

**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 14, 2009

SUBJECT: Public Hearing - Confirmation of Fiscal Year 2009-10
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 June 2009, and if at the conclusion of the hearing a majority protest has not been received, adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. F2009-22

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 2009-10 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
BY: Michael R. Shetler
Michael R. Shetler
County Executive Office Signature

- Dept' Recomm.: Consent Policy
- Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 11.3 of 6/23/09 | **District:** 1,3 | **Agenda Number:**

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FISCAL PROCEDURE APPROVED
NAN M. CHAND, FINANCE DIRECTOR
6/15/09
WARREN D. WILLIAMS
M. CHAND

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: DAVID H.K. HUFF
DATE: 6/15/09
Departmental Concurrence

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
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(NPDES) STORMWATER PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board - San Diego 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 Santa Margarita 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 specific compliance programs dealing with stormwater runoff that will benefit all property within the Santa Margarita 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. F91-22 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 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 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

WHEREAS, the Benefit Assessments collected 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 they are 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

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY *[Signature]* 6/15/09
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DAVID H.K. HUFF

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WHEREAS, the Benefit Assessment proposed to be levied and enrolled for the 2009-10 Fiscal Year is not greater than the Benefit Assessment that was levied for the 1996-97 Fiscal Year and all subsequent years.

WHEREAS, at a duly noticed hearing as required by Ordinance No. 14, the Board heard and considered all protests with respect to the amount of the Benefit Assessment to be levied for the 2009-10 Fiscal Year.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, County of Riverside, State of California, in regular session assembled on July 14, 2009, as follows:

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. That a public hearing has been duly held on this date and that each and every step in 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.

Section 3. That the Board does hereby make its determination upon each parcel in the Benefit 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 Program for the Santa Margarita Watershed Benefit Assessment Area" (the "Engineer's Report"), dated June 2009, filed with the Board and pursuant to Ordinance No. 14 and that the Board does hereby confirm 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 2009-10 at a rate of \$4.00 per benefit assessment unit (BAU).

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 enrolled for the 2009-10 Fiscal Year over the Benefit Assessment enrolled for the 1996-97 Fiscal Year and all subsequent years.

Section 5. That a copy of this Resolution duly certified by the Clerk of this Board be recorded in 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 Riverside.