



**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:** June 19, 2018  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**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:** 1-9 Debris Flow Incident – Debris Basin Restoration Projects, First Supervisorial District

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Directors:

- a) Authorize the Public Works Director to advertise and receive bids for 1-9 Debris Flow Incident – Debris Basin Restoration Projects;
- b) Determine that the 1-9 Debris Incident – Debris Basin Restoration Projects shall be carried out and determine that it is for the benefit of one zone hereinafter referred to as a participating zone; and
- c) For the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) find that:
  - i) These actions are within the scope of the Final Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the Updated Routine Maintenance Program [State Clearinghouse No. 2001031043] and subsequent annual addendums which adequately describes this activity for the purposes of CEQA; and
  - ii) Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15168(c)(2) and 15162(a), after considering the PEIR certified by the Board of Directors in November 2001, and subsequent annual addendums, that no subsequent EIR or Negative Declaration is required because: i) no substantial changes are proposed which require major revisions of the PEIR; ii) no substantial changes have occurred

with respect to the circumstances under which the projects are undertaken which require major revisions of the PEIR; and iii) no new information of substantial importance concerning the project's significant effects or mitigation measures, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time that the PEIR was certified, has been received. Documents are located at:

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

### **Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda in order to obtain authority to advertise and receive bids for 1-9 Debris Flow Incident – Debris Basin Restoration Projects. Ten basins within the 1-9 Debris Flow area require work.

In response to the 1-9 Debris Flow Incident (disaster), the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), who was tasked by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), cleaned debris out of 11 District owned debris basins as emergency mitigation work. The 11 debris basins are Cold Springs, Montecito, San Ysidro, Romero, Upper West Toro, Lower West Toro, Upper East Toro, Arroyo Paredon, Santa Monica, Franklin, and Gobernador. All basins except for the Franklin Basin require additional work. These debris basins were damaged to some extent by the debris flow incident and/or the subsequent emergency response, requiring repairs and restoration in order to re-establish their pre-disaster condition.

The location of these debris basins are shown in Exhibits A and B.

### **Background:**

The District owns and maintains approximately 20 debris basins on the South Coast of Santa Barbara County, the majority of which are located in the Montecito and Carpinteria area. These basins were constructed between 1964 and 1990, typically in response to wildfires in the adjacent mountain front country to mitigate for potential debris flows.

In response to the Thomas Fire in December 2017, and prior to the debris flow disaster, the District cleaned the 11 subject debris basin to their full capacity condition and documented this work in a Flood Hazards and Preparations Report. This is in addition to the Debris Basin Report developed by the District on an annual basis, which is intended to document the conditions of the debris basins prior to the rainy season. These reports are being utilized to determine the extent of the damages caused by the 1-9 Debris Flow Incident, and the subsequent emergency response. Work necessary to restore these debris basins to their pre-disaster condition includes, but may not be limited to, repairing, rehabilitating or reconstructing fencing, railings, access gates, stop logs, fish passage baffles, gravel access roads and turn around pads, local site drainage improvements, basin grouted rock embanks and low flow pipes, rock weirs, and grouted rock cut-off walls.

In order to most efficiently and economically complete these basin restorations, work may be broken into various projects and bid separately.

We are in the process of requesting via the State of California Office of Emergency Services that FEMA compensate the County for restoring these debris basins to their pre-debris flow incident condition. The completion of this work may be eligible for reimbursement under DR4353.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Narrative:

To preserve the competitive bidding process for public contracts; bid results and construction costs for these projects will be provided when the construction contracts come before your Board for approval.

Costs to rehabilitate the debris basins that were impacted by the 1-9 Debris Flow were included in the adopted FY 2018-19 budget in the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department. Costs will also be submitted to the state and federal agencies for reimbursement. No General Fund monies will be utilized by this project.

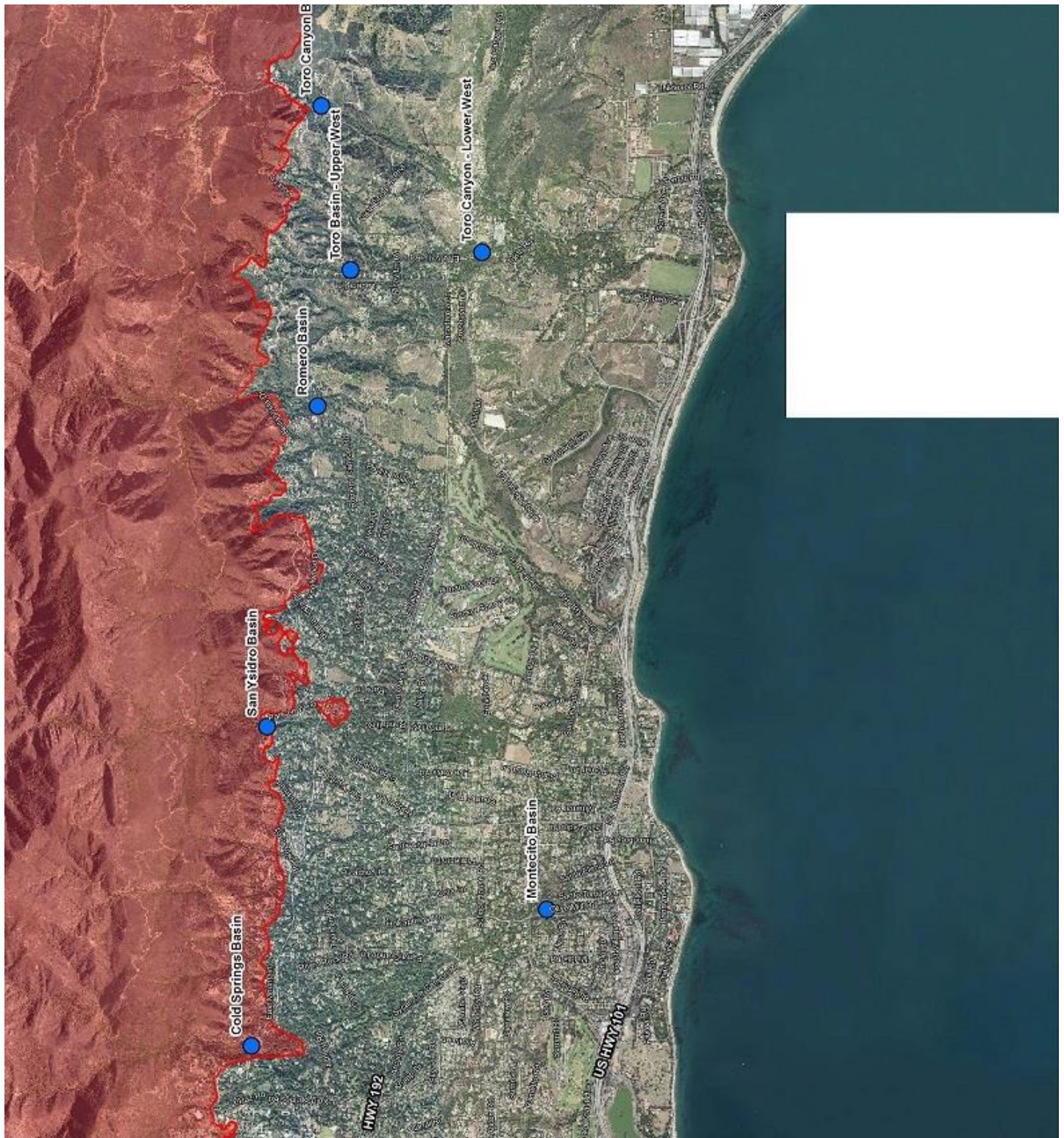
**Special Instructions:**

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:**

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**Exhibit A**





**Exhibit B**

