

**MOORPARK CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: Honorable City Council

FROM: Dave Klotzle, Interim City Engineer/Public Works Director 

DATE: April 8, 2011 (CC Meeting of 04/20/11)

SUBJECT: Consider Ventura County Watershed Protection District Virginia Colony Regional Detention Basin Project

DISCUSSION

The Ventura County Watershed Protection District (District) is planning a regional detention basin project within the Arroyo Simi in the Virginia Colony area as generally shown on Attachment 1. The limits of the basin project include numerous properties under different ownership as shown on Attachment 2. The project is one part of the District's long-term goals of flood protection and sediment management on the Arroyo Simi and Calleguas Creek from Moorpark to below Camarillo. The District plans to implement cost-effective and environmentally friendly flood management projects that will yield multi-use and recreational benefits.

In February 2011, the City provided a letter of support (Attachment 3) to the District to accompany their application for Flood Corridor Program Funding from the California Department of Water Resources for an amount up to \$4.5 million. If approved, the funding will be used by the District to purchase land easements for the detention basin project along the Arroyo Simi between the 118 Freeway overpass and Collins Drive. The District's March 8, 2011 report to the Ventura County Board of Supervisors seeking approval of the funding application is attached (Attachment 4). The District has been in the process of obtaining additional letters of support for the funding application from the City of Simi Valley, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the Nature Conservancy, Ventura County Resource Conservation District and Rancho Simi Recreation and Parks District.

A representative from the District will be in attendance at the April 20, 2011 City Council meeting to present further details of the planned detention basin project.

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FISCAL IMPACT

None.

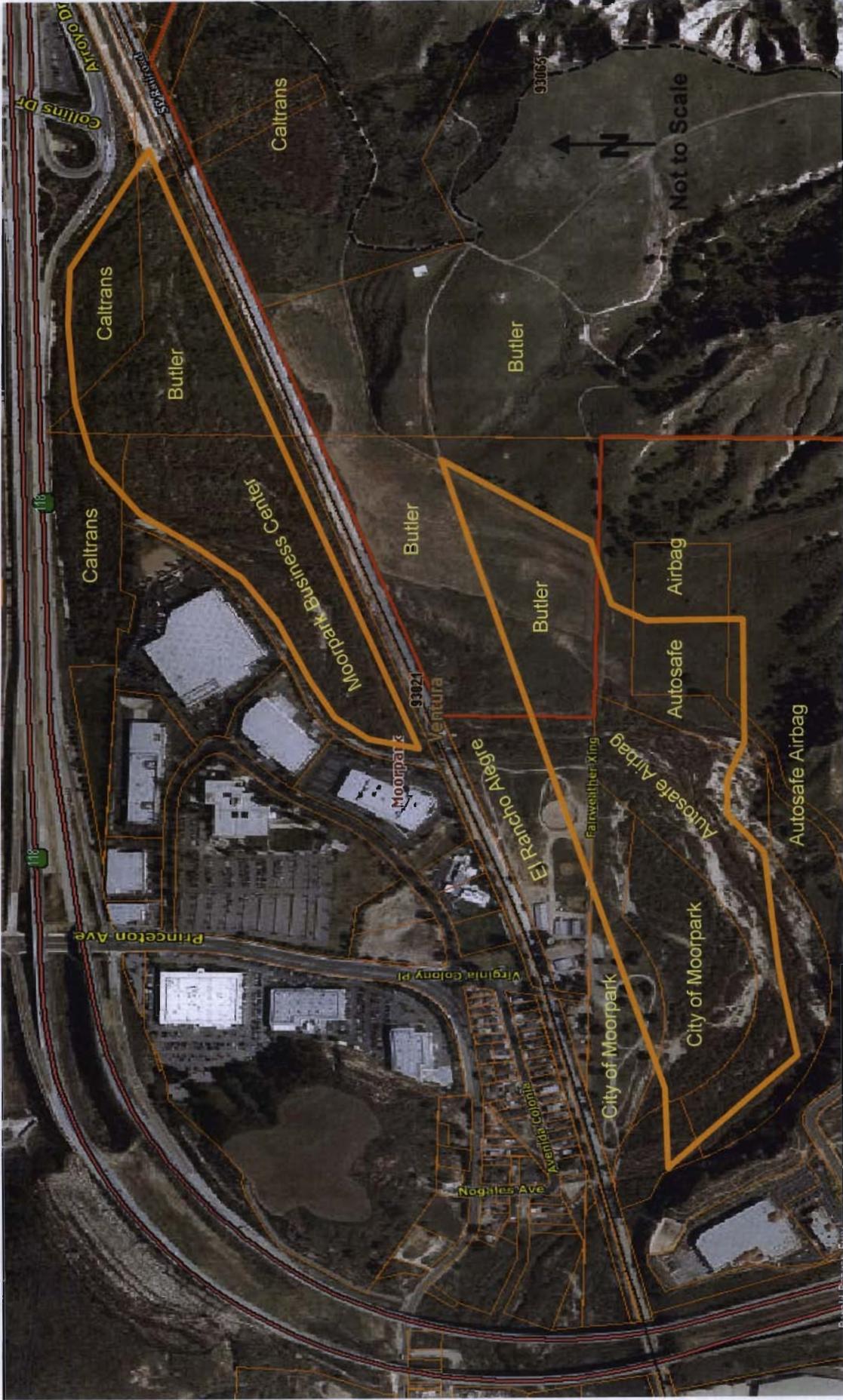
STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Direct staff as deemed appropriate.

Attachment 1 – Virginia Colony Regional Detention Basin Map
Attachment 2 – Property Ownership Detail
Attachment 3 – Letter of Support from Moorpark
Attachment 4 – Ventura County Board of Supervisors Report



Rendering of Ventura County Watershed Protection District
Virginia Colony Regional Detention Basin Map



Virginia Colony Regional Detention Basin
Property Ownership Detail



MOORPARK

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February 22, 2011

Earl Nelson, Program Manager
Department of Water Resources
Flood Protection Corridor Program
3310 El Camino Avenue, Room 140
Sacramento, CA 95821

Re: Support for Virginia Colony: Flood Management Project Phase 2

Dear Mr. Nelson:

I would like to express the support of the City of Moorpark for the Ventura County Watershed Protection District's application to the Flood Corridor Program for the acquisition of property easements in areas designated as FEMA Special Flood Hazard Areas, and to construct a soft bottom pilot channel and a diversion structure.

Ventura County is in a critical stage of development. Over the past 50 years, development in east Ventura County has contributed to increased run-off and flood risks. It is imperative that we find solutions to flood protection that provide multiple benefits for natural resource protection, water quality improvements, water quantity assurance, and public access for recreational purposes. The Virginia Colony Flood Management Project is designed to meet those objectives while reducing the risk to public health and safety.

I strongly encourage you to support the Ventura County Watershed Protection District's grant proposal for the Virginia Colony Flood Corridor Project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Steven Kueny
City Manager

- c: Supervisor Peter Foy, Ventura County
- Martha Symes, Grant Specialist, VCWPD
- Sergio Vargas, Deputy Director, Planning & Regulatory, VCWPD
- Honorable City Council
- Dave Klotzle, Interim City Engineer/Public Works Director

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Attachment 4

PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY
JEFF PRATT, P.E.
Agency Director

WATERSHED PROTECTION DISTRICT

March 8, 2011

Board of Supervisors
Ventura County Watershed Protection District
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Norma Camacho
District Director

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Design/Construction

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Planning/Regulatory

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Subject: Ratification of the Ventura County Watershed Protection District Application for Flood Corridor Program Funding From the California Department of Water Resources for an Amount up to \$4.5 Million in Support of the Virginia Colony Flood Management Project, Phase 2. Zone 3, District 3

Recommendations:

1. Ratify the Ventura County Watershed Protection District (District) application for Flood Corridor Program (FCP) Funding from the California Department of Water Resources for an amount up to \$4.5 Million.
2. Direct the chair to sign the attached resolution (Exhibit 1) required by the Program to certify the District application for funding.

Reason for Ratification

Because of the short time between the release of the Request for Projects, the District's decision on which project to put forward, and the deadline for the grant application, there was insufficient time to seek approval from your Board to apply for these grant funds. Therefore, we are seeking retroactive approval of the proposal submittal. The Agency made the application with prior notification and approval of the CEO's Office.

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

Mandatory:	No
Source of Funding:	Flood Corridor Program
Funding Match Required:	\$1.5 Million from Zone Budget funds
Impact on Other Departments:	None

Summary of Revenues & Costs:	FY 2010-11	FY 2011-12 through 2012-13
Revenue:	\$ 0	\$ 4,500,000
Costs:		
Direct	\$ 0	\$ 6,000,000
Indirect/Agency Dept.	\$ 0	\$ 0
Indirect/County CAP	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Costs	\$ 0	\$ 5,000,000
Net District Costs	\$ 0	\$ 1,500,000
Recovered Indirect Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0

Current FY Budget Projections

Current FY 2010-11 Budget Projection for Watershed Protection – Zone 3 - 6330				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$19,674,800	\$21,014,092	\$21,304,400	\$(290,308)
Revenue	\$12,036,300	\$12,036,300	\$12,601,200	\$564,900
Net Cost	\$7,638,500	\$8,977,792	\$8,703,200	\$274,592

If the application is accepted, District match will be budgeted through the Zone 3 budgets for FY 2011-12 through 2012-13. Additional match may be provided through City budgets.

Discussion:

The Flood Protection Corridor Program (FPCP) was established when California voters passed Proposition 13, the "Safe Drinking Water, Clean Water, Watershed Protection, and Flood Protection Act" in March of 2000. This proposition provided funding for nonstructural flood management projects that include wildlife habitat enhancement and/or agricultural land preservation. This funding was first made available for direct expenditure projects during the fiscal year of 2001-2002, followed by a competitive solicitation for grant-funded project proposals in fiscal year 2002 -2003.

Proposition 84, The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality & Supply, Flood Control, River & Coastal Bond Act of 2006, provides renewed funding for the Flood Protection Corridor Program. In 2011, Proposition 84 will provide up to \$75 million to fund a combined Flood Protection Corridor Program and Flood Corridor Program under the latter program title.

For this latest cycle of funding, DWR has set a grant cap of \$5 million per applicant. Applications were due March 3, 2011.

The District will request funding to purchase land easements in Zone 3 along Arroyo Simi between Highway 118 and Collins Drive. This reach of the Arroyo Simi currently lacks conventional flood control improvements except some hardened bank protection along developed areas. The proposed low impact pilot channel in this reach would resolve downstream flooding in Moorpark. It would also increase groundwater recharge and provide park and recreational area. Easement acquisition is required for this project to proceed. Proposed access roads will eventually become part of the regional trail system planned to connect Simi Valley to Point Mugu at the Pacific Ocean.

If the District application to the FCP is successful, the District will return to your Board with a more detailed project description and fiscal analysis.

This item has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, County Counsel, and the Auditor-Controller's Office.

If there are any questions regarding this item, please contact me at (805) 654-2040.



Norma J. Camacho
Director

Attachment: Exhibit 1: Resolution
Exhibit 2: Application