

**MOORPARK CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: Honorable City Council

FROM: Dave Klotzle, City Engineer/Public Works Director 
Prepared By: Shaun Kroes, Senior Management Analyst 

DATE: July 2, 2013 (CC Meeting of 07/17/13)

SUBJECT: Consider Status of the Ventura County Watershed Protection District
Virginia Colony Detention Basin Project

DISCUSSION

In February 2011, the City provided a letter of support (Attachment 1) for the Ventura County Watershed Protection District's (District) application for Flood Corridor Program Funding from the California Department of Water Resources for an amount of \$4.5 million. The grant request was to be used by the District to purchase land easements for the regional detention basin project within the Arroyo Simi in the Virginia Colony area as generally shown in Attachment 2. The project was 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.

On June 3, 2013, the City received a letter from the District (Attachment 3) informing the City that the District did not accept the Department of Water Resources' Flood Corridor Program Grant for the Virginia Colony basin. In the letter the District states that Moorpark's successful Letter of Map Revisions with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which removed approximately 1,456 of the 1,600 properties placed in the regulatory flood plain by FEMA's 2005 flood mapping update, diminished the potential benefits created by the detention basin. In addition, escalating mitigation costs, regulatory restrictions, and the District's budgetary constraints required the District to re-evaluate the Virginia Colony basin project. The District has determined that there are other critical projects in Zone 3 of the Calleguas Creek Watershed (of which Moorpark is a part) that should be undertaken.

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According to the District's Five-Year Planned Capital Projects for Zone 3 (Attachment 4), the following six projects are the District's critical projects.

1. Arroyo Simi – Hitch Blvd to Tierra Rejada Stabilization
2. Calleguas Creek – Adolfo Rd to Upland Rd
3. Calleguas Creek – Hwy 101 to U/S of Adolfo Road (CC-2)
4. Calleguas Creek – Pleasant Valley to Hwy 101 East Bank Channel Improvements
5. Ferro Ditch Channel Improvement
6. Sycamore Canyon Debris/Detention Basin Retrofit

At this time, the District does not intend on moving forward with the Virginia Colony detention basin unless additional funding becomes available. Staff will continue to monitor the District's projects that may have an impact on Moorpark.

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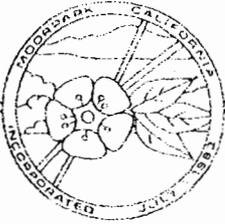
None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file.

Attachments:

1. Letter of Support from Moorpark
2. Virginia Colony Regional Detention Basin Map
3. Letter of Support from Moorpark
4. District Five-Year Planned Capital Projects for Zone 3



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



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

Attachment 2

Ventura County Watershed Protection District



Attachment 3

PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY
JEFF PRATT
Agency Director

May 31, 2013

David Klotzle
Public Works Director
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Moorpark, CA 93021

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SUBJECT: Flood Corridor Program Grants for Virginia Colony

Dear Mr. Klotzle:

This letter is to inform you that the Ventura County Watershed Protection District (District) did not accept the Department of Water Resources' Flood Corridor Program Grant for the Virginia Colony. The successful approval of the city's Letter of Map Revision with the Federal Emergency Management Agency which removed a large part of the city from the regulatory floodplain, coupled with escalating mitigation costs, regulatory restrictions, and the District's budgetary constraints, required us to re-evaluate the project. Unfortunately in reviewing the projects within Zone 3, Calleguas Creek Watershed, the Virginia Colony project was deemed not as critical as several other vital projects within the Zone.

We greatly appreciate the project support. The regional basins concept has been supported by the stakeholders in the Calleguas Watershed, but given the economy, many worthwhile projects must be put on hold.

Should you have any questions regarding this project, you may contact me at 654-2040 or Sergio Vargas at 650-4077.

Sincerely,

Tully Clifford
Director

C: Sergio Vargas, WPD

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VENTURA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY
VENTURA COUNTY WATERSHED PROTECTION DISTRICT
FIVE-YEAR PLANNED CAPITAL PROJECTS

Zone 3

Fiscal Year (2013/2014)

<u>Project</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
1 Arroyo Simi - Hitch Blvd to Tierra Rejada Stabilization	City of Moorpark	\$ 300,000
2 Calleguas Creek - Adolfo Rd to to Upland Rd	Main Stem of Calleguas Creek (from Somis Drain d/s of Adolfo Bridge to Upland Road Bridge)	\$ 140,000
3 Calleguas Creek - Hwy 101 to U/S of Adolfo Road (CC-2)	Somis Drain U/S of Mission Oaks Blvd	\$ -
4 Calleguas Creek - Pleasant Valley to Hwy 101 East Bank Channel Improvements	City of Camarillo	\$ 110,000
5 Ferro Ditch Channel Improvement	West of the City of Camarillo	\$ 100,000
6 Sycamore Canyon Debris/Retention Basin Retrofit	City of Simi Valley	\$ 375,000
Grand Total:		\$ 1,025,000

VENTURA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY
VENTURA COUNTY WATERSHED PROTECTION DISTRICT
FIVE-YEAR PLANNED CAPITAL PROJECTS

Zone 3 Fiscal Years (2014/2015 to 2017/2018)

<u>Project</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
1 Arroyo Simi - Hitch Blvd to Tierra Rejada Stabilization	City of Moorpark	\$ 2,790,000
2 Calleguas Creek - Adolfo Rd to to Upland Rd	Main Stem of Calleguas Creek (from Somis Drain d/s of Adolfo Bridge to Upland Road Bridge)	\$ 3,850,000
3 Calleguas Creek - Hwy 101 to U/S of Adolfo Road (CC-2)	Somis Drain U/S of Mission Oaks Blvd	\$ 4,010,000
4 Calleguas Creek - Pleasant Valley to Hwy 101 East Bank Channel Improvements	City of Camarillo	\$ -
5 Ferro Ditch Channel Improvement	West of the City of Camarillo	\$ 2,350,000
6 Sycamore Canyon Debris/Detention Basin Retrofit	City of Simi Valley	\$ 1,745,000
Grand Total:		\$ 14,745,000