



JOHN A. FANTHAM
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

County of Santa Cruz

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

701 OCEAN STREET, ROOM 410, SANTA CRUZ, CA 95060
(931) 454-2160 FAX (831) 454-2385 TDD (831) 454-2123

AGENDA: JANUARY 26, 1999

January 13, 1999

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, California 95060

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROTECTION PROGRAM

Members of the Board:

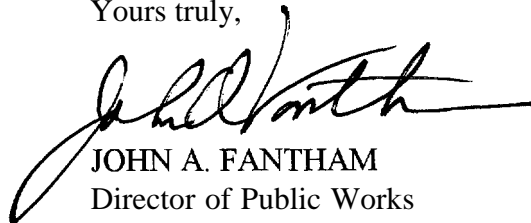
On November 10, 1998, your Board directed Public Works to return on this date with a report recommending a policy relative to the local funding share of Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) projects.

At this time, the San Vicente and Spring Creek EWP projects have not been completed. High stream flow and concerns over steelhead migration prompted the State Department of Fish and Game to require that construction on San Vicente Creek be stopped in mid December 1998 and the project winterized. Work cannot begin again until after April 15, 1999. A separate report will transmit change orders relating to this project suspension to your Board. The Spring Creek Project is anticipated to be completed later this month.

A key component of any local funding share policy will be how to recover or otherwise fund the County's administrative costs associated with its projects. These costs include a number of components such as plan preparation, inspection, change order processing, permit processing, and accounting services. In order to fully assess these costs and develop recommendations, it is important that the projects all be fully completed. Since this is now not anticipated to occur until sometime in May or June 1999, it is proposed that a report be presented to your Board in August 1999.

It is therefore recommended that the Board of Supervisors direct the Public Works Department to report back on or before August 17, 1999, with recommendations for an EWP project local match policy.

Yours truly,

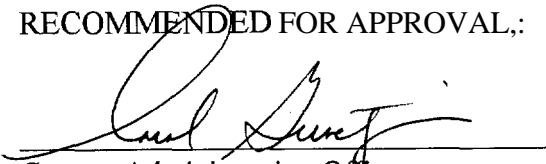


JOHN A. FANTHAM
Director of Public Works

PCR:mg

Attachments

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL,:



for County Administrative Officer

copy to: Public Works