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AGENDA: November 24, 1998

November 18, 1998

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, California 95060

SUBJECT: PAJARO RIVER WATERSHED BASIN

Members of the Board:

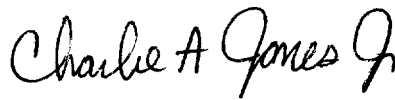
On August 25, 1998, your Board considered a report and adopted a resolution (Attachment I) agreeing to work cooperatively with neighboring counties to assess the nature of flood risks throughout the Pajaro River Watershed basin. Santa Clara, San Benito and Monterey Counties adopted similar resolutions.

In response to this show of good faith, legislation mandating a Joint Powers Authority between the four counties to assess Pajaro River flooding problems was discontinued. Letters were sent (Attachment II) requesting that \$100,000 in federal funds be appropriated for a Reconnaissance Study by the Army Corps of Engineers to assess the entire Pajaro River Basin. Unfortunately, no funds were allocated for this purpose in the 1999 federal budget.

Public Works' staff are meeting with representatives from Assemblymember Keeley's office to review alternate approaches for coordinating future discussions between the four counties. However, in the absence of federal funds in the coming year for the necessary Army Corps study, progress has slowed somewhat, as staff has focused on more immediate Pajaro River flood control options for Santa Cruz County. It is anticipated that a four county meeting to discuss basin wide flood assessment options will be held in January 1999.

It is therefore recommended that the Board of Supervisors accept and file this status report on cooperative efforts with neighboring counties to assess flood risks throughout the Pajaro River Watershed Basin and direct that the next status report be presented on or before March 23, 1999.

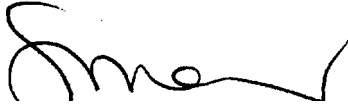
Yours truly,

For 
JOHN A. FANTHAM
Director of Public Works

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Attachments

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:



County Administrative Officer

copy to: Public Works

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August 26, 1998

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cc: PCR

RAYMOND E. BARSCH
Executive Director
California Water Commission
1416 Ninth Street, Room 1148
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR PAJARO RIVER WATERSHED RECONNAISSANCE STUDY

Dear Mr. Barsch:

The County of Santa Cruz has been actively involved with providing flood control services for the lower Pajaro River Valley for almost fifty years. Recent flood events in 1995 and again in 1998 have emphasized the need to reexamine the original levee project built by the Army Corps of Engineers in 1949. Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, San Benito, and Monterey counties, the counties that comprise the Pajaro River watershed, realize that the recurrent flooding needs to be addressed on a larger scale.

Recently, all four counties and their respective flood control and water agencies passed resolutions of intent to assess flood risks throughout the basin (copies attached). We have held meetings with the Army Corps of Engineers and have developed a targeted time line to begin the work.

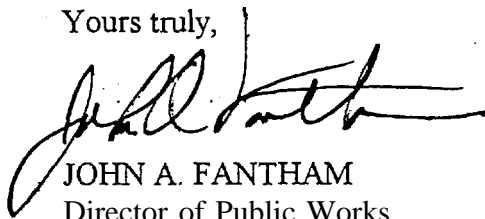
A critical activity to the success of improved flood protection is a Reconnaissance Study to be prepared by the Army Corps. This letter is to request your support of the Reconnaissance Study in the upcoming fiscal year federal-funding cycle. The cost of the study has been estimated to be \$100,000.

RAYMOND E BARSCH

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We are confident that a solution to the flooding problem can be found and look forward to working with our neighboring counties. Your support of the Reconnaissance Study funding is an important step to achieving our goals. Should you have any questions or require additional information please call Don Hill, Senior Civil Engineer, at (83 1) 454-2637.

Yours truly,



JOHN A. FANTHAM
Director of Public Works

DJH:mg

Attachments

copy to: Assemblymember Fred Keeley
 Board of Supervisors, Santa Clara County
 Board of Supervisors, San Benito County
 Board of Supervisors, Monterey County
 Board of Supervisors, Santa Cruz County
 Santa Clara Valley Water District
 San Benito County Water Agency
 Monterey County Water Resources Agency
 Zone 7 Board of Directors,
 City Manager, City of Watsonville
 United States Army Corps of Engineers
 ✓ County Administrative Office
 Public Works

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AGENDA: AUGUST 25, 1998

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

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August 13, 1998

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

SUBJECT: PAJARO RIVER WATERSHED RESOLUTION

Members of the Board:

As you are aware, Assemblymember Keeley has been very active in the legislature regarding the recurrent flooding along the Pajaro River. Realizing that the problem is regional in nature, he authored Assembly Bill 1986, the "Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority Act." The Act would establish a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) comprising the four counties and water agencies that contribute runoff to the river. Following the introduction of the bill to the Assembly, some of the proposed members of the JPA voiced their opposition to it on the grounds that the political bodies involved already possess the authority to enter into agreements to address problems of common concern and a state mandated authority is unnecessary.

Assemblymember Keeley challenged the proposed JPA members to reach agreement on how best to proceed towards resolving the flooding issues. To that end, the Santa Clara Valley Water Agency sponsored a meeting in Gilroy on July 30, 1998, and invited representatives from the proposed JPA and the Army Corps of Engineers. The result of that meeting is the resolution before your Board today.

The proposed resolution provides a framework and time line for the development of a multi jurisdictional study to assess the nature of flood risks throughout the Pajaro River watershed. The targeted time line to determine the scope and financing for the study has been coordinated to coincide with the results of an initial appraisal of the watershed being prepared by the Corps of Engineers. Assemblymember Keeley has reviewed the proposed resolution and is satisfied that the agreement will be able to accomplish the goals defined in the Assembly Bill.

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It is therefore recommended that your Board adopt the Resolution of Intent to Develop an Agreement to Assess the Nature of Flood Risks throughout the Pajaro River Watershed Basin.

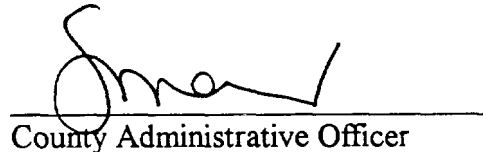
Yours truly,


JOHN A. FANTHAM
Director of Public Works

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Attachment

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL,:


County Administrative Officer

copy to: Assemblymember Fred **Keeley**
Board of Supervisors, Santa Clara County
Board of Supervisors, San Benito County
Board of Supervisors, Monterey County
Zone 7 Board of Directors
Santa Clara Valley Water District
San Benito County Water Agency
Monterey County Water Resources Agency
United States Army Corps of Engineers
Public Works

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. _____

On the motion of Supervisor
duly seconded by Supervisor
the following resolution is adopted:

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO DEVELOP AN AGREEMENT TO UNDERTAKE A
MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL STUDY TO ASSESS THE NATURE OF FLOOD
RISKS THROUGHOUT THE PAJARO RIVER WATERSHED BASIN

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is empowered by law to plan, develop, maintain, and provide facilities and services for the management of flood waters; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, in conjunction with other government agencies throughout the Pajaro River Basin, desires to provide participation in a regional effort to assess the nature of flood risks within the Pajaro River Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to accomplish the aforesaid purposes by expressing an intent to work cooperatively to define acceptable strategies to improve flood protection throughout the Pajaro River Watershed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz hereby:

- (1) Agrees to participate in an intergovernmental working group consisting of appropriate local governmental entities in San Benito, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and Monterey Counties; and
- (2) Agrees to consider appropriate participation in the development of a reconnaissance study to define the nature of flood risks throughout the Pajaro River Watershed for future use in mitigating these risks including consideration of a) making financial contributions for studies; b) developing of grant funding applications and /or c) entering into interagency agreements to undertake studies; and
- (3) Agrees to work within the following targeted time line for the attainment of the goals, as stated herein:

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<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>TARGETED TIME LINE</u>
a) Working group participation	August 1998
b) Negotiated flood risk reconnaissance study parameters	October 1998
c) Negotiated agreements for reconnaissance study financing	December 1998
d) Start of study	To be determined
e) Completion of study	To be determined
f) Evaluation of study recommendations	To be determined
g) Negotiated implementation of study recommendations	To be determined

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this d a y o f _____ 1998, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS

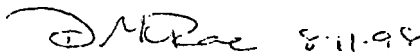
NOES: SUPERVISORS

ABSENT: SUPERVISORS

Chairperson of said Board

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of said Board

Approved as to form:

 8-11-98
~~Chief~~ Assistant County Counsel

Distribution: County Counsel
Public Works

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COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

On the Date of August 25, 1998

CONSENT AGENDA Item No. 043

(ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 345-98 of intent to develop an agreement to assess the nature of flood risks throughout the Pajaro River Watershed Basin, with an additional directive...

Upon the motion of Supervisor Wormhoudt, duly seconded by Supervisor Symons, the Board, by unanimous vote, adopted Resolution No. 345-98 of intent to develop an agreement to assess the nature of flood risks throughout the Pajaro River Watershed Basin, with an additional directive 'that Public Works return November 24, 1998 with a status report

cc:

Assemblymember Fred Keeley
Board of Supervisors, Santa Clara County
Board of Supervisors, San Benito County
Board of Supervisors, Monterey County
Zone 7 Board of Directors
Santa Clara Valley Water District
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State of California, County of Santa Cruz-ss.

I, Susan A. Mauriello, a-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the order made and entered in the Minutes of said Board of Supervisors. In witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Board of Supervisors.

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by *[Signature]* Deputy Clerk, on August 28, 1998.

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