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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 17, 2012

LISUBJECT:

Public Hearing – Confirmation of Fiscal Year 2012-13 Benefit Assessments for the Santa Ana Watershed

RECOMMENDED MOTION: The Board conduct the public hearing concerning the "Engineer's Report on the NPDES Program for the Santa Ana Watershed Benefit Assessment Area," dated June 2012, and if at the conclusion of the hearing a majority protest has not been received, adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. F2012-18

ADOPTING AND CONFIRMING EACH AND ALL ASSESSMENTS ON PROPERTY IN THE SANTA ANA 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 2012-13 Benefit Assessments have been satisfied, therefore, the public hearing may be closed and the assessments levied.

WARREN D. WILLIAMS

General Manager-Chief Engineer

N/A In Current Year Budget: N/A **Current F.Y. District Cost: FINANCIAL Budget Adjustment:** N/A **Current F.Y. County Cost:** \$ N/A **DATA** Annual Net District Cost: For Fiscal Year: N/A \$ N/A **Positions To Be** SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A Deleted Per A-30 Requires 4/5 Vote C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE BY: Mulhal R. Shetter County Executive Office Signature

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Dep't Recomm.:

Per Exec. Ofc.

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 11.2 of 6/19/12

District: All

Agenda Number:

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

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WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board - Santa Ana 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 Ana 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 programs dealing with stormwater runoff that will benefit all property within the Santa Ana 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. F91-21 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 Ana 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 XIIID to the California Constitution ("Article XIIID") effective November 6, 1996; and

WHEREAS, Section 5(a) of Article XIIID 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 XIIID until the assessment is increased; and

WHEREAS, the Benefit Assessment proposed to be levied and enrolled for the 2012-13 Fiscal Year is not greater than the Benefit Assessment that was levied for the 1996-97 Fiscal Year and all subsequent years; and

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 2012-13 1 Fiscal Year. 2 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, 3 State of California, in regular session assembled on July 17, 2012, as follows: 4 Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct. 5 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 6 considered, and that the Board does hereby close the public hearing. 7 Section 3. That the Board does hereby make its determination upon each parcel in the Benefit 8 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 9 Program for the Santa Ana Watershed Benefit Assessment Area" (the "Engineer's Report"), dated July 2012, filed with the Board and pursuant to Ordinance No. 14 and that the Board does hereby confirm each 10 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 2012-13 at a rate of \$3.75 per benefit assessment unit 11 (BAU). 12 Section 4. Pursuant to Section 5(a) of Article XIIID, compliance with the procedures set forth in Section (4) of Article XIIID is not necessary and there will be no increase in the Benefit Assessment to be 13 enrolled for the 2012-13 Fiscal Year over the Benefit Assessment enrolled for the 1996-97 Fiscal Year and all subsequent years. 14 Section 5. That a copy of this Resolution duly certified by the Clerk of this Board be recorded in 15 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 16 Riverside. 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27

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