



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

413B

FROM: General Manager-Chief Engineer

SUBMITTAL DATE:
January 10, 2012

SUBJECT: Santa Ana Sucker Collaborative Facilitation Services Contribution

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Approve and authorize the District's one-time contribution of \$5,000 to the Santa Ana Sucker Collaborative to help fund its facilitation services.

BACKGROUND:

Recognizing the need to continue to work cooperatively to maintain and restore the Santa Ana Sucker and its habitat, several agencies have met over the past several months to develop a plan for habitat and species preservation for the Santa Ana Sucker. Partners in this collaborative effort include the US Fish & Wildlife Service (Carlsbad Field Office), California Department of Fish & Game (Ontario Office), US Army Corps of Engineers (LA Office) and numerous local water-related organizations.

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FINANCIAL:

N/A

WARREN D. WILLIAMS
General Manager-Chief Engineer

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| FINANCIAL DATA | Current F.Y. District Cost: | \$5,000 | In Current Year Budget: | Yes |
| | Current F.Y. County Cost: | N/A | Budget Adjustment: | No |
| | Annual Net District Cost: | N/A | For Fiscal Year: | 2011-2012 |

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| SOURCE OF FUNDS: 25110 947400 536200 Zone 1 Const/Maint/Misc Contribution | 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

County Executive Office Signature

FISCAL PROCEDURES APPROVED BY: M. CHAND, FINANCE DIRECTOR
BY: 12/12/11

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL BY: DATE: _____

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

Prev. Agn. Ref.: | **District:** 1st & 2nd | **Agenda Number:** 1 1 1

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The participants agreed to establish a Collaborative forum to work cooperatively to:

- 1) identify information needs for scientific research regarding the Santa Ana Sucker;
- 2) conduct studies to fill data/information gaps;
- 3) identify potential restoration project sites;
- 4) develop a mitigation bank concept for proposed projects that impact the sucker or its habitat, and
- 5) facilitate construction of restoration projects.

The Collaborative partners also recognized that their deliberations would need to be informed and supported by a Technical Advisory Group (TAG), comprised of Collaborative agency representatives and other experts as identified by the Collaborative partners.

Finally, the Collaborative partners have decided to hire a professional facilitator from the Center of Collaborative Policy at Sacramento State University to assist the group in meeting its goals. The facilitator would develop a summary document on the issues and opportunities for cooperation in restoring the habitat of the Santa Ana sucker; assist in the development and execution of an initial MOU stating expectations and goals and securing agency "buy-in" to the process; and organize and run the monthly TAG and quarterly Collaborative meetings and document the results.

The contribution would support the hiring of the facilitator. Participation in the Collaborative would assist the District with water conservation in the watershed and its continuing maintenance of the Santa Ana River Levees.