



**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

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	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

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> 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

**MINUTES OF THE FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
On motion of Supervisor Buster, seconded by Supervisor Ashley and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.  
Ayes: Buster, Stone, Benoit and Ashley  
Nays: None  
Absent: Tavaglione  
Date: January 10, 2012  
xc: Flood  
Kecia Harper-Ihem  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

**Prev. Agn. Ref.:** District: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> **Agenda Number:** 11.1

FISCAL PROCEDURES APPROVED  
BY: MAN M. CHANG, FINANCE DIRECTOR

BY:   
MAN M. CHANG

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY: NEAL R. KIPNIS  
DATE: 1/11/12

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

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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.