

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ  
FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7 MEETING  
BOARD CHAMBERS, ROOM 525

9:15 A.M.

January 26, 1999

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- A. Roll Call
- B. Consideration of Late Additions
- C. Additions and Deletions

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- 1. AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7, approve special meeting minutes of November 24, 1998
- 1.1 AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7, authorize the Chairperson to call for nominations and elect a new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for 1999
- 1.2 AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7, approve the 1999 Zone 7 meeting schedule
- 1.3 AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7, accept and file status report on cooperative efforts with neighboring counties to assess flood risks throughout the Pajaro River Watershed Basin and direct a further report be presented on or before March 23, 1999
- 1.4 AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7, accept and file status report on the Pajaro River/Salsipuedes Creek Flood Control efforts and direct Public Works to return March 23, 1999 with a detailed report on flood protection alternatives

- 1.5 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - The Board will receive Oral Communications following completion of all other items on the Agenda. Any person may address the Board during its Oral Communications period. Presentations must not exceed five minutes, must be directed to an item not listed on today's Agenda, and must be within the jurisdiction of the Board. Board members will not take action or respond immediately to any Oral Communications presented, but may choose to follow up at a later time, either individually, or on a subsequent District Agenda.

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES  
COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ  
FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7 MEETING  
SPECIAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 24, 1998

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- A. Roll Call  
 Voting Members Present: Directors Beautz, Symons, Wormhoudt, Belgard, Almquist, Carroll and Chair Bobeda  
 Voting Members Absent: None  
 Non-Voting Members Present: Cooley  
 Non-Voting Members Absent: Rider, Clifton and Meschi
- B. Consideration of Late Additions
- C. Additions and Deletions
- D. Oral Communications - No one addressed the Board

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- 1. AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7. APPROVED Minutes of September 15, 1998

Motion was made by Director Belgard, duly seconded by Director Almquist:

Ayes: Beautz, Symons, Wormhoudt, Belgard, Almquist, Carroll and Bobeda  
 N o e s : None  
 Abstain: None  
 Absent: None

- 1.1 AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7, APPROVED transfer of funds to reestablish levee profile project; adopted RESOLUTION NO. 42-9877 accepting unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$250,000 from the Monterey County Water Resources Agency; adopted RESOLUTION NO. 43-9877 accepting unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$30,000 from the City of Watsonville; and authorized the District Engineer to sign change order for \$57,000 additional work

Motion was made by Director Belgard, duly seconded by Director Symons:

Ayes: Beautz, Symons, Wormhoudt, Belgard, Almquist,  
Carroll and Bobeda  
Noes : None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

- 1.2 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - No one addressed the Board

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, Zone 7 Board

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Board

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# County of Santa Cruz

## FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT - ZONE 7

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JOHN A. FANTHAM  
 DISTRICT ENGINEER

AGENDA: JANUARY 26, 1999

January 12, 1999

BOARD OF DIRECTORS-ZONE 7  
 SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL  
 AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
 701 Ocean Street  
 Santa Cruz, California 95060

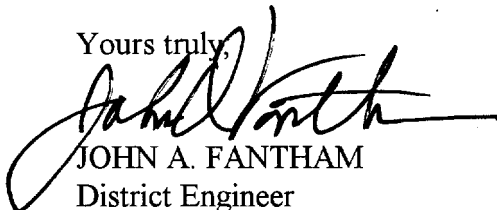
SUBJECT: ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ZONE 7  
 CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON FOR 1999

Members of the Board:

In conformance with Resolutions Number 2-Z7 and 12-Z7 (Rules and Regulations of Zone 7), the election of the Board of Directors Zone 7 Chairperson and Vice Chairperson is scheduled for the first regular meeting of the calendar year. Pursuant to Section 1.11 of the Rules and Regulations, the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson will be elected by a majority vote.

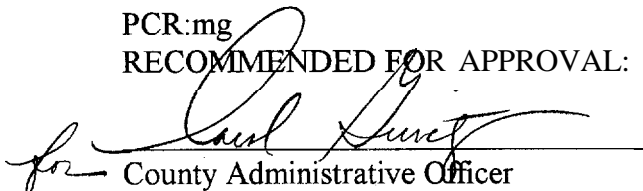
It is therefore recommended that the Chairperson call for nominations and that your Board elect a new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for 1999.

Yours truly,



JOHN A. FANTHAM  
 District Engineer

PCR:mg  
 RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:



County Administrative Officer

copy to: Zone 7 Board of Directors  
 Carlos J. Palacios, Manager, City of Watsonville  
 Public Works

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**AGENDA: JANUARY 26, 1999**

January 11, 1999

BOARD OF DIRECTORS-ZONE 7  
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL  
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
701 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

SUBJECT: 1999 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Members of the Board:

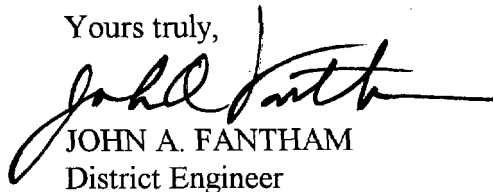
In conformance with Resolutions Number 2-Z7 and 12-Z7 (Rules and Regulations of Zone 7), the 1999 meeting date schedule is as follows:

January 26 (9: 15 a.m.)	August 3 (9: 15 a.m.)
March 16 (7:30 p.m.)	September 21 (9: 15 a.m.)
June 17 (7:30 p.m.)	

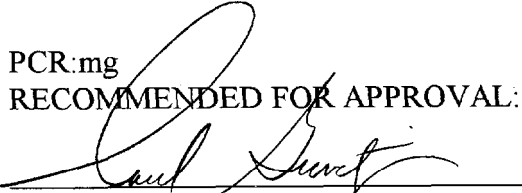
The June meeting will be the annual budget meeting. The March and June meetings will be held at the City of Watsonville, City Council Chambers. The January, August, and September meetings will be held at the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Chambers.

It is therefore recommended that the Zone 7 Board of Directors approve the 1999 Zone 7 meeting schedule.

Yours truly,

  
JOHN A. FANTHAM  
District Engineer

PCR:mg  
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:

  
County Administrative Officer

Copy to: Zone 7 Board of Directors  
Carlos J. Palacios, Manager, City of Watsonville  
Public Works (CSA Administration)

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# County of Santa Cruz

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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JOHN A. FANTHAM  
 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

AGENDA: January 26, 1999

January 12, 1999

BOARD OF DIRECTORS-ZONE 7  
 SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL  
 AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
 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 will be 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 February.

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It is therefore recommended that the Zone 7 Board of Directors 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.

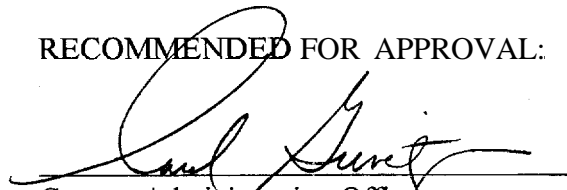
Yours truly,

*For*   
JOHN A. FANTHAM  
District Engineer

PCR:rw

Attachments

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:

  
*for* County Administrative Office

copy to: Zone 7 Board of Directors  
Carlos J. Palacios, Manager, City of Watsonville  
Assemblymember Fred Keeley  
Santa Clara Valley Water District  
San Benito County Water District  
Monterey County Water Resources Agency  
County Administrative Office  
Public Works



DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC WORKS

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ 525

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JOHN A. FANTHAM  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

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August 11, 1998

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ZONE 7  
Santa Cruz County Flood Control  
and Water Conservation District  
701 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 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.

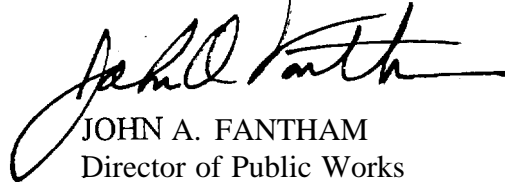
The proposed resolution provides a framework and time line for the development of a multi jurisdictional study to assess the nature of flood risks throughout the Pajaro River watershed. The targeted time line to determine the scope and financing for the study has been coordinated to coincide with the 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.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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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, )

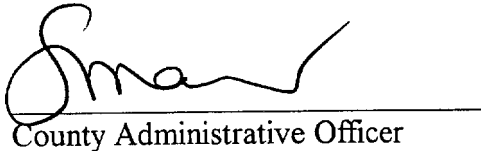


JOHN A. FANTHAM  
Director of Public Works

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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  
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  
Public Works

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## DISTRICT OFFICES:

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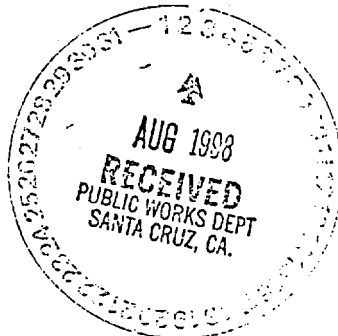
# Assembly California Legislature

**FRED KEELEY**

Assemblymember, 27th District  
DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS CHAIR



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AND TOXIC MATERIALS  
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JUDICIARY  
NATURAL RESOURCES



July 29, 1998

Mr. John Fantham  
Director of Public Works  
County of Santa Cruz  
701 Ocean Street, Room 410  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Dear Mr. Fantham:

At the July 17, 1998 meeting in Watsonville we agreed to meet again to outline the scope of a watershed analysis of the Pajaro River Watershed. We also agreed that each agency would present a resolution of intent to their respective boards. I have attached a sample resolution that I hope will be useful in this process.

As we discussed at the meeting in Watsonville, the legislative clock is moving quickly. Please return your signed resolutions to my office by the close of business on Wednesday, August 26, 1998. If you are unable to meet this date please contact Michael Paiva of my staff at (916) 3 19-23 10. I appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Thank you again for participating in the process to solve the problem of flooding in the Pajaro River Watershed.

Sincerely,

**FRED KEELEY**, Member  
27<sup>th</sup> Assembly District

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August 26, 1998

Handwritten initials: P.D. / Jm / C.P.C.R.

RAYMOND E. BARSCH  
Executive Director

California Water Commission  
14 16 Ninth Street, Room 1148  
Sacramento, CA 958 14

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-f&ding cycle. The cost of the study has been estimated to be \$100,000.

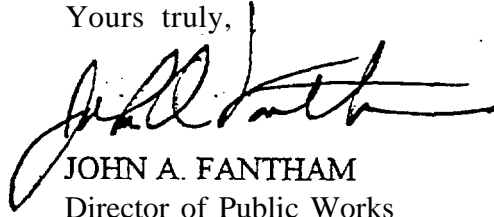


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We are confident that a solution to the flooding problem can be found and look forward to working with our neighboring counties. Your support of the Reconnaissance Study **funding** is an important step to **achieving** our goals. Should you have any 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

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# County of Santa Cruz

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JOHN A. FANTHAM  
 DISTRICT ENGINEER

**AGENDA: JANUARY 26, 1999**

January 20, 1999

BOARD OF DIRECTORS-ZONE 7  
 SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL  
 AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

SUBJECT: STATUS OF PAJARO RIVER/SALSIPUEDES CREEK  
 FLOOD CONTROL EFFORTS

Members of the Board:

As you are aware, Zone 7 staff is currently working on a number of projects and approaches to improving flood control facilities associated with the Pajaro River/Salsipuedes Creek system.

Work has begun on a Zone 7 project to resurface additional portions of the Pajaro River and Salsipuedes Creek levees as approved by your Board last fall. Staff is also coordinating with the Army Corps on its emergency levee repair projects; repairs of the Salsipuedes Creek levee are currently in construction adjacent to Bridge Street. Additional Army Corps work is anticipated to begin within the next month on sites along the Pajaro River below State Highway 1. Several productive meetings have also been held with Army Corps staff on long range, high-level flood control projects for the Pajaro River and Salsipuedes Creek. A detailed report on these long-range projects will be provided to your Board in March.

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In spite of these significant efforts, it is clear that an even higher level of commitment on the part of the County is necessary to move all these projects toward construction, particularly the larger flood control projects. To this end, the Public Works Department is now assigning a full-time Senior Civil Engineer to Zone 7 for the purposes of expediting implementation of the Pajaro River system flood control projects. We anticipate that this increased commitment will help to focus and expedite the many interagency efforts underway to resolve the major flooding problems which continue to face residents, businesses, and agriculture within the Pajaro River basin portions of the County.

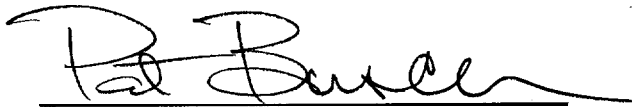
It is therefore recommended that your Board accept and file this report and direct Public Works to return on March 23, 1999, with a detailed report on flood protection alternatives for the Pajaro River and Salsipuedes/Creek.

Yours truly,

  
JOHN A. FANTHAM  
District Engineer

PCR:mg

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:



County Administrative Officer

Acting

Copy to: Zone 7 Board of Directors  
Carlos J. Palacios, Watsonville City Manager  
Public Works