



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: December 15, 2015

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Engineering, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Introduction Of Ordinance For The Grant Of Easements To The Santa Barbara County Flood Control District, Cota Bridge Replacement Project

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council introduce, and subsequently adopt, by reading of title only, An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving the Granting of Easements on City-Owned Properties Adjacent to Mission Creek to the County of Santa Barbara Flood Control and Water Conservation District for Flood Control and All Related Purposes, and Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute as Necessary the Easement Deeds in a Form Approved by the City Attorney.

DISCUSSION:

The City has acquired fee ownership of three properties as was necessary for the Cota Street Bridge Replacement Project (Project). The Project is nearing completion with new creek walls having been installed and the new bridge currently being constructed. Once the Project is completed, the three properties that were acquired (see Attachment) are authorized to be sold as surplus lands by Council action on July 14, 2015.

The City and the County of Santa Barbara Flood Control and Water Conservation District (SBFCD) have historically worked jointly together to improve water conveyance and flood control for the Lower Mission Creek, and they continue to do so, as the City completes scheduled bridge replacement projects.

In conjunction with City bridge replacement projects and SBFCD creek improvement and flood control projects, both parties have cooperated in assisting each other in the completion of their respective projects. It has been the intent that when City bridge projects are completed, any real property rights acquired by the City determined to be beneficial to SBFCD creek projects will be assigned or granted to and accepted by SBFCD.

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It has been determined that permanent easements be created on the City-owned properties listed below to be offered to and accepted by SBFCD as beneficial to their ongoing flood control interests. The easements allow for access, maintenance, and all other flood control related purposes. The easements are to be offered and accepted prior to the City's sale of these properties as surplus.

1. Grant of permanent easement at 221 West Cota Street
2. Grant of permanent easement at 230 West Cota Street
3. Grant of permanent easement at 536 Bath Street

Consideration for the granting of these easements is the mutual benefit to both the City and SBFCD in improving water conveyance and flood control for the Lower Mission Creek, reducing the risk of flooding and potential damages.

City staff have reviewed these actions in conjunction with SBFCD staff and recommend that Council approve the introduction and subsequent adoption of this Ordinance.

ATTACHMENT: Properties Location Map

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office

**City Owned Properties for Grant of Easements to County Flood Control District:
221, 230 W. Cota Street and 536 Bath Street**

