
PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

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September 14, 1998

AGENDA: September 15, 1998

Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, California 95060

SUBJECT: Landslide Hazard Mitigation Program

Members of the Board:

As previously reported to your Board on September 1 and September 8, the Planning Department has been coordinating the Landslide Hazard Mitigation Program (HMGP) for the acquisition and demolition or relocation of properties rendered uninhabitable as a result of last Winter's El Nino storms. As your Board will recall, this program requires voluntary participation by the owners of eligible properties and the County in applying for HMGP funds and, ultimately, transferring title to the County or another eligible agency.

Subsequent to our last discussion with your Board, we have mailed informational letters and participation forms, to the owners of the sixteen sites we had determined to be eligible based on OES's revised criteria. We also distributed information about the program through the news media in an effort to make owners of potential sites aware of the program. Owners of eligible properties are continuing to submit the Requests for Assistance and certified appraisals necessary for staff to prepare formal application documents. These sites are as follows:

Address	Assessor Parcel Number(s)
1049 Amesti Road	108-221-16
1053 Amesti Road	108-221-17
1057 Amesti Road	108-221-18
1101 Amesti Road	108-221-19
1105 Amesti Road	108-371-12
1133 Amesti Road	108-371-11 & 108-371-03
1175 Amesti Road	108-371-09 & 108-371-10
1191 Amesti Road	108-371-08

1328 Amesti Road	107-222-52
609 White Road	049-022-08
226 Hayward Drive	041-091-17
240 Hayward Drive	041-091-18
19320 Hidden Springs Lane	089-391-21
18704 Highway 9	087-111-02
380 Heartwood Hill	086-082-26
400 Heartwood Hill	086-082-25

OES has established the following criteria for project evaluation and has also required that the County prioritize projects accordingly:

- ▶ greatest number of properties;
- ▶ highest level of voluntary participation;
- ▶ greatest long term mitigation benefit and;
- ▶ reasonable, essential components of a larger, long term solution.

Given the State’s guidelines and the relationships between the remaining sites, we recommend that they be organized into project areas and prioritized as follows:

1. Amesti Road & White Road sites
2. Hayward Drive, Hidden Springs Lane & Highway 9 sites
3. Heartwood Hill sites

We have also discussed with the Office of Emergency Services issues raised during your Board’s previous consideration of this program. These include:

1. Whether responsibility for the program could be transferred to a Geologic Hazard Assessment District (GHAD), which might be formed by the County after submittal of grant application documents.

This could include ultimate acquisition of the property by the GHAD whether initially acquired by the County and subsequently transferred to the GHAD or, if the GHAD is formed in time, direct acquisition by the GHAD.

- ▶ OES has no specific policy covering the form under which title is held or acquired by local jurisdictions. The operative requirement is for properties to be acquired by public or public nonprofit entities which provide a public service.
2. Whether properties could be transferred to homeowner associations which would be bound by the same property restrictions as the County.
 - ▶ Consistent with the requirement that properties be acquired by public entities as

mentioned above, OES has determined the County cannot transfer properties to homeowner associations.

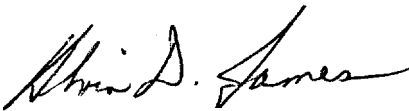
3. Whether the program's requirement to maintain properties in open space or equivalent uses prevents the County from placing engineering structures on acquired properties as part of repairs supported by State and Federal Disaster funds.
 - ▶ OES staff confirmed that placing engineering structures on acquired sites as a part of repairs to roads or other public infrastructure financed by State and Federal Disaster funds should be compatible with HMGP program goals and should cause no conflict.

We have been advised by OES that written confirmation of these responses can be prepared after their staff have had an opportunity to review the project applications.

It is, therefore, RECOMMENDED, that your Board take the following actions:

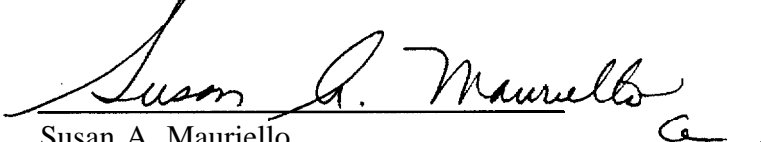
1. Accept and file this report;
2. Adopt the attached resolution authorizing County participation in the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program;
3. Authorize the prioritization and grouping of project areas as specified above;
4. Authorize the Planning Director to submit project applications for the properties listed above which submit complete participation documents by 5:00 pm on September 16, 1998, and;
5. Authorize the Planning Director to delete any site for which complete participation documents are not received by 5:00 pm on September 16, 1998, and;
6. Direct the Planning Director to provide a report on the status of the program on November 3, 1998.

Sincerely,



Alvin D. James/, AICP
Planning Director

RECOMMENDED:



Susan A. Mauriello
County Administrative Officer

attachment: Resolution

CC: Public Works
County Counsel

Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution and Certification

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Be It Resolved By The Board of Supervisors, of the County of Santa Cruz
(Board of Directors or Governing body) (Name of organization)

that Susan A. Mauriello, County Administrative Officer or
(name of Designated Agent) (Title)

Alvin D. James, Planning Director or
(name of Designated Agent) (Title)

_____, _____ or
(name of Designated Agent) (Title)

is hereby authorized to execute for and on behalf of the County of Santa Cruz
(Name of Organization)

a local government entity, state agency, special district or nonprofit organization established under the laws of the state of California, this application and to file it in the Governor's Office of Emergency Services for the purpose of obtaining certain federal financial assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988, P.L. 93-288, as amended.

That the County of Santa Cruz, hereby authorizes its agent to provide
(Name of Organization)

to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services for all matters pertaining to such disaster assistance the assurances and agreements required.

Passed and approved this 15th day of September, 1998
(Date) (Month) (Year)

Janet K. Beautz, Chairperson, Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors
(Name and Title of Approving Board or Council Member)

(Name and Title of Approving Board or Council Member)

CERTIFICATION

I, Susan M. Rozario, duly appointed Chief Deputy Clerk of
(Name) (Title of Clerk or Certifying Official)

Board of Supervisors, Santa Cruz County, do hereby certify that the above
(Name of Organization)

is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed and approved by the

Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz (Board of
Directors or Governing Body) (Name of Organization)

on the 15th day of September, 1998
(Date) (Month) (Year)

Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board
(Clerk or Certifying Official) (Signature) (Date)