

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Supervisor Tavaglione

SUBMITTAL DATE: March 27, 2007

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution No. 2007-141 A Resolution of the County of Riverside, California, Urging Regional Support for the San Jacinto River, Stage Four (4) Levee Project

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors adopt Resolution 2007-141 Urging Regional Support for the San Jacinto River, Stage Four (4) Levee Project.

BACKGROUND: The City of San Jacinto and its residents experienced widespread devastation to personal and real property at the result of the extensive flooding that occurred within the San Jacinto Valley during the 1980 winter season.

The City of San Jacinto has been working with the Riverside County Flood Control District for several years, and is now in the environmental review process. The District has allocated \$7 million toward the design and construction of the project. However, the latest cost estimate for right of way and construction is \$25 million, which creates an \$18 million shortfall. The City of San Jacinto has had conversations with Assemblyman Paul Cook about the need for the levee and the area's need for funds from Proposition 1E Levee and Flood Control Bonds. The authorized bond amount is approximately \$4.1 billion.

The City of San Jacinto is requesting the Cities of Canyon Lake, Hemet, Lake Elsinore, Perris, Riverside County and the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians to consider adopting this resolution. The City of San Jacinto believes that by presenting a regional request for funding it will strengthen their position for funding the balance or a large portion of the project.

John F. Tavaglione, Second District Supervisor

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3 **Resolution 2007-141**

4 A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA,
5 URGING REGIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE SAN JACINTO RIVER,
6 STAGE FOUR (4) LEVEE PROJECT

7 **WHEREAS**, the City of San Jacinto and its residents experienced widespread devastation to
8 personal and real property as the result of the extensive flooding that occurred within the San Jacinto
9 Valley during the 1980 winter season; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the breaches of the existing levee have resulted in damage to agricultural lands and
11 residences, flooded roads, displaced local residents and inundated large areas adjacent to the river; and

12 **WHEREAS**, more specifically, during the 1980 flood, flooding caused the displacement of 6,000
13 area residents and the inundation of 11.4 square miles of land; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of San Jacinto has therefore set, as one of its highest
15 priorities, the funding and implementation of the San Jacinto River, Stage Four (4) levee project in order
16 to protect the health, safety, welfare and property of those within western portion of the City and
17 unincorporated areas of Riverside County, which would be adversely affected by similar flooding; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the proposed levee project will alleviate flooding and disruption of regional traffic
19 circulation for the major transportation corridors of Ramona Expressway, State Street and Sanderson
20 Avenue (including the Highway 79 alignment); and

21 **WHEREAS**, the proposed levee project will provide 100 year flood protection for approximately
22 2,000 acres of existing regional agriculture, active dairy operations, and regional roadways as well as
23 approximately 100 acres of existing development; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the proposed levee project is expected to enhance regional water quality and protect
25 biological resources within the region; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the recent experiences in New Orleans and the Bay-Delta has reinforced the need to
27 provide safe and reliable levee systems in order to protect the health, safety, welfare and property of
28 residents within the region; and

WHEREAS, the need to protect the health, safety, welfare and property of residents was further
recognized by California voters who, in November of 2006, overwhelmingly passed Proposition 1E,
thereby authorizing the issuance of approximately \$4.1 billion dollars for flood control and levee
financing; and

WHEREAS, the County of Riverside wishes to express its support for the prompt and efficient
implantation of the levee project, and urge other affected public agencies within the region to also support
the prompt and efficient implementation of the levee project, as a comprehensive and regional solution to
a natural flood hazard.

1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Supervisors of Riverside
2 County wishes to express its support for the San Jacinto River, Stage Four (4) Levee Project and urge
3 other affected agencies within the region to also support the San Jacinto River, Stage Four (4) Levee
4 Project.

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By: _____
 Chairman of the Board

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 Clerk of the Board