

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



**9.2**

During the oral communication section of the agenda for Tuesday, July 3, 2012, Robert Mabee read his statement into the record.

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**ATTACHMENTS FILED WITH  
CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**AGENDA NO.  
9.2**

JULY 3 2012

I have for the Clerk of the Board 4 documents.

**Document 1:** Supervisor Ashley's report on agenda 3.30-4-12-2011 was based on public records and determined that outside counsel falsely represented to the Appellate Court that the construction of a new road would provide Robert Mabae unobstructed access to his property. Page 2, Supervisor Ashley said, "It is a matter of record that no easement was ever recorded nor was any written settlement ever offered for loss of access." Supervisor Ashley recommended that \$242,628 be paid in compensation. Supervisor Tavaglione, Buster, Stone voted no. As reported in the Press Enterprise July 1996, Bob Buster would null his vote and Jeff Stone paid \$26,000 in fines for corruption cases to the Attorney General. In one case the Pharmacy Board made 20 accusations, including improperly labeled drugs, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, and corruption.

**Document 2:** Page 1, agenda 10.3 Resolution No F-95-50, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1995: To give four property owners easements for ingress and egress over district owned land. Page 2, justification: The county has landlocked the property owners and these easements will provide new access to the property owners. Page 3, easement deed to Robert Mabae signed by John F. Tavaglione. Buster voted yes.

**Document 3:** A letter dated March 1, 2012 from the Clerk of the Board stating the County Recorder has determined that the deeds have never been recorded. On video June 12, 2012 Supervisor Tavaglione told this Board and the public that the deeds were not recorded because the escrow was not closed.

**Document 4:** County Counsel's letter June 14, 2012 stating that there was no escrow.

Mr. Tavaglione the fact that you have lied shows that you are corrupt and incompetent and not fit to be our Congressman. I have a claim against the County. I have until Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012 to file in Federal Court under the RICO Law. I will name you as a defendant for fraud. A County employee will testify as to the fraud you committed. Ask a good lawyer what is the RICO Law.

Robert Mabae  
Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_  
7/3/2012 Item 07a  
(date)

County of Riverside



**SUPERVISOR MARION ASHLEY**  
**FIFTH DISTRICT**

February 10, 2011

Mr. Robert Mabee  
3086 Miguel Street  
Riverside, CA 92506

Dear Mr. Mabee:

As you know I am very interested in trying to resolve the issue between yourself and the County. I believe my staff attempted to prepare a comprehensive report regarding your dealings with the County and fairly laid out an assessment of the situation. Based on your reaction at the October 5th, 2010 Board of Supervisors meeting (where this report was shared with my colleagues) and your continued appearances before the Board at subsequent Board meetings, you obviously do not completely agree.

In an attempt to resolve the issue once and for all, I am willing to revisit the subject one last time. However, before I do, I need to understand what you believe is a fair resolution. Although I have listened to you carefully every time you've spoken before the Board, I am still not absolutely clear as to what you would want the Board to do. Please understand that I cannot act unilaterally, but instead would have to present any action(s) to the Board for consideration. Therefore, I need your help in understanding exactly what you see as a fair resolution. Without your assistance, I'm afraid we are destined to just keep re-plowing the same ground.

If you would take a moment to draft a letter back to me, detailing what you believe to be a reasonable conclusion to this matter, I would very much appreciate it and thank you for taking the time to respond. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact this office.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marion Ashley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marion Ashley  
5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor

cc: Riverside County Board of Supervisors  
Dusty Williams, Flood Control

MA:dw/rnh

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2-14-11

Feb 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Supervisor Ashley,

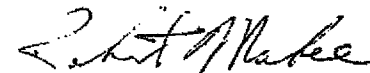
In your letter of Feb 10<sup>th</sup> you have asked me what I believe is a fair resolution to my issue with the County regarding Bautista Canyon Access Road. You are aware by now that your report on Oct 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010, agenda 11-13 was based on false information given to your staff by County Counsel, Director Perez and Director Williams of the Road Dept. and Flood Control.

County counsel on video Oct 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 stated that we had easements from Flood Control that gave us unobstructed access to our property. Both Director Perez and Williams on the video Oct 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and in their written reports state that we have always had unobstructed access to our property. Supervisor Buster stated he had nothing to do with this issue and that no one on the Board had any involvement. Over two months ago I turned over to you 18 documents of evidence of fraud and misuse of County funds by County Counsel office and Flood Control. Rather than rehash all of the above I will dwell on documents I have given to the board in past weeks.

Document no. 1: Agenda 10-3, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1995 authorization to convey non exclusive easements project 4-0-0030. Page 2, Justification: side channel modification has obstructed Robert Mabee's access to his property. The granting of the easement will provide unobstructed access to his property. Two supervisors here today voted on this resolution no. P95-50. Supervisor Tavaglione as chairman of Riverside County Flood Control District signed the deeds. Supervisor Buster signed the authorization resolution no. P95-50 with complete knowledge that this was done to cover up misuse of County funds in the amount of approx \$400,000. On Oct 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Supervisor Buster in agenda 11-13 lied to this board and the public stating that he had no knowledge of these events saying he came into office in Jan 1993 and that no member of this board was involved in this issue.

Document no. 2: A letter dated Dec 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to Robert Mabee from Steve Thomas of Riverside County Flood Control stating be advised that following a thorough search of our records the attached deed had never been recorded. This was the deeds signed by Chairman of the Flood Control Board John Tavaglione in document 1, agenda 10-3 Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1995.

As to my loss, I had four parcels. In the spirit of compromise based upon certified comparables my loss on house plus 8 acres plus 10 acres was \$242,626.00 I also had two 5 acre parcels. I would waive the two five acres parcels an court costs, etc. I also would want interest from the date of loss. I believe that Kent Livingston of Risk Management would not find any fault with my estimate of loss. The other alternative is for County Counsel to file a motion with the court in case 187104 to set aside the judgment based upon fraud upon the court and the Board by Director Kenneth Edwards of Flood Control. I believe if you were in my place you would not be as forgiving. The issue of obstructing the public right of way and the possible failure of the channel I would leave the County to solve.



Robert Mabee  
3086 Miguel St.  
Riverside, Ca 92506  
HM 951-788-4858

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



**FROM:** Supervisor Marion Ashley

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
April 12, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Mabee Easement at Bautista Creek Channel

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve compensation in the amount of \$242,626, based on 1990 certified real estate comparables, to the Mabee's for the loss of easement which directly impacted their access, the ability to subdivide, further develop or sell their property;
2. Authorize and director the Auditor-Controller to make the appropriate budget adjustments

Departmental Concurrence

**BACKGROUND:** The issues surrounding the loss of access to the Mabee property are known by all. However in a final attempt to resolve this issue, you will find in Attachment A, a chronology of what has occurred since 1960. After many meetings with Mr. Mabee, County Counsel, Riverside County Flood Control, and Transportation and Management, I believe that, in a time of rapid expansion and change throughout the County, and the more than 10 year process to alleviate increasing liability for the Bautista Creek Channel, events occurred that resulted in an apparent lack of justice in this case.

The facts are as follows, in 1990, Mr. Mabee filed a lawsuit challenging the Flood Control taking of property/easement. In the judgment dated November 9, 1990, Judge Deissler found that "there was no taking of his property and therefore, no damage issue to be determined by a jury." In their Opening Brief, outside counsel for the County represented to the appellate court that: "Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (the district) developed a plan to secure the Bautista Creek Channel against mounting incidences of unauthorized trespass and vandalism." The plan focused on "the construction of a new road that would provide plaintiffs (Mabee) with an alternate, unobstructed access to their land and allow the Channel to be fenced off."

**REQUIRES  
4/5th's VOTE**

  
Marion Ashley, 5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor

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## BACKGROUND

According to the Appeal Court's finding "The District completed the new road and in May, 1988 dedicated it to the defendants, County of Riverside, for "public road" purposes. It further found that "the plaintiffs' easement was extinguished in May 1988 when the District deeded the new road it had constructed to the County". A ramp was also constructed in 1988 across Flood District Property to connect the public road to Mr. Mabee's property. The Flood District issued an encroachment permit to Mr. Mabee for this access ramp to his property. At issue here is the public road which alleged to provide total access to the Mabee property. The access or lack thereof formed the basis for the second lawsuit.

The second lawsuit filed December 12, 1996, found that a fence installed in 1985 by the District "... precluded direct access from the 15 foot easement to the southern terminus of the private Mabee access easement. It diverted traffic to a location on the Mabee easement northeasterly of the southern terminus to avoid a wash passing through the Mabee easement at its southern terminus and its intersection with the 40 foot easement. The Court further acknowledged Mr. Mabee's claim that he did not have "legal access "because the only means of access to his easement from the public road was to use a twelve foot ramp on Flood District property, with the District's permission." This claim, and the fencing installed in 1985 predates the representation to the Appeal Court of a public road providing total access to the Mabee property. Although the lack of access on the public road was confirmed, Judge Gaut found that "the evidence is clear the ramp constructed by the District across its own property gave plaintiffs' unhindered access. However, Judge Gaut "declined to reach the interpretation put forward by plaintiffs (the District) that "unhindered access is the same as legal access." The Court then found that the claim of interference with legal access was barred due to the statute of limitations.

Within 30 days of the finding of the second lawsuit, Mr. Mabee lost his home and the 10 acre parcel connected to it. There are copies of the 27 ads he placed in an attempt to sell his property or any portion thereof in an attempt to retain his home. He has continued to fight for the past 10 years on this issue before us as he no longer has any legal remedies available to him. It is a matter of record that no easement was ever recorded nor was any settlement ever provided for the loss of easement. While we may hear, anecdotally, that there were offers and counter offers, all attempts to locate any written settlement offers, counteroffers or rejections have been unsuccessful.

There has been discussion that any settlement offer at this point in time would be construed as a "gift of public funds" which has been clarified by County Counsel. In cases that interpret the California Constitution (Cal. Const. Art. XVI, sec. 6) "the term 'gift' includes all appropriations of public money for which there is no authority or enforceable claim even if there is a moral or equitable obligation." However, my position, which is also contained in cases that interpret the same California Constitution holding that "The settlement of a good faith dispute between the state and a private party is an appropriate use of public funds and not a gift because the relinquishment of a colorable legal claim in return for settlement funds is good consideration and establishes a valid public purpose." The fact that this settlement of a good faith dispute has taken 24 years does not alleviate our responsibility and obligation to provide it.

## Chronology of Mr. Mabee's Claim

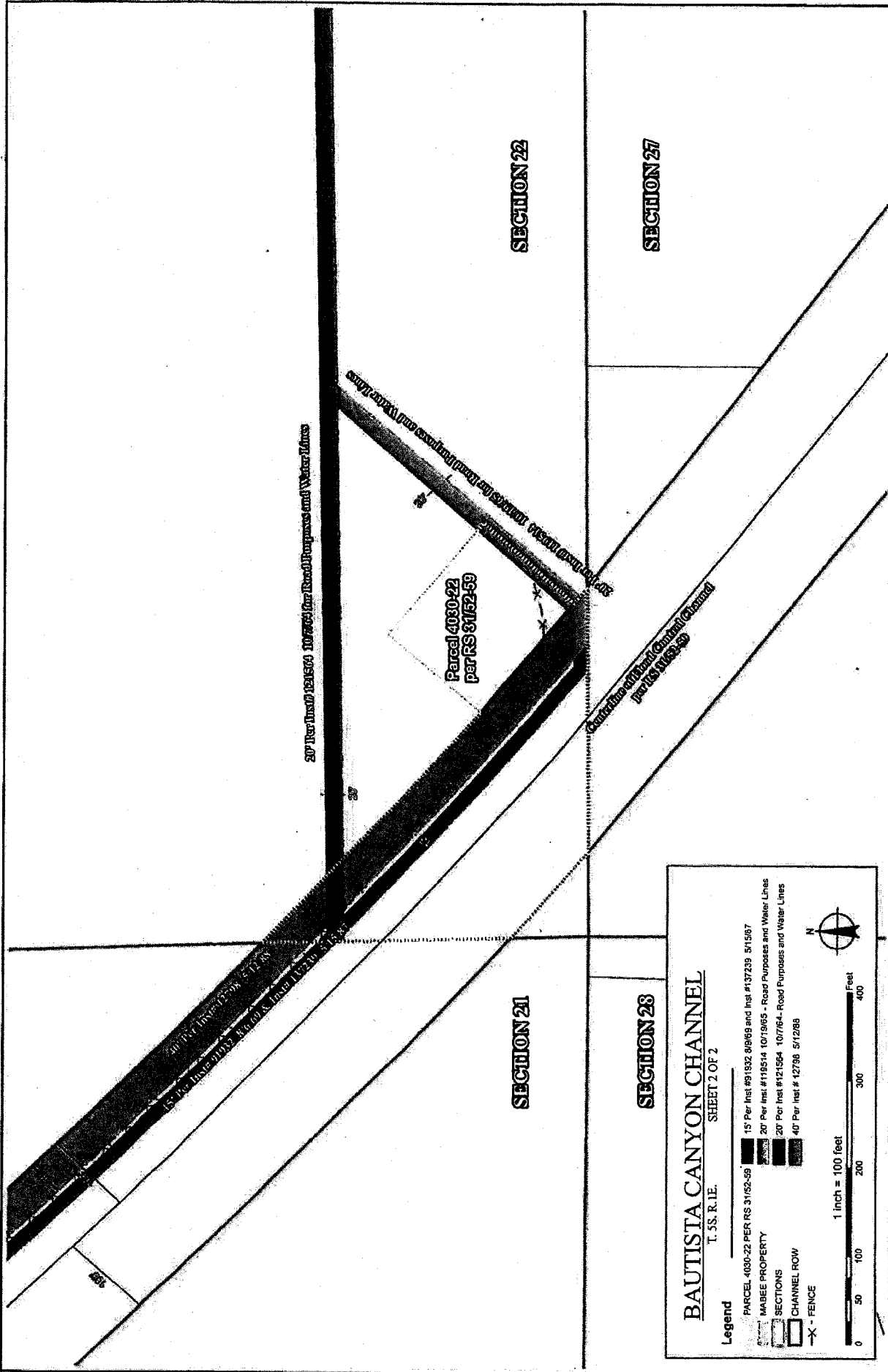
- 5/12/1960 Riverside County Flood Control District initiated action in Superior Court to condemn a portion of Parcel 1 for Bautista Creek Channel. Superior Court Case No. 72010 as recorded in Book 2694, page 316
- 10/7/1964 The Mabees purchased the property on October 7, 1964. Grant Deed was recorded on the same date with instrument no. 121565. The Mabee property is almost one half mile removed from the right of way and therefore needs additional right of way to reach his property.
- 8/9/1965 Riverside County Flood Control grants a non-exclusive private easement for ingress and egress over the 15 foot most immediately adjacent to the Bautista Creek Channel to Raymond and Lola Deichsel; instrument #91932. County Counsel later opines that the Mabees are legitimate successors to this easement right. Significantly, this easement deed states in part: "if at any time a public highway or street shall be extended to the described lands in Section 22 lying easterly of Bautista Creek Channel, this easement shall cease and determine. If at any time this easement shall be intersected by a public highway or public street, the portion of this easement lying north and northwesterly of such intersection shall cease and determine".
- 1985 Barbed wire fence installed. Located on the easterly boundary of the 15 foot easement, away from the Bautista Creek Channel, the fence precluded direct access from the 15 foot easement to the southern terminus of the private Mabee access easement. This fence had openings for access of easement; however it restrictive.
- 5/12/1988 Flood Control District built a 40 foot road adjacent to the 15 foot easement and dedicated it to the county of Riverside in May 1988, which thereafter accepted this dedication and extinguished the Mabee's easement.
- 1987-1988 Mabee's wrote several letters to grand juries and made complaints about the fence blocking their easement.
- 11/27/1989 Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District granted to the county of Riverside an easement for public road and drainage purposes a strip of land 40 feet in width, concentric with the centerline of Bautista Creek within section 18, 21 and 22 of Township 5 south, Range 1 east of San Bernardino Base and Meridian. **Access road within this easement was not constructed to County Road and Improvement Standards pursuant to Ordinance 461 and not accepted into the County Maintained Road System.**
- 1989 Barbed wire fence was replaced without openings across Bautista Channel improvements (construction of the 40 foot road). After the construction of this fence, the Mabees could not reach the southwest terminus of their

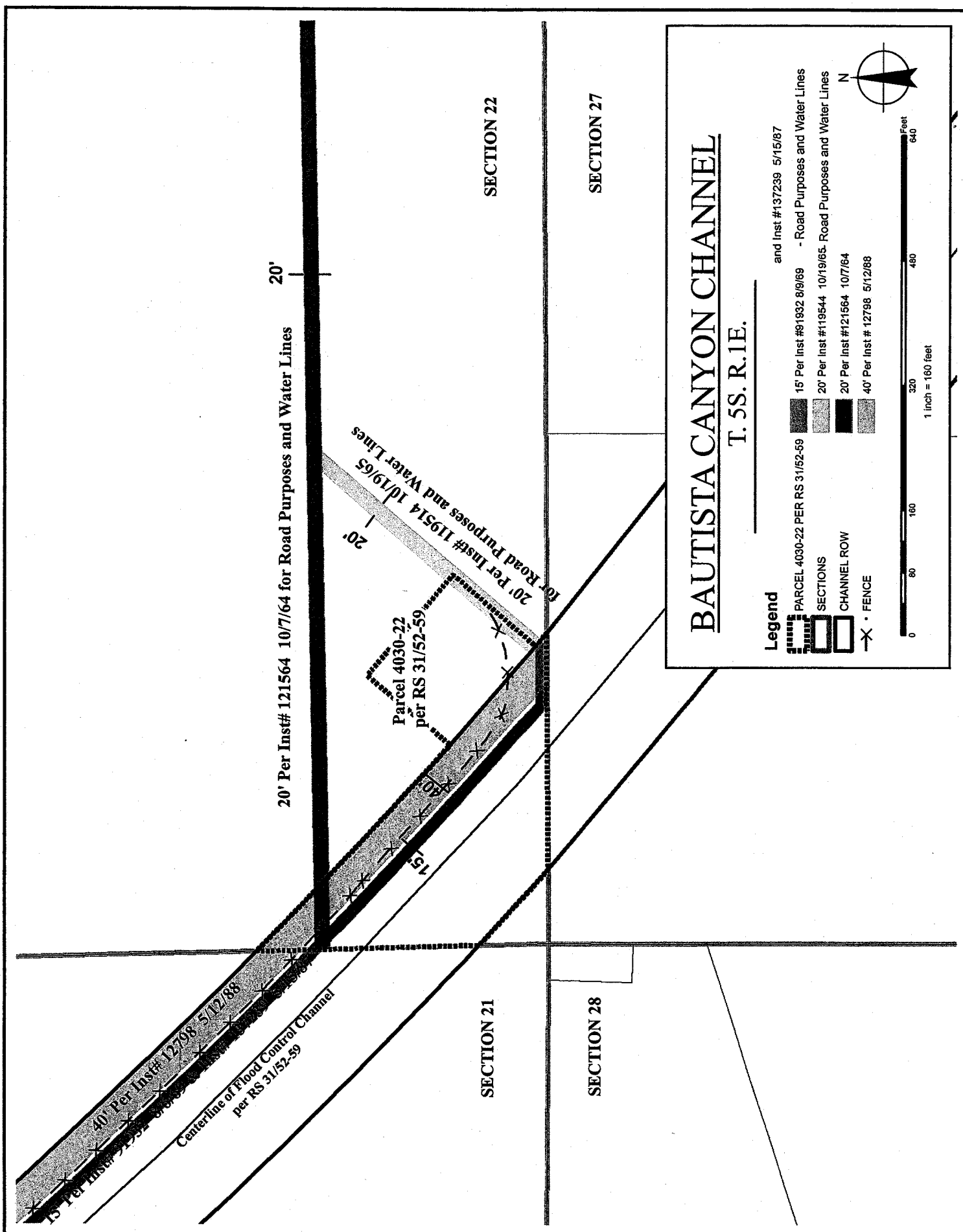
## Chronology of Mr. Mabee's Claim

- easement where it intersected with the 40 foot public road. The only access to this easement was to follow a diversion created by Flood Control District across its property to a point on his easement northerly of its southern terminus. Claimed that since they have to pass over Flood Control District property there is no legal access to their easement.
- 11/27/1990 Mr. Mabee took the case to superior court and there was a finding that: no "taking" of Mr. Mabee's property/easement by County of Riverside and Flood Control and Water Conservation District. No damage issue to be determined by the jury.
- 12/13/1990 Lake Hemet Municipal Water District still remains the owner of the easement and never relinquished any of its rights.
- 10/25/1991 Appeal from first case in November of 1990, confirmed all of the findings in the first case. Denied a motion for a new trial because case was not filed in a timely manner, also the newly discovered evidence could have been discovered by anyone and therefore was not contingent in the case.
- 1992 Mabees want to divide their land and can't do so because there is not adequate road access as defined by law
- 1993 It was acknowledged that Mr. Mabee would lack access to his property per a described easement that intersects a 40 foot road dedicated to and accepted by the Riverside County Transportation Department. **Although practical and physical access was never impaired the construction MAY HAVE IMPEDED YOUR 'LEGAL' ACCESS TO THE DEDICATED ROAD.**
- 10/3/1995 Easement Deed given to Mr. and Mrs. Mabee: joint tenants a non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress over the real property in the County of Riverside, State of California as described as Parcel 4030-500A; Easement has never been recorded.
- 1/10/1997 Court finds that the Mabee's property was obstructed, stating "**the barbed wire fence was originally installed in 1985. It was located on the easterly boundary of the 15 foot easement, away from the Bautista Creek Channel. That fence precluded direct access from the 15 foot easement to the southern terminus of the private Mabee access easement (000327, page 2, #5).**" The court's determination was that the statute of limitations is application to the alleged damages to plaintiff's easement.
- 12/28/2010 Letter from Riverside County Flood Control verifying that, after a thorough search of records, the easement deed was never recorded.



# EXHIBIT C-2












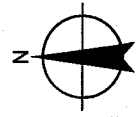
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## Legend

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-  20' Per Inst #121564 10/7/64
-  40' Per Inst # 12798 5/12/88
-  SECTIONS
-  CHANNEL ROW
-  FENCE

and Inst #137239 5/15/87



January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Riverside County Clerk of the Board  
4080 Lemon St.  
Riverside, Ca 92501

Subject: Requesting four recorded easement deeds.

Dear Mrs. Harper Ithem,

I am requesting under the Freedom of Information Act and the California Public Records act a copy of the four recorded easement deeds described in resolution no. F 95-50, agenda 10.3, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1995 when the board approved authorization to convey four non exclusive easements for ingress and egress purposes over district owned land.

The four easements to Robert Mabce and three other property owners were received and signed by Supervisor John. F. Tavaglione, Chairman of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation Board. Please give this your immediate attention.

Respectfully, *Robert Mabce*

Robert Mabce  
3086 Miguel St.  
Riverside, Ca 92506  
(951) 788-4858

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KECIA R. HARPER-INEM  
CLERK OF THE BOARD  
  
KIMBERLY A. RECTOR  
ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE BOARD

March 1, 2012

Mr. Robert Mabee  
3086 Miguel Street  
Riverside, CA 92506

Re: California Public Records Act Request

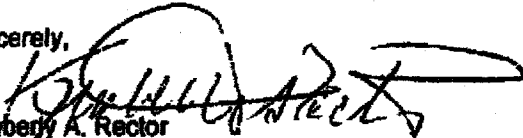
Dear Mr. Mabee:

The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside requested staff of the County Assessor-Clerk-Recorder to conduct a search to confirm whether certain easement deeds, attached to item 10.3 of October 3, 1995, of the Board of Supervisors records, were ever recorded. The recording would have been made at the request of and returned to the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (Flood); however, Flood was unable to locate the deeds as indicated in their correspondence dated May 4, 2011.

After attempting to locate the Easement Deeds and Resolution F95-50, *Authorization to Convey Non-Exclusive Easements*, the Assessor-Clerk-Recorder was unsuccessful in finding any matches. If you would like to perform further research there is a public viewing area on the first floor of the County Administrative Center (CAC).

If you require further assistance, you may contact my office at (951) 955-1069.

Sincerely,

  
Kimberly A. Rector  
Assistant Clerk of the Board  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Riverside

C. Assessor-Clerk-Recorder

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RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
RECEPTION

PAMELA J. WALLS  
County Counsel

OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE



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June 14, 2012

Mr. Robert Mabee  
3086 Miguel Street  
Riverside, California 92506

Re: Public Records Act Request of June 13, 2012

Dear Mr. Mabee:

This letter is in response to your telephone message of June 13, 2012 made to the Office of County Counsel, requesting copies of escrow records related to unrecorded deeds with you and the adjacent landowners. The Office of County Counsel has determined that there are no existing records responsive to your request.

Sincerely,

PAMELA J. WALLS  
County Counsel

LINDA M. HERNANDEZ  
Custodian of Records

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**Riverside County Board of Supervisors  
Request to Speak**

Submit request to Clerk of Board (right of podium),  
Speakers are entitled to three (3) minutes, subject  
Board Rules listed on the reverse side of this form.

**SPEAKER'S NAME:** Robert MABEE

**Address:** 3086 Mibuel St  
(only if follow-up mail response requested)

**City:** Riverside **Zip:** 92506

**Phone #:** 788-4858

**Date:** 7-3-12 **Agenda #** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE STATE YOUR POSITION BELOW:**

**Position on "Regular" (non-appealed) Agenda Item:**

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*ORAL COMMUNICATION*

**Note:** If you are here for an agenda item that is filed  
for "Appeal", please state separately your position on  
the appeal below:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Support**      \_\_\_\_\_ **Oppose**      \_\_\_\_\_ **Neutral**

**I give my 3 minutes to:** \_\_\_\_\_