



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Flood Control
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: May 1, 2018
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

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

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

SUBJECT: Santa Monica Debris Basin Capacity Restoration Project, First Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to Form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Directors:

- a) Authorize the Public Works Director to advertise and receive bids for the Santa Monica Debris Basin Capacity Restoration Project;
- b) Determine that the Santa Monica Debris Basin Capacity Restoration Project shall be carried out and determine that it is for the benefit of one zone hereinafter referred to as a participating zone; and
- c) Find that pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15162, no new effects will occur and no new mitigation measures would be required as a result of the project and therefore pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Section 15168 (c)(2), that the project is within the scope of the Updated Debris Basin Maintenance and Removal Plan approved in 2017 and within the scope of the project covered by the Program Environmental Impact Report for the Updated Routine Maintenance Program (01-EIR-01) approved in 2001 and no new environmental document is required. Documents are located:

<https://santabarbara.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3061682&GUID=DBB4555A-99A0-44A4-9388-69E7BB81B438>

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Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to obtain authority to advertise and receive bids for the Santa Monica Debris Basin Capacity Restoration Project.

The United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) was tasked by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to clean debris out of the Santa Monica Debris Basin following the Thomas Fire 1-9 Debris Flow Event. The imminent risk has been abated by this work, however material remains in the Basin that needs to be removed.

Background:

On Jan. 10, the Federal Emergency Management Agency issued a debris removal and clearance mission assignment to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for Santa Barbara County for the entirety of the Thomas Fire/1-9 Debris Flow area of impact. The USACE was tasked with removing approximately 400,000 cubic yards of debris to restore basin and channel capacity and reduce the risk of flooding to homes and businesses.

The location of Santa Monica Debris Basin is shown in Exhibit A.

We are in the process of requesting via the State of California Office of Emergency Services that FEMA compensate the County for restoring the Basin to capacity, as the completion of the work is eligible for reimbursement under DR4353 with 90% reimbursement by FEMA under the Stafford Act, and the remaining 10% further reimbursed by the State under the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) at 75%, leaving the County responsible for a 2.5% local cost share.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative:

To preserve the competitive bidding process for public contracts; bid results and construction costs for this project will be provided when the construction contract comes before your Board for approval.

A Budget Request Revision was approved by the Board on March 20, 2018 increasing appropriations to the South Coast Flood Zone to address additional costs associated with the 1-9 Debris Flow. Costs will also be submitted to the state and federal agencies for reimbursement. No General Fund monies will be utilized by this project.

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.

Authored by:

Karen Sullivan, Civil Engineer, 568-3458

Exhibit A

