DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 701 Ocean Street Santa Cruz, California 95060 August 24, 1998

SUBJECT: SAN VICENTE CREEK STREAM BANK PROTECTION PROJECT

Members of the Board:

Following the Board's direction at the August 4, 1998, meeting, Public Works proceeded with the emergency bidding for the subject project. The department invited fifteen reputable contractors to attend a pre-bid meeting on the project site. Four contractors' representatives attended the meeting. Because of the condition to enter the stream immediately and complete the project before October 15, 1998, and the contractors' current workloads, all of the contractors declined to bid on the project.

In order to reach a larger number of contractors and improve the bidding response, it is recommended that standard bidding procedures be used. Public Works' staff is working to revise the plans and specifications for formal bidding and to incorporate permitting agencies conditions.

Also, at the August 4, 1998, meeting, your Board directed Public Works' staff to contact the homeowners regarding a construction and cost share agreement for the work. The homeowners are reviewing the agreement conditions and we expect their reply shortly.

It is therefore recommended that your Board direct the Department of Public Works to complete the plans and specifications and return to your Board for your approval on September 15, 1998.

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JOHN A. FANTHAM

Director of Public Works

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:

County Administrative Officer

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David Lee, Planning Department

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