

Memorandum

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January 8, 2010

To:

Honorable Janet Wolf, Chair

Members, Board of Supervisors

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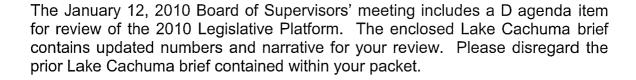
Terri Nisich, Assistant CEO

Subject: Updated brief for 2010 Legislative Platform

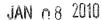
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Michael F. Brown, County Executive Officer

Michael Allen, Clerk of the Board









LAKE CACHUMA

SUMMARY OF THE ISSUE

As a result of a biological opinion issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service, the Federal Bureau of Reclamation has evaluated the impacts of raising Lake Cachuma to capture, retain, and subsequently release additional water for the protection of habitat for the endangered steelhead trout. This surcharge will impact various existing improvements around the lake.

Project Component	Bureau Grant	County Match	ARRA Grant	Total Project Cost
BIOLOGICAL OPINION				
New Water Treatment Plant	\$1,029,550	\$245,000	\$2,155,300	\$3,429,850.00
Fire Flow Improvements	\$712,500	\$0	\$0	\$712,500.00
Water Reservoir Improvements	\$0	\$0	\$1,044,700	\$1,044,700.00
Water Distribution System Improvements	\$989,200	\$0	\$0	\$989,200.00
Sewer Lift Stations Relocation and Upgrades(3) and Road Repairs	\$2,779,750	\$148,000	\$0	\$2,927,750.00
Phase II - Extension of the Boat Launch Ramp*	\$0	\$2,155,300	\$0	\$2,155,300.00
Live Oak Camp Permanent Restroom & Other ADA Improvements	\$906,950	\$350,350	\$0	\$1,257,300.00
Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrades	\$2,007,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,007,000.00
Road Repairs and Access Improvements due to Construction Impacts from above projects	\$257,900	\$342,000	\$0	\$599,900.00
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (A	NDA)			
Mohawk Restroom ADA	\$83,050	\$510,600	\$487,000	\$1,080,650.00
Total	\$8,765,900.00	\$3,751,250.00	\$3,687,000.00	\$16,204,150.00

^{*} The County recently completed the initial upgrade of its boat launch facilities (\$2.7 Million). Project split into phases due to lake levels.

PUBLIC BENEFIT/IMPACT

The County provides an array of recreational amenities including boating, fishing, camping (tent, RV and yurt), seasonal naturalist programs, and nature cruises to approximately 800,000 visitors year-round at Lake Cachuma.



COST TO THE GOVERNMENT

The County and the Bureau of Reclamation have executed a long-term assistance agreement. The Federal Bureau of Reclamation constructed Bradbury Dam in the 1950's forming Lake Cachuma. The dam was constructed under contract with the Santa Barbara County Water Agency on behalf of the Cachuma Project Member Units for the purpose of providing irrigation and domestic and industrial water supplies to the member units. The Bureau owns all "project" facilities and operates Bradbury Dam. The remaining cost of facility replacement is \$16.205 million, of which \$12.453 million is funded from the Bureau and \$3.752 million is the County's match.

REQUESTED ACTION AND STRATEGY

Lake Cachuma received an appropriation of \$967,000 within the Energy and Water Appropriations bill for the replacement of water and sewage treatment facilities. Additionally, the County is poised to receive \$3.687 million in ARRA funding for the remaining scope of these improvements and for Americans with Disabilities Act improvements to existing facilities at the Park. The County requests its Congressional delegation support a new appropriations request for additional funding toward the total cost of replacing the facilities.

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