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AGENDA: 12/15/98

December 3, 1998

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 County of Santa Cruz
 701 Ocean Street
 Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: FUNDING FOR SIX-COUNTY COHO SALMON RESTORATION EFFORTS

Dear Members of the Board:

As you know, I have been regularly attending meetings in **Marin** County with representatives of five other coastal counties from Monterey to Mendocino to discuss appropriate responses that the counties may undertake in light of the endangered species listings of **coho** salmon and steelhead. The group has come to be known as the Fishery Network of the Central California Coastal Counties (**Fishnet4C**). Those efforts have resulted in our group receiving approximately \$125,000 in funding from the National Marine Fisheries Service and the State Resources Agency to enable us to hire a staff person to further our efforts.

Kallie Kall, the staff Director whom we hired, appeared at our Board meeting several weeks ago to introduce herself. We have an ambitious agenda ahead of us, including training projects for county personnel covering best management practices that will reduce sedimentation in streams, conducting a research inventory of the various means by which counties now address stream conditions through their land use ordinances in order to ensure that each of the six counties reflects best management practices in this area, and an analysis of the procedural steps that would be needed to provide streamlined permitting for in-stream restoration projects. Santa Cruz County will obtain substantial cost-savings through the fact that these activities, all of which will ineluctably be required to respond to the ESA listings, will be developed on a joint basis.

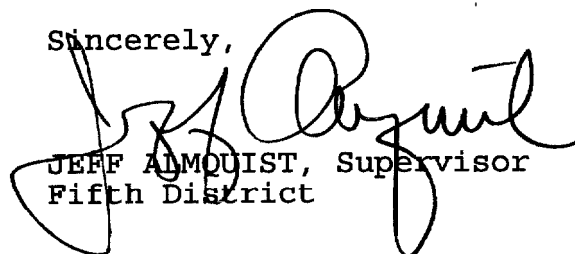
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To enhance our ability to carry out these objectives, each of the six County Supervisors who are participating in these meetings has agreed to request a contribution of \$2,500 from their respective counties to support these activities. **Marin** County has agreed to act as the fiscal agent for this program. Discussions with the Planning Department and the Department of Public Works have indicated that each of these departments is able to make a contribution. Specifically, the Director of Planning has indicated that we could receive a disbursement of \$1,000 in Zone 4 funds, and the Director of Public Works has indicated that he would be able to charge various zones of the Flood Control and Water Conservation District in the aggregate amount of \$1,500 which would represent reimbursement for costs associated with staff training on stream preservation protocols and assistance in seeking grant opportunities for his department.

Accordingly, I recommend that the Board take the following actions:

1. Direct the Director of Planning to process a claim for \$1,000 in Zone 4 funds to cover costs for the **six-county coho** salmon recovery effort;
2. Direct the Director of Public Works to charge the various zones of the Flood Control and Water Conservation District an aggregate amount of \$1,500 for costs associated with staff training on stream preservation protocols and for seeking grant opportunities; and
3. Request the Auditor-Controller to Process the claims and charges and make the funds available to the project through the auspices of **Marin** County in its capacity as the project's fiscal agent.

Sincerely,



JEFF ALMQUIST, Supervisor
Fifth District

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cc: Alvin James, Planning Director
John Fantham, Public Works Director
Gary Knutson, Auditor-Controller
Supervisor Steve Kinsey, **Marin** County
Kallie Kall, **Fishnet4C**

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