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Legislation Text

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Consider recommendations regarding a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, Fourth and Fifth Districts, as follows:

Acting as the Board of Directors, Flood Control and Water Conservation District:

a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the MOA between Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District for Section 214 Permit funding associated with modifications to the Santa Maria River Levee System for the initial amount of \$310,000.00, that can be increased an additional \$300,000.00 to a not to exceed amount of \$610,000.00, for a term ending June 30, 2028;

b) Authorize the Public Works Director or designee to execute separate agreements that may be required between the Flood Control District and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to expedite environmental technical assistance, coordination services, review, and concurrence of documentation prepared to comply with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act of 1972, as amended, and/or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, as amended, and to increase the MOA by up to \$300,000.00 and designate additional priority projects in Appendix A of the MOA; and

c) Determine that pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4) and (b)(5), the action involves the creation of government funding mechanisms and organizational/administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment; and is therefore not defined as a project under CEQA.