

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



ITEM: 14.7
(ID # 30918)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, July 14, 2026

FROM : FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

SUBJECT: FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT: Direct the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District to Conduct an Integrated Pest Management Study for Managing Vegetation in Flood Control Channels, All Districts. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District ("District") to conduct an Integrated Pest Management Study for their vegetation management activities in flood control channels and to implement feasible and appropriate recommendations from the study; and
2. Authorize the General Manager-Chief Engineer or designee to execute any other related documents and administer all actions necessary to complete the Integrated Pest Management Study and implement appropriate recommendations.

ACTION:Policy

Jason Uhley, GENERAL MGR-CHF FLD CNTRL ENG

7/7/2026

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Gutierrez, seconded by Supervisor Medina and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: Washington and Perez
Date: July 14, 2026
xc: Flood

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By:
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 2026/2027	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The District manages properties that include over 300 miles of open channels and levees, 90 dams and basins, and over 600 miles of maintenance roads. These properties require regular vegetation management to comply with maintenance obligations, including fire risk reduction, maintenance access, structural integrity, flood capacity, and invasive weed and habitat management.

The District uses a number of techniques to manage vegetation, including hand removal, mowing, and herbicide applications, and conducts annual internal reviews to improve each of these individual practices.

To ensure that the District is implementing these practices in the most effective overall combination while remaining minimally impactful to the environment and public safety, this motion directs the District to conduct a broader Integrated Pest Management Study ("Study"). The Study should holistically evaluate the District's operational environments, identify current best management practices for vegetation management within flood control facilities, and determine whether additional actions can be taken to further reduce herbicide applications while also fully meeting the maintenance obligations referenced above. This motion also directs the District to identify and implement feasible and appropriate recommendations from the Study.

Environmental Findings

The motion is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) ("Common Sense" exemption), which provides, "The activity is covered by the common-sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA."

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Fiscal Impact

This item authorizes the General Manager-Chief Engineer to use existing budgeted funds to implement this Study. No new funding is anticipated.


Douglas Cordonez Jr. 7/8/2026