

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Works	(2) MEETING DATE 6/18/2013	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Eric Wier, Environmental Resource Specialist (805) 788-2766	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve environmental impact report addenda and California Environmental Quality Act Findings for the revised Santa Margarita Emergency Water Intertie Project. Districts 1 and 5.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is our recommendation that your Honorable Board approve the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Findings and following Environmental Impact Report (EIR) addenda for the revised Santa Margarita Emergency Water Intertie Project: 1. Addendum to the Final Supplemental EIR for the Santa Margarita Drought Reliability Project (Santa Margarita Addendum); and 2. Addendum to the EIR for the County of San Luis Obispo Shandon State Water Turnout Project (Shandon Addendum).			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A	(9) BUDGETED? N/A
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ___) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ___)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP Attached	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: 5/21/13; Item #8	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW <i>Nikki J. Schmidt</i>			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) District 1 - District 5 -			

Reference: 13JUN18-C-9

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Works
Eric Wier, Environmental Resource Specialist
Tom Trott, Utilities Division Capital Projects Manager

VIA: Mark Hutchinson, Environmental Programs Manager

DATE: 6/18/2013

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RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

On May 21, 2013, Public Works staff informed your Board that the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) had over-obligated Proposition 50 grant funds and, as a result, could no longer commit to funding the Santa Margarita Emergency Water Intertie Project. In order to maintain a chance of receiving some grant funds, staff revised the project scope and your Board authorized the Public Works Director to sign a Proposition 50 grant funding letter of commitment if CDPH indicated a possibility of grant funding. The revised project scope includes the following project components:

1. County Service Area 23 (Santa Margarita)/State Water Project Emergency Intertie
2. County Service Area 16 (Shandon)/State Water Project Intertie

Subsequent to your Board's May 21st action, CDPH indicated a possibility that grant funding may still exist, and has requested an executed letter of commitment and Board approval of EIR addenda to maintain grant eligibility. The Public Works Director has signed and returned the letter of commitment. We are hereby recommending that your Board also approve the Santa Margarita addendum and Shandon addendum.

Both the Santa Margarita addendum and Shandon addendum were approved by the County Environmental Coordinator in November 2012 and do not require further Board approval; however, both addenda and associated CEQA findings need to be approved by the Board of Supervisors to maintain eligibility for Proposition 50 grant funding. The State CEQA Guidelines do not require that EIR Addenda be circulated for public review.

Santa Margarita Addendum. In November 2011, your Board certified the Final Supplemental EIR for the Santa Margarita Drought Reliability Project, which provided for a **permanent** connection of County Service Area 23 to the State Water Project. For the purposes of receiving Proposition 50 grant funding, the project description was revised to provide only an **emergency** connection to the State Water Project. The Santa Margarita Addendum was completed to address the change in project description since your Board's certification of the Supplemental EIR.

The project description change can be classified as minor and does not meet the conditions for a subsequent or supplemental EIR. The change does not result in new environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of the previously identified significant effects. No new significant, unavoidable growth-inducing impacts were identified.

Shandon Addendum. In 1992, your Board certified the Final EIR for the State Water Project Coastal Branch (Phase II) Local Distribution Lines and Facilities, which provided for facilities to connect County Service Area 16 to the State Water Project. Although the project description has not changed, the Shandon addendum was completed to address new impacts that may have arisen over the past 20 years since your Board's certification of the Final EIR.

Environmental review for the Shandon addendum did not result in new environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of the previously identified significant effects. No new significant, unavoidable growth-inducing impacts were identified.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Division of Drinking Water, is responsible for administering the Water Security portion of the Proposition 50 grant program.

Department of Water Resources (DWR) owns the State Water Project. Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) operates and maintains the State Water Project and is responsible for overseeing development and construction of turnout facilities. The San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District is responsible for constructing State Water Project turnout facilities on behalf of local agencies.

The Shandon and Santa Margarita Advisory Councils are aware of these projects and support their implementation with Proposition 50 grant funds.

The EIR addenda were prepared by staff of the Department of Public Works Environmental Division, with review and approval by the Environmental Coordinator in the Department of Planning and Building. The Environmental Coordinator recommends approval of the addenda.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Approval of the EIR addenda presented herein is required by CDPH to maintain eligibility for Proposition 50 grant funding. EIR addenda approval could result in the award of a grant to cover all costs associated with the revised Santa Margarita Emergency Water Intertie Project.

There is no financial impact associated with this action.

RESULTS

Approval of the recommended action will result in final CEQA documentation for the revised Santa Margarita Emergency Water Intertie Project which, upon implementation, will contribute to the County's community goals of providing for a safe, healthy, livable and well-governed community.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Vicinity Maps
2. Addendum to the Final Supplemental EIR for the Santa Margarita Drought Reliability Project
3. CEQA Required Findings for Addendum to the Final Supplemental EIR for the Santa Margarita Drought Reliability Project
4. Addendum to the EIR for the County of San Luis Obispo Shandon (CSA 16) State Water Turnout Project
5. CEQA Required Findings for Addendum to the Final EIR for the State Water Project Coastal Branch Phase II Local Lines and Facilities Project