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Subject: Receive and File the Public Works Agency 2009-2014 Five-Year Capital Projects Programs, General Plan Conformance for All Supervisorial Districts

Recommendation:

It is recommended that your Board receive and file the Public Works Agency 2009-2014 Five-Year Capital Projects Programs.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item. Fiscal impact will be identified at the commencement of each project.

Discussion:

Section 65401 of the California Government Code requires public agencies to present a list of proposed capital projects for the ensuing fiscal year to the County and City Planning Agencies for review for conformity with their adopted General Plans or parts thereof.

The County Planning Division reviewed the projects in the attached Five-Year Capital Projects Programs (Exhibit 1) that were designated as being in the unincorporated area. A copy of the Planning Division's conformity review is attached (Exhibit 2). The Planning Division determined that the projects, where sufficient information is available, conform to the County General Plan. However, County Planning stated that some Watershed Protection District projects need to address consistency with biological resources policies. At Planning's suggestion, we will examine these projects for consistency further when an environmental analysis is done and when there is sufficient information to determine consistency with the County General Plan.



In some instances, the County Planning Division stated that there was insufficient information to determine General Plan conformity. These comments are correct in that some projects are still in the conceptual phase or are general in nature, so there are few specifics on the projects. Most of these projects are planned for the future years of the five-year programs. As the scope becomes better defined, we will provide more specifics for the Planning Division's review and conformance review.

The proposed five-year programs were also submitted to all the cities for their conformity review. The responses from some cities addressed specific projects. Again, as these projects are developed, more definitive information will be provided for conformance review.

In the interest of streamlining the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) process for FY 2009-10, the County Executive Office incorporated the review and comment of the recommended County-wide CIP projects in the preliminary budget process presented to your Board on June 2, 2009. The recommended County-wide CIP projects have been included with the Public Works Agency Capital Projects in Exhibit 1. Each section in Exhibit 1 contains a financing plan along with a summary list of projects and a detail sheet for each project. Projects proceed through the planning, design, and construction phases based on several factors including relative need, availability of specific financing, acquisition of needed right-of-way, and issuance of required permits. All projects were distributed to affected city/County planning agencies for review to ensure General Plan conformance per Government Code 65402 (a).

Please note, that Section 65401 provides solely for review of conformity with the adopted General Plan by the planning agencies and does not require any response on the part of your Board.

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

If you have any questions regarding this item, please call the undersigned at 654-2073 or Janice Turner at 654-2084.



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Agency Director

Exhibit 1: Five-Year Capital Projects Programs
Exhibit 2: Planning Division's Conformity Review