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Board of Supervisors
COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ
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SUBJECT: WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT REPORT

Dear Members of the Board:

Our agency reviewed the report regarding Water Resources Monitoring and Management in Santa Cruz County. We support most of the recommendations, in particular, increased water quality monitoring and watershed management activities, particularly within the San Lorenzo River Watershed, development and implementation of a comprehensive erosion control program and fishery habitat protection and restoration.

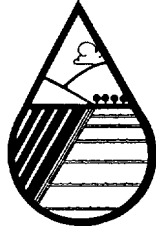
By correspondence dated August 2, 1998 the General Managers of all Santa Cruz County Water Agencies proposed a formalized cooperative working group with a recommended initial work program. The Board of Directors of the San Lorenzo Valley Water District unanimously supports the proposal as presented. Our agency believes the proposal will foster collaboration between all agencies relative to water resource management. We urge the Board of Supervisors to also support the proposal presented by the Water Agencies General Managers.

Our District is committed to working cooperatively with all agencies relative to water resource planning which will ensure a long-term and reliable supply of water for all users.

Sincerely,

Dexter Ahlgren, President
Board of Directors

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Ms. Jan Beautz, Chair
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Re: Cooperative Water Resources Management Efforts

Dear Ms. Beautz:

The Board of Directors of the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency (PVWMA) endorses strong cooperative efforts to improve water resources management throughout Santa Cruz County and the Monterey Bay area. We commend the County's interest and promised support, and we look forward to making significant progress by working together in the years ahead.

In terms of specific actions, the PVWMA Board supports the concept of establishing a Water Resources Working Group **as** discussed at the August 31 meeting of water district managers and County staff. This Board also supports the County's proposed new Water Resources Manager position, especially if this new position is asked to devote significant emphasis to coordinating efforts of the Water Resources Working Group. Further, this Board requests that a water district representative be included on the selection panel for the new Water Resources Manager. Including a water district perspective on this panel would help establish a collaborative footing for the important work ahead.

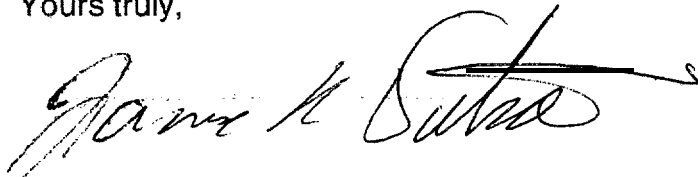
The PVWMA Board also commends County staff for its initiative and effort in preparing the Water Resources Monitoring and Management Report and related documents. While this Board concurs with the large majority of findings and conclusions contained in these County documents, we have identified some areas of disagreement or misunderstanding where we believe further dialogue could be productive. The consensus reached at the August 31 meeting was that the Water Resources Working Group should continue to review and discuss these County documents for the purpose of improving and perfecting them. We ask that your Board defer further action on these documents at this time, if any is contemplated. It is our understanding that County staff shares the point of view that substantial progress can best occur starting from a solid basis of facts and mutually agreed upon management strategies.

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As effective water resources management is a matter of utmost concern to both of our Boards, we anticipate and appreciate your thoughtful consideration of the recommendations presented in this letter.

Yours truly,

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James R. Dutra, Chair
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Subject: Comments on County's Water Resources Management Program

Dear Members of the Board:

Soquel Creek Water District appreciates your interest in receiving our comments on the very important issue of water resources management. We believe that a commitment from the County to work cooperatively with the public water agencies is necessary to address the concerns raised in the County's Water Resources Management Report, especially that of insufficient water supply.

Our District is supportive of the creation of the proposed position of County Water Resources Manager with the caveat that a primary duty of this new position would be coordinator for a Working Group composed of the Water Agency Managers and those County Staff with specific responsibilities for Water Resources Management. We believe such a Working Group would create a vehicle for: 1) sharing the work being done on water supply, demand, conservation and planning by the various agencies; and 2) coordinating regional solutions to water supply and quality issues. In this coordinator role, we believe the ideal candidate must have the ability to build positive relationships with the interested parties in addition to having the required technical understanding about water issues. We would like to request that representation from the Water Agencies be included on the selection panel for this position.

We remain concerned that some of the facts, goals, strategies, and work actions stated in the County Water Resources Plan documents previously accepted by the Board are misleading or unrealistic. We are confident that by collaborating with the Water Agencies, the County can greatly improve its understanding of the issues and increase the potential for successfully addressing the areas of concern. We, therefore, request that the Board not adopt the existing report as final and direct County Staff to form a collaborative partnership with the Water Agencies.

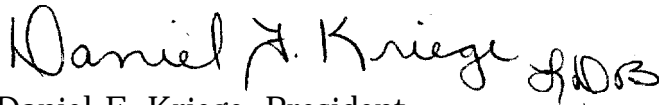
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As independent governmental bodies, we each have responsibility to do what is in the best interest of our constituents. It is, however, important to recognize that water knows no political boundaries. Our District is very open to working together on regional projects and would welcome constructive involvement from the County with respect to the specific issues within the Soquel/Aptos groundwater basin.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely,

SOQUEL CREEK WATER DISTRICT

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel F. Kriege" followed by a stylized monogram "DFK".

Daniel F. Kriege, President
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Water Resources Management

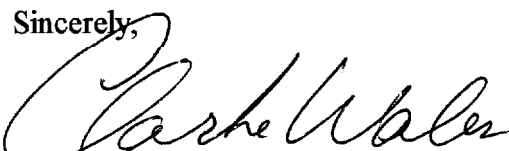
Dear Members of the Board:

Water district representatives met on August 31, 1998, to work on the structure and format of the proposed working group, goals, objectives, strategies and new County water **staffing** positions. Unfortunately, the results of this workshop have not yet been discussed with the Board of Directors of the Central Water District because their regular meeting falls on September 15, 1998, the same day as the meeting of your Board. Nevertheless, I am able to relay my Board's concerns regarding the uncertain part the County will play in water resources management.

Our District's water sources have remained relatively unchanged for the past 48 years. Static water levels that experienced minimal declines during drought years have continued to recover to their pre-drought conditions. The Central Water District Board is reluctant to endorse fully the proposed goals as presented in the Water Resources Management Report accepted and filed by your board, because it fails to address conditions of specific areas such as our District. The Board wishes to avoid the perception that all are equally involved in the "**overall** imperiled status of water resources," when in fact the District's water sources remain unchanged. The District recently formed a groundwater management agency within its boundaries to participate formally in this endeavor, and wishes to support those agencies that are in a threatened situation by providing continued monitoring data.

The Board expressed an interest in learning how the County intends to handle future funding of its water resources management efforts, particularly for those agencies with more favorable water resources.

Sincerely,



Clarke Wales, District Manager

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