

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

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Works	(2) MEETING DATE 8/27/2013	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Jill Ogren, Public Works Hydraulic Planning Engineer (805) 781-5263	
(4) SUBJECT Request to authorize the Public Works Director to execute a reimbursement agreement and optional renewal period of five (5) years with the City of San Luis Obispo for watershed maintenance and education for Flood Control Zone 9 (San Luis Obispo Creek Watershed). District 3.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that your Honorable Board acting as the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) authorize the Public Works Director to execute: 1. the attached Watershed Maintenance and Education Program Reimbursement Agreement with the City of San Luis Obispo; and 2. the option to renew the Agreement for a period of five (5) years providing an extension to 2023.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Flood Control Zone 9	(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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date:	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW <i>Nikki J. Schmidt</i>			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) District 3 -			

Reference: 13AUG27-C-7

# County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Public Works  
Jill Ogren, Public Works Hydraulic Planning Engineer  
VIA: Dean Benedix, Public Works Utilities Division Manager  
DATE: 8/27/2013

SUBJECT: Request to authorize the Public Works Director to execute a reimbursement agreement and optional renewal period of five (5) years with the City of San Luis Obispo for watershed maintenance and education for Flood Control Zone 9 (San Luis Obispo Creek Watershed). District 3.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

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## **DISCUSSION**

Flood Control Zone 9 encompasses the entire San Luis Obispo Creek watershed including the City of San Luis Obispo. For almost 30 years, the two agencies have cooperated in projects along the creek. These projects have included development and adoption of the San Luis Obispo Creek Watershed Waterway Management Plan (2004), routine maintenance of creek waterways, specific capital improvements and watershed analysis. More recent, agreements expanded the scope of work to include sediment reduction, bank stability, and public education on creek maintenance. The attached agreement is primarily for routine maintenance activities but will also allow for various other projects and activities within the City limits.

Each year the City of San Luis Obispo completes routine maintenance on creeks within the city limits to preserve floodway capacity. The County Public Works Department also provides non-routine maintenance as requested outside the city limits. The maintenance work has historically been done as a coordinated effort by City and County forces, California Conservation Corps., and the Land Conservancy.

Prior to the annual budget cycle, the City of San Luis Obispo develops a work plan and budget that is endorsed by the Zone 9 Advisory Committee. The work plan includes recommendations for sediment removal projects, vegetation management, or other maintenance and capital improvements deemed necessary to preserve the floodway capacity. The total amount reimbursed to the City for the yearly work plan will be the amount approved by your Board in the Special Districts Budget.

The agreement has a term of five years with an optional renewal period of five years, which can be executed by the Public Works Director or as otherwise directed by your Board.

### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

The Zone 9 Advisory Committee supports this cooperative program and has recommended the approval of the attached agreement along with the budgeted funds. The Zone 9 Advisory Committee has also endorsed the actions of both parties in maintaining the San Luis Obispo Creek Watershed.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the proposed agreement for legal form and effect.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Funds for work completed in the 2013-14 fiscal year are included in the 2013-14 approved budgets.

### **RESULTS**

This maintenance program will enable greater floodway capacity within the watershed providing increased flood protection for property; the continued removal of exotics will prevent the spread of these highly invasive plants allowing native species to recover, thus enhancing the habitat and beauty of the creeks. Approving this agreement and improving the flood protection will provide a safer and more livable community.

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### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Vicinity Map
2. Watershed Maintenance Agreement