

**SUBMITTAL TO THE FLOOD CONTROL AND  
WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**FROM:** General Manager-Chief Engineer

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
July 26, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Public Hearing - Confirmation of Fiscal Year 2005-06  
Benefit Assessments for the Santa Margarita Watershed

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** The Board conduct the public hearing concerning the "Engineer's Report on the NPDES Program for the Santa Margarita Watershed Benefit Assessment Area", dated July 2005, and if at the conclusion of the hearing a majority protest has not been received, adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. F2005-13**

ADOPTING AND CONFIRMING EACH AND ALL ASSESSMENTS ON PROPERTY IN THE SANTA MARGARITA WATERSHED BENEFIT ASSESSMENT AREA PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 14 PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND LEVY OF BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS FOR THE NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) STORMWATER PROGRAM.

**BACKGROUND:** All the requirements of Ordinance No. 14, providing for the establishment and levy of the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Benefit Assessments have been satisfied; therefore, the public hearing may be closed and the assessments levied.

**FINANCIAL:** The financial impact to the property owners is outlined in the Engineer's Report and Benefit Assessment Tax Rolls.

**WARREN D. WILLIAMS**  
General Manager-Chief Engineer

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. District Cost:	N/A	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. County Cost:	N/A	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net District Cost:	N/A	For Fiscal Year:	N/A

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> N/A	<b>Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Requires 4/5 Vote</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**  
**APPROVE**

**County Executive Office Signature**

- Dep't Recomm.:  Policy
- Per Exec. Ofc.:  Policy
- Consent
- Consent

**Prev. Agn. Ref.:** 11.3 of 6/28/05 | **District:** 1,3 | **Agenda Number:**

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5 SANTA MARGARITA WATERSHED BENEFIT ASSESSMENT AREA PURSUANT TO  
6 ORDINANCE NO. 14 PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND LEVY OF BENEFIT  
ASSESSMENTS FOR THE NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM  
(NPDES) STORMWATER PROGRAM

7 WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board - San Diego Region, on behalf  
8 of the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (the "EPA"), and consistent with Section 402 of the  
9 Federal Clean Water Act, as amended, and the regulations promulgated by the EPA pursuant thereto, has  
10 issued an area wide stormwater discharge permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination  
System (the "NPDES Permit") to the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District  
(the "District"), the County of Riverside and certain cities within the Santa Margarita Watershed that are  
within the District's jurisdiction, and has named the District as the "Principal Permittee"; and

11 WHEREAS, under existing State and Federal regulations, the District must obtain and comply  
12 with the provisions of the NPDES Permit in order to legally discharge stormwater from its flood control  
and stormwater drainage facilities; and

13 WHEREAS, the NPDES Permit requires the District to develop, implement, and manage  
14 identified programs dealing with stormwater runoff that will benefit all property within the Santa  
Margarita Watershed that lies within the District's jurisdiction; and

15 WHEREAS, the District's Board of Supervisors (the "Board") on May 14, 1991, adopted  
16 Resolution No. F91-22 pursuant to the provisions of Section 14 of the Riverside County Flood Control  
and Water Conservation District Act, which is Appendix 48 to the California Water Code (the "District  
17 Act"), and pursuant to Ordinance No. 14, that formed a Benefit Assessment Area (the "Benefit  
Assessment Area"), which encompasses all territory within the District's jurisdiction that is within the  
18 Santa Margarita Watershed as described in Ordinance No. 14, and has levied annually thereon a Benefit  
Assessment ("Benefit Assessment") to pay the District's annual costs associated with the NPDES Permit;  
and

19 WHEREAS, the Benefit Assessments collected to maintain the NPDES Permit are principally  
20 used to finance capital costs and to maintain and operate the flood control system as required by the terms  
of said Permit and must be expended in the Benefit Assessment Area in which collected; and

21 WHEREAS, the District initially levied the Benefit Assessment for 1991-92 Fiscal Year and has  
22 levied the Benefit Assessment in each successive fiscal year; and

23 WHEREAS, the voters of California on November 5, 1996, approved Proposition No. 218 which  
24 added Article XIID to the California Constitution ("Article XIID") effective November 6, 1996; and

25 WHEREAS, Section 5(a) of Article XIID provides in pertinent part that "...any assessment  
26 imposed exclusively to finance the capital costs or maintenance and operation expenses for...flood control  
and drainage systems..." shall be exempt from the procedures and approval process set forth in Section 4  
of Article XIID until the assessment is increased; and

1 WHEREAS, the Benefit Assessment proposed to be levied and enrolled for the 2005-06 Fiscal  
2 Year is not greater than the Benefit Assessment that was levied for the 1996-97 Fiscal Year and all  
subsequent years.

3 WHEREAS, at a duly noticed hearing as required by Ordinance No. 14, the Board heard and  
4 considered all protests with respect to the amount of the Benefit Assessment to be levied for the 2005-06  
Fiscal Year.

5 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED by the Board of  
6 Supervisors of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, County of Riverside,  
State of California, in regular session assembled on July 26, 2005, as follows:

7 Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct.

8 Section 2. That a public hearing has been duly held on this date and that each and every step in  
9 the proceedings as required by the District Act and Ordinance No. 14 has been duly taken and all protests  
considered, and that the Board does hereby close the public hearing.

10 Section 3. That the Board does hereby make its determination upon each parcel in the Benefit  
11 Assessment Area as described in the Engineer's Report entitled "Engineer's Report to the Board of  
Supervisors of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District on the NPDES  
12 Program for the Santa Margarita Watershed Benefit Assessment Area" (the "Engineer's Report"), dated  
July 2005, filed with the Board and pursuant to Ordinance No. 14 and that the Board does hereby confirm  
13 each and all Benefit Assessments on such parcels and thereby levies a Benefit Assessment in the Benefit  
Assessment Area of the District for the Fiscal Year 2005-06 at a rate of \$4.00 per benefit assessment unit  
14 (BAU).

15 Section 4. Pursuant to Section 5(a) of Article XIID, compliance with the procedures set forth in  
Section (4) of Article XIID is not necessary and there will be no increase in the Benefit Assessment to be  
16 enrolled for the 2005-06 Fiscal Year over the Benefit Assessment enrolled for the 1996-97 Fiscal Year  
and all subsequent years.

17 Section 5. That a copy of this Resolution duly certified by the Clerk of this Board be recorded in  
18 the Office of the Recorder of the County of Riverside and a copy of this Resolution duly certified by the  
Clerk of this Board and the Engineer's Report be filed with the Auditor/Controller of the County of  
19 Riverside.

20 FORM APPROVED  
COUNTY COUNSEL

21 JUN 02 2005

22 BY   
23 ASSISTANT COUNTY COUNSEL