

**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 Whitewater Watershed

RECOMMENDED MOTION: The Board conduct the public hearing concerning the "Engineer's Report on the NPDES Program for the Whitewater 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. F2005-14

ADOPTING AND CONFIRMING EACH AND ALL ASSESSMENTS ON PROPERTY IN THE WHITEWATER 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

FINANCIAL DATA	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

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

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:
APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature

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

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Departmental Concurrence

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WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board - Colorado River Basin
Region, on behalf of the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (the "EPA"), and consistent with
Section 402 of the Federal Clean Water Act, as amended, and the regulations promulgated by the EPA
pursuant thereto, has 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 Whitewater
Watershed that are within the District's jurisdiction, and has named the District as the "Principal
Permittee"; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Supervisors (the "Board") on May 14, 1991, adopted
Resolution No. F91-23 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
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
Whitewater 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

WHEREAS, the Benefit Assessments collected to maintain the NPDES Permit are principally
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

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

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

WHEREAS, Section 5(a) of Article XIID provides in pertinent part that "...any assessment
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

