

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 10/23/03  
**Department Name:** Public Works  
**Department No.:** 054-04-07  
**Agenda Date:** 12/02/03  
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**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
County of Santa Barbara

**FROM:** Phillip M. Demery  
Public Works Director

**STAFF CONTACT:** Thomas Fayram, Deputy Public Works Director  
Rory Lang, PW Program Specialist, Ext. 3545

**SUBJECT:** **Adopt a Resolution to Receive California Coastal Conservancy Block Grant Funding for the Santa Barbara County Fish Passage Project Development Program, First, Second, and Third Supervisorial Districts**

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## Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Directors:

- A. Adopt the attached Resolution to accept the terms and conditions of the Standard Agreement (Contract #03-099) with the California Coastal Conservancy to receive grant funding for the *Santa Barbara County Fish Passage Project Development Program*; and
- B. Authorize the Public Works Director to enter into the Standard Agreement (Contract #03-099) and all other subsequent agreements or amendments to receive up to \$453,000 in funding for the *Santa Barbara County Fish Passage Project Development Program*.

## Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

[These recommendations are aligned with Goal No. 5: Maintain and Enhance the Quality of Life for all Residents.](#)

## Executive Summary and Discussion:

On October 14, 2003, your Board received information regarding the Water Agency's grant application to the California Coastal Conservancy for the *Santa Barbara County Fish Passage Project Development Program (Fish Passage Project)*. At your direction, staff submitted the proposal to the Coastal Conservancy for consideration for block grant funding. On October 24, 2003, the Water Agency was notified that the *Fish Passage Project* was approved for funding by the Coastal Conservancy's Board of Directors.

The objective of the project is to alleviate the bottleneck in project planning and design that prevents on-the-ground fish passage improvement projects from being implemented on the South Coast of Santa Barbara County. This project will focus only on South Coast streams because

projects in northern Santa Barbara County watersheds (Sisquoc and Santa Ynez River) are predominantly on private or Forest Service property (Sisquoc) or have a process in place for fish passage project completion (*Lower Santa Ynez River Fish Management Plan*).

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

Staff time will be required to implement this project. Staff participation in this project helps the County meet its obligations as a signatory to the Tri-County F.I.S.H. Team MOU.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

The Water Agency did not receive information that this funding was available until August 2003. Therefore, this funding is unanticipated revenue for the Water Agency. A budget revision will be submitted to the Board when funding is received. Funds will be deposited in Dept: 054, Fund: 3050, Acct: 4339, Program: 3012. Expenditures relating to the Fish Passage Barrier Removal Project will be paid from Dept: 054, Fund: 3050, Acct: 7460, Program: 3012.

The project budget is shown below. The Coastal Conservancy will provide funding for Water Agency staff support of the project, but does require matching funds. Santa Barbara County has already designated some of its Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) funding for the development of a steelhead project priority list. Therefore \$10,000 from the Water Agency's CIAP funding can serve as a match for this project. In addition, matching funds will be provided through the Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (Flood Control) for construction following design and planning efforts provided through funding from the Coastal Conservancy. The Flood Control District's Capital Improvement Projects schedule includes plans for renovating Gobernador Debris Basin due to excessive silt build-up during high flows. If this basin is chosen as the top priority basin for fish passage improvement, the Flood Control District, will provide \$200,000 (from the South Coast Flood Zone Fund 2610 or grant funds, if available) for the construction of the project with fish passage improvements provided through the design and planning phases of grant project. Flood Control will then monitor the total construction costs associated with the designed project and the performance of the design during at least one year with high flow to determine if the design can be incorporated into other debris basin renovations as other grant funds become available.

<b>Santa Barbara County Fish Passage Project Development Program Budget</b>	
Administrative Overhead	\$ 5,000
Project Management (county staff time)	\$25,000
Watershed assessment (consultants)	\$15,000
Watershed assessment (County Match CIAP funds)	\$10,000
Public Information	\$3,000
County staff training	\$ 8,000
Planning, Design, and Permitting (6 projects - 1 Debris Basin, 2 Arizona Crossings, 1 Culvert Replacement, 2 Channelized Areas)	\$397,000*
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$463,000</b>
<b>Local Match (Flood Control District or other Grants)</b>	<b>\$200,000 (for construction)</b>

**Special Instructions:**

Direct the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of the resolution and minute order to the Water Agency office, Attn: Christina Lopez

**Concurrence:** County Counsel, Auditor Controller