

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: October 18, 2004
Department Name: PW/ Flood Control District
Department No.: 054-04-05
Agenda Date: November 2, 2004
Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time:
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

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

FROM: Phillip M. Demery, Director
Public Works

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SUBJECT: West Green Canyon Flood Control Project
County Project No. R-062
Fifth Supervisorial District

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Directors:

Accept the certified copies of the attached Easement Deed (Permanent Easement) and Easement Deed (Temporary Construction Easement), for the acquisition of easements on portions of County Assessor Parcel Number 117-191-007, from US Trust as trustee of the Vecchioli Family Trust to the District, for the amount of \$136,067.00, by authorizing the Clerk of the Board to sign the original Certificates of Acceptance attached thereto.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with actions required by law or by routine business necessity.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

On October 14th 2003 your Board approved the Mitigated Negative Declaration (03-ND-16) for the West Green Canyon Storm Drain Project which constitutes the final phase of drainage improvements on the Green Canyon watershed that begins at Bradley Lake located east of Highway 101 in the Santa Maria area. The project consists of an 11,700-foot long storm drain beginning at Stowell Road, continuing north along existing farm roads to West Main Street and then west to the existing "West Main Street Channel- Unit Two" Flood Control channel. The storm drain is a continuation of an existing storm drain that discharges from the Hobbs Fee Recharge Basin. In addition, the existing floodgates at the Unit II Channel junction with the Santa Maria River Levee will be modified to function better.

On July 6th 2003, the Board of Directors executed a Real Property Purchase Contract providing for the District's acquisition of the necessary easements on the property owned by US Trust as trustee of the Vecchioli Family Trust in the amount of \$136,067.00.

Pursuant to the terms of the contract, escrow was opened with Chicago Title Company. US Trust as trustee of the Vecchioli Family Trust executed the easement deeds for the easements in escrow. This Board action will consummate the purchase of the easements through the acceptance of the attached easement deeds. Upon acceptance by the Board, the easement deeds will be delivered to escrow and, provided that all conditions to the close of escrow are satisfied, escrow is expected to close on or about November 19th, 2004.

In addition to this easement acceptance, two additional easements associated with this project will be returning to the Board in the future for acceptance.

Mandates and Service Levels:

This project will complete a flood control infrastructure improvement program that has been coordinated in cooperation with land owners, farming tenants, developers, and the City of Santa Maria. The completed program consists of a series of retention/recharge basins that provide both groundwater recharge and improve drainage control for agricultural lands.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Purchase of the easements will cost the District approximately \$700.00 which includes costs such as title insurance, escrow closing fees and other miscellaneous expenses. The additional cost to maintain the new improvements will cost approximately \$1,000 per year.

This project was included in the adopted 2004/05 Budget and cost were allocated in the Design Cost Center under the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department as shown on page D-326 in the budget book. Costs from this project will be paid from Dept: 054, Acct: 8700, Fund: 2560, Program: 3005. This project is also identified in the County's Capital Improvement Plan.

Special Instructions:

After Board action, distribute as follows:

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| 1. One (1) <u>photocopy</u> of each: | Clerk of the Board |
| Certified copy of Easement Deed (Permanent Easement) | |
| Certified copy of Easement Deed (Temporary Construction) | |
| 2. One (1) <u>original</u> of each: | Public works, 2400 |
| Certified Copy of Easement Deed (Permanent Easement) | Professional Parkway |
| Certified Copy of Easement Deed (Temporary Construction) | Attn: Scott Dickinson |
| Minute Order | |
| 4. Minute Order | Flood Control District,
Attn: Tom Fayram |

Upon receipt of the documents from the Clerk of the Board, Real Property will deposit them in escrow. Once the documents have been recorded, the originals will be returned to the Clerk of the Board and Real Property will keep copies in its files.

Concurrence: County Counsel, Auditor-Controller, Risk Management, and Real Property

Attachments: Certified copy of Easement Deed (Permanent Easement)

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