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STATEMENT TO THE VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
ON THE NEED FOR FLOOD CONTROL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE  
CITY OF OXNARD

By

MAYOR JANE TOLMACH

May 14, 1973

Chairman Jewett, Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I am Jane Tolmach, Mayor of the City of Oxnard. I wish to thank the Board for this opportunity to make a statement on behalf of the City Council of Oxnard with respect to the need for flood control in the City of Oxnard. We propose for your consideration, a practical and equitable means by which needed flood protection can be accomplished - A proposal which we consider is fair to all concerned.

Since the disastrous floods of 1969, heavy annual rainstorms, particularly in 1971 and 1972, have clearly demonstrated the urgent need to relieve flooding conditions within the City of Oxnard and its growth area. To accomplish this will require the improvement of the red-line channels serving developed sections of the City where a large number of the citizens of Oxnard live. These red-line channels are under the jurisdiction of the Ventura County Flood Control District and the responsibility to provide the improvements necessary to relieve the problems caused by unimproved red-line channels rests clearly with Flood Zone II.

The taxpayers of the City of Oxnard in Fiscal Year 1970-71 contributed \$622,000 in tax revenue to Flood Zone II; in FY 1971-72, \$644,000; and \$745,000 in FY 1972-73. During the past three year period ending July 1, 1973, the City of Oxnard contributed a total of \$2,051,000 to Flood Zone II. The only capital expenditures made by Flood Zone II during this three-year period in the Oxnard area was the improvement to the West Wooley Road Drain in 1970-71. This included a short section under the Ventura County Railroad at Wooley Road. The remainder was in the City of Port Hueneme. No funds were expended for capital improvements during the past two years by Flood Zone II in the Oxnard area. We are not sure what is in store for Oxnard in the future.

The City of Oxnard has in the past contributed its share of the right-of-way for red-line channel improvements. I am enclosing a list of red-line channels in which Oxnard participated in the cost of right-of-way or construction. Oxnard has also participated in the cost of Oxnard area drainage studies. (Rice Road drainage area) Using local bond issue moneys, the City has contributed heavily to the cost of temporary and ultimate improvements that have been made to all of the Oxnard area red-line channels. The City has also adopted a Public Improvement Policy which provides for positive control of drainage work to be accomplished by developers. (A copy of this adopted policy is attached.) In addition, the City has taken many other positive

steps to do all in its power to provide flood protection to its citizens.

The cost of all construction including flood control works is escalating rapidly yearly. To defer construction over a period of years will require a substantially higher investment. The City of Oxnard could obtain more timely relief from its many flooding problems if it could be assured that it would receive half of its annual contributions to Flood Zone II. This amount would enable the City to finance a bond issue to provide without delay, the major storm drainage facilities (red-line channels) needed to serve the City's Phase I growth area needs. The amount available from the bond issue would permit timely construction of needed red-line channels in the Oxnard Growth Area. (Indicated on the map included with this statement.)

It is also the City's opinion that there would be a substantial long term cost savings through prompt construction using bond financing. There is ample historic proof that construction costs rise each year more rapidly than the added interest cost on bonds. In effect, the cost of prompt construction, plus bond interest expense may be anticipated to be less than the higher cost of delayed construction less savings of bond interest. Storm drainage improvements have very long useful life and equitably might well be paid for in part by future residents.

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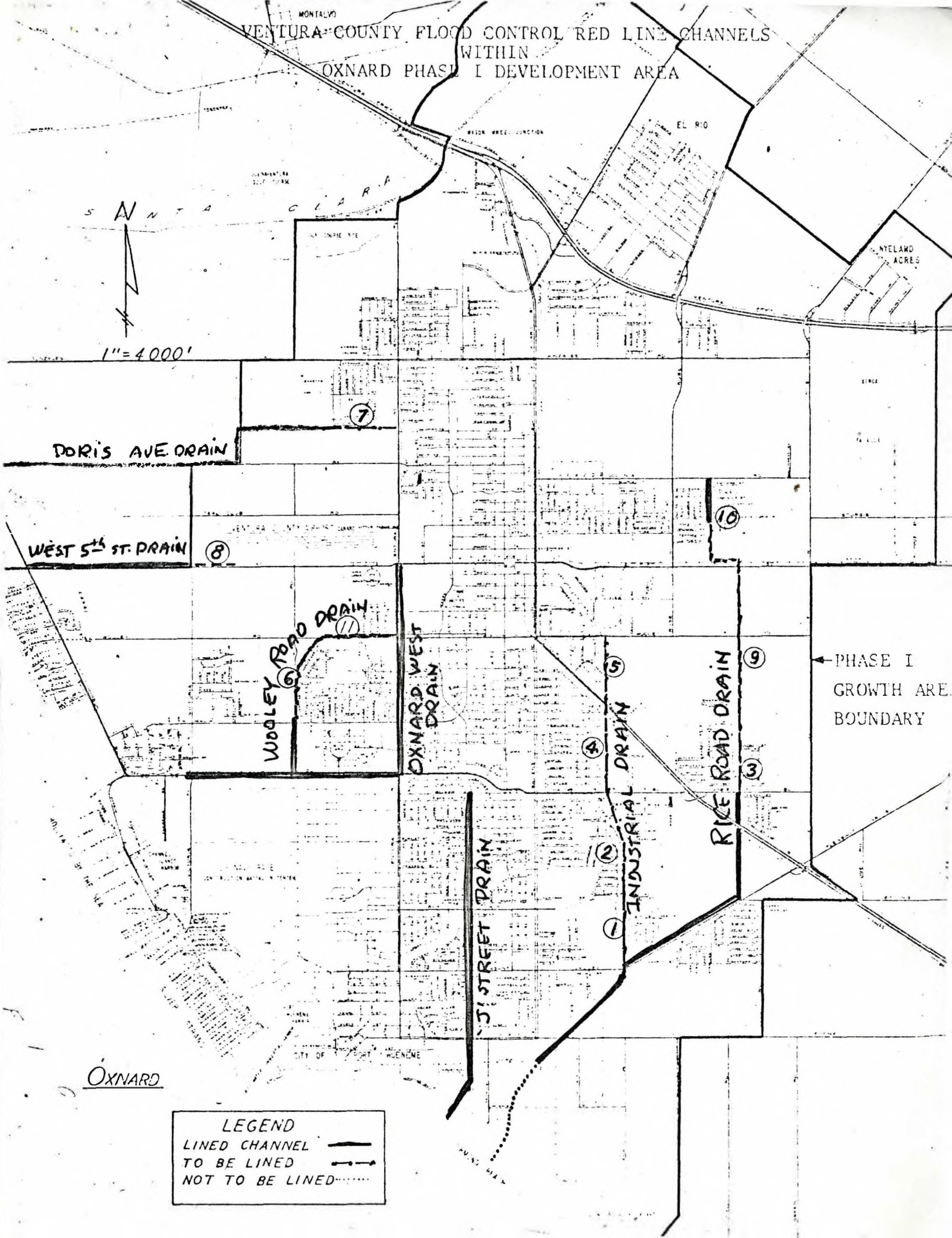
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I urge you to request the Flood Control District staff to explore with the City staff the bond approach to solving Oxnard's drainage problems in an equitable and timely manner. I consider that the positive allocation of half the contributions from the City of Oxnard is extremely fair to all concerned.

Thank you for this opportunity for the Oxnard City Council to present its views on this vital problem of flood control to you.



VENTURA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL RED LINE CHANNELS  
WITHIN  
OXNARD PHASE I DEVELOPMENT AREA



1" = 4000'

DORIS AVE DRAIN

WEST 5th ST. DRAIN

WOOLEY ROAD DRAIN

OXNARD WEST DRAIN

J STREET DRAIN

INDUSTRIAL DRAIN

RICE ROAD DRAIN

← PHASE I  
GROWTH AREA  
BOUNDARY

OXNARD

**LEGEND**

LINED CHANNEL ———

TO BE LINED - - - - -

NOT TO BE LINED .....

RED LINE CHANNEL IMPROVEMENTS  
ESTIMATED COSTS

KEY

1.	Oxnard Industrial Drain - Pleasant Valley Road to Bard - Estimated Cost	\$ 300,000
2.	Oxnard Industrial Drain - Bard to Channel Islands Boulevard - Estimated Cost	400,000
3.	Rice Road Drain - Channel Islands Boulevard to Emerson - Estimated Cost	320,000
4.	Oxnard Industrial Drain - Channel Islands Boulevard to Oxnard Boulevard - Estimated Cost	350,000
5.	Oxnard Industrial Drain - Oxnard Boulevard to East Wooley Road - Estimated Cost	300,000
6.	West Wooley Road Drain - Hemlock to West Wooley - Estimated Cost	500,000
7.	Dorn Avenue Drain - Ventura Road to 2,000' west - Estimated Cost	200,000
8.	West Fifth Street Drain - Victoria to Abex - Estimated Cost	360,000
9.	Rice Road Drain - Emerson to Fifth Street - Estimated Cost	675,000
10.	Rice Road Drain - Fifth Street to Santa Lucia - Estimated Cost	315,000
11.	West Wooley Road Drain - East of Patterson to Ventura Road	<u>375,000</u>
TOTAL		\$ 4,095,000



# CITY OF OXNARD

## MEMORANDUM

May 11, 1973

**To:** Public Works Director

**From:** Assistant Public Works Director

**SUBJECT:** Storm Drains - Oxnard Growth Area

The City Engineer, the Street Superintendent, and the Assistant Public Works Director met on Tuesday, March 27, 1973, to review the history of storm drain construction in the Oxnard Growth Area.

The following Red-Line Channels involved contributions by the City for construction:

1. "J" Street Channel. City contributed right-of way and 50% of the construction costs for the ultimate improvements.
2. Oxnard Drain West. City contributed 50% of construction costs for the ultimate improvements within City limits.
3. Rice Road Drain. City contributed about 50% of the construction of the ultimate improvements for this drain from Colonia Road to 100 feet south of Santa Lucia Avenue.
4. Rice Road Drain. The City contributed 100% of the construction of interim facilities from Santa Lucia Avenue to Wooley Road. Completion of interim facilities will result in a substantial reduction in costs of construction of the ultimate facilities.
5. Oxnard West Drain. The City has arranged to provide a cover over the Oxnard Drain West from Fifth Street to Ninth Street. This will result in reduced maintenance cost for the District.



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6. Howe Road Drain. The City has caused construction of the inland waterways and these have resulted in elimination of the proposed Howe Road Drain from Victoria Avenue west to the Edison Canal.

Oxnard has either donated right-of-way to the Ventura County Flood Control District for red-line channels or has obtained right-of-way and will make it available whenever the District agrees to accept these drains.

1. Oxnard Industrial Drain from Wooley Road south.
2. Patterson Road Drain from Hemlock Street to Channel Islands Boulevard. (This section is within the City of Port Hueneme).
3. Doris Drain, Ventura Road to Edison Canal.
4. Fifth Street Drain, Abex Company to Edison Canal.
5. Rice Road Drain, Colonia Road to Fifth Street.
6. Rice Road Drain adjacent to Tract 1610.
7. Wooley Road Drain adjacent to Tract 1883.

Oxnard currently also maintains the following red-line channels:

1. Doris Avenue Drain.
2. Fifth Street Drain.
3. Rice Road Drain, Channel Islands Boulevard to Santa Lucia Avenue.
4. Oxnard Industrial Drain.

  
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## PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT POLICY

### ADMINISTRATIVE MANUAL FORMAT

Pursuant to City Council action on April 17, 1973, the following constitutes City policy with respect to provision of public improvements in connection with development:

The construction of public improvements to serve development within the City shall be financed, for the most part, by the developer. It shall be the policy of the City that revenue obtained from owners or residents of existing development shall not be utilized to subsidize subdivision development. The City Council may elect to provide certain public improvements for desirable economic development where it can be demonstrated that commensurate long-term benefits will accrue to the City.

All public improvements must be in conformance with City General Plan. The size, location and construction of streets, water mains, sewer lines, and storm drains must provide for the ultimate requirements of the service area and must not be restricted to the economic advantage of the developer. The developer shall provide all public improvements on a schedule approved by the City Council.

As a general policy, future development within the corporate limits of the City of Oxnard should be contiguous with existing development in the same neighborhood, rather than detached, to reduce to a minimum the cost of providing adequate utility and street facilities and emergency services.

#### Storm Drainage

The developer shall dedicate the necessary right-of-way for "Red-line" channels and secondary drains and their service roads, and contribute an equitable share of their ultimate improvement. Each development shall be required to safely convey its storm runoff to the nearest watercourse with available capacity. All drainage plans utilizing drainage channels under the jurisdiction of the County must be approved by the Ventura County Flood Control District as now required by State law and County ordinance. The City, by utilizing developer fees, may assist the developer in providing improvements to storm drains where the improvements benefit areas outside the development.

#### Streets

The construction of streets shall be in conformance with the City General Plan and the City Pave Out Policy. All new development separated from existing City improvements by undeveloped property shall provide for continuity of traveled lanes on the thoroughfare on which the development abuts by extending the street section to the nearest improved thoroughfare. The City will provide its

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Public Improvement Policy

share of the cost of the intervening street section in conformance with the City Pave Out Policy. All new developments shall be provided with at least two vehicular entrances, one of which must be full-sized on permanent dedicated public right-of-way, and a pedestrian walkway to the nearest existing walkway system.

Sewers

In addition to sewer connection fees which will include a pro-rata share of the treatment plant, ocean outfall, and trunk lines, new development shall pay its equitable share of sewer mains abutting their property. It is the policy of the City to encourage ultimate sewer installations. Where the developer is required to finance the cost of offsite and oversize mains that will serve other areas, a five-year reimbursement period shall be granted. Where exceptionally high investment costs are incurred, the City Council may extend the reimbursement period. Sewer main types, sizes and locations and lift stations shall be determined by the City in order to minimize maintenance and replacement costs and to provide service to upstream areas.

Water

All new development will be required to install sufficient distribution lines, in accordance with the General Plan, to provide adequate domestic and fire protection service. The size and location of these lines shall be determined by the City. A five-year reimbursement agreement shall be granted for offsite, oversize, and other lines that may serve other property. The City Council may elect to extend certain water facilities and to establish other terms and conditions for desirable economic development.

April 17, 1973