

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2025**

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 1**

**SUBJECT: GENERAL SERVICES - ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO SUMMARILY VACATE A DRAINAGE EASEMENT IN THE ALPINE AREA AND CEQA FINDING (VACATION NO. 2024-0212) (DISTRICT: 2)**

**OVERVIEW**

The Real Estate Division of the Department of General Services is processing a request from Tavern Road Texaco, LLC, owner of Assessor's Parcel Number 403-380-42, for the San Diego County Flood Control District (District) to summarily vacate a drainage easement that encumbers a portion of Tavern Road Texaco, LLC's property. The drainage easement is dedicated to the District and is in an unincorporated area of San Diego County in Alpine within the Alpine Community Plan Area. The easement is considered excess to the District because the easement contains no drainage facilities within it and there are no other public facilities within the easement that would be affected by this vacation.

A summary vacation is a streamlined process by which a public service easement is abandoned through one action. This may be requested by the public if the easement is found to be excess to District needs and is not required for the purpose for which it was obtained. In many cases, summarily vacating a public service easement can be a public benefit through improved use of the land made available by the vacation. In this case, the road vacation would offer a public benefit by enhancing the usability of the newly available land, without hindering any future development plans. Today's request is for the Board of Directors (Board) of the District to adopt a Resolution to summarily vacate the drainage easement.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Find that the proposed action is not subject to review under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15060(c)(2) and (3) because it would not have a direct or indirect effect on the environment as it will only result in the vacation of an unnecessary easement interest and the action is not a project as defined in State CEQA Guidelines section 15378 because it is an administrative action to vacate an unused easement interest, and even if such action was subject to review under CEQA, it is categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15305 because it is a minor alteration in land use limitation in an area with a slope of less than 20% that will not result in land use or density changes.
2. Find that the drainage easement is no longer required for District purposes.
3. Adopt a Resolution entitled: RESOLUTION TO SUMMARILY VACATE A DRAINAGE EASEMENT IN THE ALPINE AREA (VACATION NO. 2024-0212) (DISTRICT 2).
4. Direct the Clerk of the Board to record the Resolution for Vacation No. 2024-0212 pursuant to State of California Streets and Highways Code Section 8336.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The removal of an encumbrance from private land that is no longer needed for drainage purposes will provide an overall public benefit and improve use of the land made available by the termination of the easement. The property is zoned freeway commercial and summarily vacating the easement will allow the owner to develop the property where the portion of the easement is located.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action to summarily vacate a drainage easement contributes to the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal No. 1 to engage the community to partner and participate in decisions that impact their lives and communities and Goal No. 2 to provide just and equitable access to develop their land. This action will impact the property owner directly by providing improved use of the property by unencumbering a portion of the property for development.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operational Plan in the Department of General Services. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$5,500 to process the proposed vacation. The funding source is a deposit from the applicant seeking the vacation. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Director Desmond, seconded by Director Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Flood Control District took action as recommended, and adopted Resolution No. 25-095 entitled: RESOLUTION TO SUMMARILY VACATE A DRAINAGE EASEMENT IN THE ALPINE AREA (VACATION NO. 2024-0212).

AYES: Aguirre, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

RECUSED: Anderson

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County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Flood Control District.

ANDREW POTTER

Clerk of the Board of Directors



**Signed**

**by** Andrew Potter

