

# *Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency*

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### **Executive Committee Meeting Agenda**

Date/Time: Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 4:00 pm

Location: Orange County Water District Board Hearing Room

1. Call to Order - Chairman Patrick Harper
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Chairman or Designee
3. Approve Minutes of January 25 Executive Committee Meeting - Chairman
4. Santa Ana River Mainstem and Westminster Project Status - James Tyler, OC Public Works
5. Report from Executive Director - Herb Nakasone
  - SARFPA’s Letters of Support for Westminster Tide Gates and Bolsa Bay Outlet (copies enclosed)
  - Santiago Creek Design Alternative
6. Public and Representative Comments
7. Adjournment – Chairman

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## **RE: County of Orange Westminster East Garden Grove (WEGG) Wintersburg Channel: Bolsa Bay Outlet Improvements Community Project Funding Request**

Dear Senators Padilla and Butler, and Orange County Delegation Members:

On behalf of the Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency, I write to request your support for the County of Orange's Community Project funding request of \$32,700,000 for the Westminster East Garden Grove (WEGG) Wintersburg Channel: Bolsa Bay Outlet Improvements project.

The WEGG project will reduce the risks to life, safety and property from flooding within the 74-square-mile watershed which includes the cities of Santa Ana, Westminster, Garden Grove, Fountain Valley and Huntington Beach. The project area includes approximately 24,000 at-risk structures, 700,000 residents and business owners, U.S. military operations and critical transportation infrastructure. Upon completion, the project will reduce approximately 6,500 flood policies, saving residents an average of nine to eleven million dollars paid in flood insurance policies per year. The project was authorized through the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) in 2020.

The Bolsa Bay Outlet Improvements portion of the larger WEGG project is necessary to compensate for increased flow volumes that result from increased conveyance capacity in channels due to upstream improvements. This project will widen the restriction at the Warner Avenue Bridge in the City of Huntington Beach and improve conveyance in Outer Bolsa Bay as well as the hydraulic efficiency of the downstream reaches of the channel.

## *Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency*

For these reasons, the Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency supports the County's request for Federal funding of \$32,700,000 for the Westminster East Garden Grove Wintersburg Channel: Bolsa Bay Outlet Improvements project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patrick Harper". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Patrick Harper, SARFPA Chairman  
Council Member, City of Fountain Valley

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**RE: County of Orange Westminster East Garden Grove (WEGG) Wintersburg Channel:  
Tide Gates Removal Community Project Funding Request**

Dear Senators Padilla and Butler, and Orange County Delegation Members:

On behalf of the Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency, we request your support for the County of Orange's Community Project funding request of \$20,000,000 million for the Westminster East Garden Grove (WEGG) Wintersburg Channel: Tide Gates Removal project.

The WEGG project will reduce the risks to life, safety and property from flooding within the 74-square-mile watershed which includes the cities of Santa Ana, Westminster, Garden Grove, Fountain Valley and Huntington Beach. The project area includes approximately 24,000 at-risk structures, 700,000 residents and business owners, U.S. military operations, and critical transportation infrastructure. Upon completion, the project will reduce approximately 6,500 flood policies, saving residents an average of nine to eleven million dollars paid in flood insurance policies per year. The project was authorized through the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) in 2020.

The Tide Gates Removal portion of the larger WEGG project is essential for future improvements to the channel that will allow the flood control facility to convey a 100-year storm. The removal of the tide gates will improve flow conditions through the lower reaches of the channel, thereby reducing the flood risk to the upstream communities. Removal of the tide gates is required before other WEGG channel improvement projects can move forward.

## *Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency*

For these reasons, the Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency supports the County's request for Federal funding of \$20,000,000 million for the Westminster East Garden Grove Wintersburg Channel: Tide Gates Removal project.

Sincerely,



Patrick Harper, SARFPA Chairman  
Council Member, City of Fountain Valley