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AGENDA: March 23, 1999

March 16, 1999

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

701 Ocean Street

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN I/II/III POSITION

Members of the Board:

The trend of a very busy design and construction schedule has been ongoing in the County through four consecutive years of declared disasters. The damage to our transportation system has added a substantial amount of projects to our already long list of projects to be designed and constructed. These include numerous road, storm damage repair, sanitation and drainage projects. For the last six years we have reassigned design staff to construction inspection and over the last two years we have also hired extra help to handle the increased activity. This has provided intermittent construction inspection relief but has resulted in a growing backlog of projects to be designed.

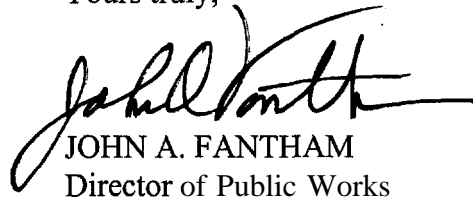
We have reviewed our current and proposed construction schedules for the next several years and concluded that a permanent position assigned to construction inspection is needed. Under normal circumstances, we would bring this request to your Board during budget hearings. However, our peak construction season workload is approaching and the need for additional staff will be critical prior to July 1, 1999. We will need to start the recruitment process now in order to have the position filled by early summer.

We are therefore requesting the addition of one full time position in the Engineering Technician I/II/III classification. Funding for this new position is available in the 1998/99 approved budget for the various projects and general construction inspection in the Road Fund Budget.

It is therefore recommended that the Board of Supervisors take the following action:

1. Authorize the addition of one full time position in the Department of Public Works in the classification of Engineering Technician I/II/III.
2. Direct the Personnel Department to take necessary actions to establish the position.

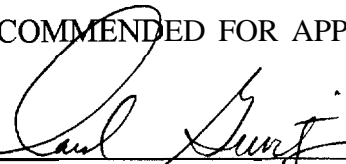
Yours truly,



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RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:



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