

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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

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**SUBJECT:** **Cooperative Agreement with the Natural Resources Conservation Service for the Carpinteria Salt Marsh Enhancement Plan, First Supervisorial District**

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## Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Directors:

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Cooperative Agreement with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to contribute \$88,662.00 towards the construction of the Carpinteria Salt Marsh Enhancement Plan.

## 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:

On July 15, 2003, your Board approved the Carpinteria Salt Marsh Enhancement Plan and certified the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that was prepared for the project.

On August 17, 2004, your Board approved the plans and specifications for the project and awarded the construction contract in the amount of \$2,794,551 to Granite Construction.

The Plan consists of a combined flood control and wetland restoration project. The flood control elements of the Plan are part of the Carpinteria Valley Watershed Protection Program. The NRCS is the federal lead agency for the project and the Santa Barbara County Flood Control District (Flood Control District) is the primary local sponsor for the project and will be the lead agency for construction. The California Coastal Conservancy has provided funding to the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County for certain elements of the wetland restoration component of the Plan.

This Cooperative Agreement will provide for the NRCS to contribute \$88,662.00 towards the construction of the flood control elements of this project. The agreement may be amended in the future to provide more funding if congress appropriates additional funds to the NRCS.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

This project will provide an increase in flood control protection and wetland restoration to the area.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

The costs associated with this project was included in the Adopted 2004/05 Budget and costs 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: 2610, Program: 3005. This project is also identified in the County's Capital Improvement Plan.

Staff will process a budget revision to receive the funds identified in this Cooperative Agreement since this revenue wasn't included in the budget for FY 2004-05.

**Special Instructions:**

Direct the Clerk of the Board to send three originals of the Cooperative Agreement along with a copy of the minute order to the Flood Control District office, Attn: Christina Lopez. An original Agreement will be returned to the COB after Federal approval.