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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Michael Stoltz for Robert Peterson - Director
Public Works
REPORT BY: Richard Thomasser, Watershed and Flood Control Operations Manager, (707)259-8657
SUBJECT: Use of Measure A Funds to Conduct Special Flood Studies

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Public Works requests direction to prepare an amendment to the Funding Agreement between the County and the Napa County Flood Protection and Watershed Improvement Authority authorizing \$200,000 in Measure A funding to conduct special flood studies throughout the unincorporated area of the County.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Providing Measure A funds to conduct special flood studies will provide needed resources to begin identifying solutions for several flood prone areas of the County. The studies would be conducted according to a prioritization approach that has been in development since the December 31, 2005 storm.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	No
What is the revenue source?	If approved, an amendment will be prepared to the Funding Agreement between the County and the Napa County Flood Protection and Watershed Improvement Authority (NCFPWIA) to use \$200,000 in Measure A funds.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Requesting funds to conduct special flood studies in the County unincorporated area is consistent with the scope of Measure A.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	None

Consequences if not approved: Staff will not have a source of revenue to seek solutions to several flood problems in the County.

Additional Information: None

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

In March 1998, voters approved a half cent sales tax increase for flood control purposes known as Measure A. The County and each city are entitled to the proceeds from Measure A for projects that were specified in the ballot measure. Measure A allows for the following types of projects in the unincorporated area of the County:

1. County unincorporated area flood damage reduction projects including elevating or relocating structures, including bridges, in the floodway and floodplain; and
2. Agricultural watershed and stormwater runoff management improvements planned jointly by the agricultural industry, the County, the Napa County Resource Conservation District, and the Department of Fish and Game.

In August 1999, a Funding Agreement was entered into between the County and the NCFPWIA, which is the mechanism for the County to receive Measure A funding to conduct projects as specified in the Measure A Ordinance. To date, several projects have been conducted, or are in progress. The Funding Agreement is amended to provide funding as needed to conduct projects on an annual basis, or if necessary, as projects are identified.

The storm of December 31, 2005 and other other prior storms have brought to light numerous drainage related problems that impact county residents and property. An amendment to the Funding Agreement is necessary to provide funds to conduct multiple special flood studies throughout the unincorporated area. The studies would be conducted according to a prioritization approach (e.g., number of properties/structures affected) that was begun based on the flood problems that resulted from the December 31, 2005 storm. This draft matrix of flood prone areas will be shared when this item is discussed.

Staff will continue to provide periodic updates to the Board regarding the use of these funds and conclusions reached by the studies.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Andrew Carey