



BOARD MINUTES  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF VENTURA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SUPERVISORS STEVE BENNETT, LINDA PARKS,  
KATHY I. LONG, PETER C. FOY AND JOHN C. ZARAGOZA  
July 26, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

Public Hearing Regarding Certification of the Santa Clara River Levee Improvements Downstream of Union Pacific Railroad (SCR-3) Project Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR); Incorporation of all FEIR Recommended Mitigation Measures into the Project and Approval of the Project, as Mitigated; Approval of, and Adoption of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Findings of Fact and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP); Adoption of a Resolution Adopting a Statement of Overriding Considerations; Authorization of the Watershed Protection District (District) Director to Sign and File the Notice of Determination; and Authorization for the District Director to Take all Actions Necessary to Carry out the Approved Project; Project No. 82045; Watershed Protection District Zone No. 2; Supervisorial District Nos. 1 and 5.  
(Public Works Agency – Watershed Protection District)

- (X) All Board members are present.
- (X) The Board holds a public hearing.
- (X) The following persons are heard: Tully Clifford, Peter Sheydayi, Angela Bonfiglio, Andreas Booher, Steve Nash, Jackie Tedeschi, Jack Villa, Phillip Molina, Herb Smith, Jim Danza, and Irene Rauschenberger.
- (X) The following documents are submitted to the Board for consideration:
  - (X) 5 statement cards; Vickie Bowker, Mary Tolian, Julie Pena, Steve Huber, and Irene Rauschenberger.
  - (X) PowerPoint Presentation: Santa Clara River Levee Improvements Downstream of Union Pacific Railroad (SCR - 3).
  - (X) Comment Letters; A to Z Law, Ashley Golden, Irene, Ventura Regional Sanitation District, Bert Perrello, Sierra Club, Chuck Bauman and Jim Danza.
  - (X) Errata Memo; Public Works Agency Watershed Protection District.
- (X) Upon motion of Supervisor Bennett, seconded by Supervisor Foy, and duly carried, the Board hereby approves staff recommendations as stated in the Board letter, with Supervisor Zaragoza recusing.

I hereby certify that the annexed instrument is a true and correct copy of the document which is on file in this office.

Dated: 7/29/16 MICHAEL POWERS  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Ventura, State of California

By: Lou' Harris  
Deputy Clerk of the Board



By: Brian Palmer  
Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board

RESOLUTION NO. 16-088

**A RESOLUTION  
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE VENTURA COUNTY WATERSHED PROTECTION DISTRICT  
ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE  
ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS ASSOCIATED WITH CERTIFICATION OF  
THE FINAL EIR AND APPROVAL OF THE  
SANTA CLARA RIVER LEVEE IMPROVEMENTS DOWNSTREAM OF UNION  
PACIFIC RAILROAD (SCR-3) PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Board reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) for the Santa Clara River Levee Improvements Downstream of Union Pacific Railroad (SCR-3) Project and certified said Final EIR on July 26, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 26, 2016, the Board approved the SCR-3 Project (Approved Project); and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that:

1. The Board finds that the Approved Project (Option 1A) as described in the Final EIR could have significant construction noise and vibration, and long-term scenic resource effects on the environment, which cannot be reduced to less-than-significant levels despite imposing all feasible mitigation measures, as identified in the Final EIR.
2. The Board finds that the Approved Project (Option 1A), with the mitigation measures and project conditions incorporated into its approval, implements all feasible mitigation measures identified in the Final EIR, and the project with the mitigation measures incorporated by the Board would eliminate or substantially lessen all the mitigable significant effects on the environment described in the Final EIR; and
3. The Board finds that there are overriding considerations which outweigh and make acceptable the unavoidable significant noise, vibration, and scenic resource impacts associated with the Approved Project (Option 1A), including the following beneficial effects:

**Beneficial Effects on Flood Protection**

- The Approved Project (Option 1A) would provide flood protection for the currently effective Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) one percent annual chance (formerly known as 100-year) peak flow of 226,000 cubic feet per second. This will remove over 3,800 structures from the inundation area on the landward side of the SCR-3 levee system in the City of Oxnard, where damages from such a flood event have been estimated at approximately \$345.5 million (2014 dollars). Property owners

with federally backed mortgages located within the existing inundation area will not be required to purchase flood insurance with implementation of the Approved Project (Option 1A).

Additional Beneficial Effects:

- The Approved Project (Option 1A) would beneficially affect the local economy for the approximately 27-month construction period by employing local workers.

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the Ventura County Watershed Protection District hereby adopts this Resolution as its Statement of Overriding Considerations for its decision to approve the SCR-3 Project in that the beneficial effects listed herein outweigh the unavoidable adverse environmental effects described in the Final EIR.

Upon motion of Supervisor Bennett, seconded by Supervisor Foy, and duly carried, the Board hereby approves and adopts this resolution on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

Linda Parker  
Chair, Board of Supervisors  
Ventura County Watershed Protection District

ATTEST:

MICHAEL POWERS  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
Ventura County Watershed Protection District  
State of California

By Louie Gurnis  
Deputy Clerk of the Board

