

January 15, 2008

Mr. Scott Couch
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Financial Assistance
1001 I Street, 16th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Endorsement of the Arroyo Grande Creek Flood Control Improvement Projects

Dear Mr. Couch:

The Zone 1/1A Advisory Committee endorses the Arroyo Grande Creek Flood Control Improvement Projects proposed by the County of San Luis Obispo Flood Control and Water Conservation District ("District"), and encourages the State Water Resources Control Board and Department of Water Resources to fund these projects. The Zone 1/1A Advisory Committee is composed of landowners who own property adjacent to the flood control channel, and we advise the SLO County Board of Supervisors on policy and projects involving the channel. Our primary concern is to maintain and improve flood protection so as to reduce the possibility of an overtopping or breaching event of the channel's levee system, which would threaten hundreds of homes, businesses, and farms.

It is our understanding that funding of approximately \$1 million is being sought from the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Proposition 50 grant program by the District and that this funding is essential for implementation of the proposed flood control improvement projects. Collectively the proposed flood control improvement projects will increase the capacity and efficiency of the Arroyo Grande Creek flood control channel. The creek will be less susceptible to flooding the surrounding properties, which will give those property owners greater security and peace of mind.

Therefore, the Zone 1/1A Advisory Committee encourages your support of the District's grant application for the proposed flood control improvement projects for Arroyo Grande Creek flood control channel. Grant funding of these projects will allow the District to complete these needed flood control improvements in a timely manner, decreasing the potential risk of flooding to the communities of Oceano and Arroyo Grande.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 805-471-4341 should you have any questions or wish to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Gary Kobara
Chairman, Zone 1/1A Advisory Committee