

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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Agenda Number:

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Department Name: Flood Control/Public Works
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Placement: Administrative
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Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Directors
Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

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SUBJECT: **Montecito Creek Debris Basin Project, First Supervisorial District**

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Directors:

Set a hearing for April 6, 1999 on the Departmental Agenda to (ESTIMATED TIME: 30 MINUTES):

- A. Approve the Montecito Creek Debris Basin Project;
- B. Certify the Final Environmental Impact Report (99-EIR-001) for the project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines; and
- C. Authorize the Flood Control District to proceed with negotiations and acquisition of an easement or fee title for construction of the project.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

An Environmental Impact Report (99-EIR-001) (EIR) has been prepared for the Montecito Creek Debris Basin Project. The project involves construction of a debris basin on Montecito Creek near the Casa Dorinda Retirement Community. The proposed debris basin will trap sediment that has historically been deposited in the creek resulting in flooding of nearby residences. The project will require acquisition of approximately 2.7 acres of property from the Casa Dorinda Retirement Community along Montecito Creek. The project also includes a comprehensive mitigation plan at the proposed site as well as at the Cold Springs Debris Basin. The EIR considers seven alternative sites and three alternative basin configurations.

A Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) was circulated for public review on January 15, 1999 for 45 days. An Environmental Hearing was held on February 16, 1999. Comments from the public and concerned agencies will be addressed and incorporated into the Final EIR as appropriate. The District requests that a hearing be set for April 6, 1999, to consider the Montecito Creek Debris Basin Project for approval. The Final EIR will be made available to the public on March 22, 1999 and will be distributed to all commenters, regulatory agencies, and other interested parties.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Direction by the Board will not change programs or service levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There are no fiscal or facilities impacts with this action.

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to publish notice of this hearing in the Santa Barbara News-Press as provided in Section 6061 of the Government Code.