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**BOARD HEARING, MAY 24, 2005**
**FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT-BENEFIT ASSESSMENT**
**FISCAL YEAR 2005-06 RECOMMENDATIONS**

Our report recommending that the Board continue the levying of a Flood Control Benefit Assessment for Fiscal Year 2005-06 at the same rate that is currently in effect, $28.85 for a typical single-family residence in the Los Angeles area and $5.95 for a typical single-family residence in the North County area, was adopted by the Board on April 19, 2005 (Agenda Item No. 50). The public hearing date on continuing the levy is set for May 24, 2005. Upon conclusion of the public hearing, my recommendation is to approve the levy for Fiscal Year 2005-06.

The Flood Control Benefit Assessment will provide over 49 percent of the funding available to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District. As a result of the second-year State reduction of $5,855,000 in property tax revenue, there will be less funds available for new construction and improvements.

The revenue generated by the Flood Control Benefit Assessment is used in conjunction with the reduced property tax revenues and other limited revenues available to the Flood Control District to maintain the flood control system in a safe and effective operating condition; respond to storm threats and flooding emergencies; regulate development in flood hazard areas; provide for the construction of needed storm drain projects, repair/rehabilitation of existing flood control facilities, implementation of watershed management, and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)/Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) required projects; and remediation of seismic deficiencies and rehabilitation of inlet/outlet works at our dams.

Revenue from the benefit assessment is also used to finance compliance with the Clean Water Act, which includes the NPDES Municipal Stormwater Permit, ten existing TMDLs, and six new limits for 2005. The new limits include a Malibu Creek Nutrient TMDL, a Malibu Creek Bacteria TMDL, a Los Angeles River Metal TMDL, a Ballona Creek Metal TMDL, a Ballona Creek Organics TMDL, and a Los Angeles Harbor Bacteria TMDL.

Since the proposed Flood Control Benefit Assessment for Fiscal Year 2005-06 does not increase the existing assessment rate or change the assessment formula, it is not subject to the requirements of Article XIII D of the California Constitution (Proposition 218), which provides an exemption for certain assessments, including those for flood control, that existed on November 6, 1996.

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