costs associated with operations and maintenance of existing facilities are included in the Adopted 2002/03 Budget and are allocated in the Maintenance Cost Center under the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department as shown on page D-300 in the budget book. Costs from this project will be paid from Dept: 054, Acct: 7701, Fund: 2610, Program: 3002.

**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.