

VENTURA COUNTY

WATERSHED PROTECTION DISTRICT



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December 15, 2009

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

Subject: Adoption of an Ordinance Consolidating Existing Flood Control Ordinances Into a Watershed Protection Ordinance. All Zones, All Supervisorial Districts

Recommendations:

On December 15, 2009:

1. Introduce and read in title only Ordinance WP-1 (Exhibit 1) and waive further reading of the Ordinance; and continue the final adoption of the Ordinance until January 12, 2010.

On January 12, 2010:

2. Adopt the attached Ordinance (Exhibit 1) to become effective 30 days thereafter.

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item. Staff time to post the Ordinance on the website will be minimal and can be accommodated with existing staffing.

Discussion:

The Watershed Protection District (District) is authorized by statute to adopt and enforce ordinances for the protection and regulation of watersheds and stormwater drainage systems throughout the County. Between 1945 and 1997, the District adopted approximately 30 such ordinances. Some of these have since been repealed, while others simply amended previously adopted District ordinances. All were adopted before the District changed its name in 2002. The result has been a confusing array of ordinances that hinder effective regulatory action.

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Today, your Board is being asked to end to this confusion by adopting a single consolidated Ordinance so that all of the District's existing ordinances are set forth in one place. The proposed Ordinance also contains simplified and modernized text that does not make any substantive changes to the District's authority. A consolidated and updated Ordinance can also be posted on the District's website so that it is more readily accessible by developers and property owners.

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

Attachments: Exhibit 1 - Consolidated Ordinance
Exhibit 2 – Table of Flood Control Ordinances
Exhibit 3 – Strike-Out Version of Ordinances