

County of Santa Cruz

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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July 17, 1999

AGENDA: August 3, 1999

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS County of Santa Cruz 701 Ocean Street Santa Cruz, California **95060**

HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM - FELTON GROVE ELEVATION

Dear Members of the Board:

On April 13, 1999, your Board took various actions regarding the Felton Grove Structural Elevations/Retrofits Project. This project is funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). The County of Santa Cruz was awarded \$1,256,501 for this project from HMGP funds from the California Floods of 1995. HMGP grant funds cover 75 percent of the eligible costs to elevate the Felton Grove homes with the homeowners responsible for the remaining 25 percent.

As your Board is aware, the Felton Grove neighborhood was flooded twice in one week during the Fino Winter Storms of 1998. The 1998 flooding underscored the need to elevate homes in Felton Grove. HMGP grant funds will cover 75 percent of the eligible costs to elevate a home with the homeowners responsible for the remaining 25 percent. Since the HMGP program is voluntary, the homeowners do not have to participate; but homeowners who choose to elevate their homes will experience a reduction in the costs for flood insurance as well as added protection during a flood event. When we reported to your Board on December 15, 1998, it was anticipated that available grant funds would be sufficient to elevate the eligible homes of Felton Grove homeowners who choose to participate. However, since current homeowner interest now exceeds available funding, it is necessary to request additional grant funds from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

Additionally, the geotechnical investigation that was prepared for the Felton Grove Subdivision identified seismic constraints that required engineering solutions. The need to complete the design requirements for these homes comes at a time when construction activity in Santa Cruz County is at

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its highest level in the past decade. The current construction activity is being driven by a healthy economy. The construction forecasts suggest the continuation of this trend for at least the next two years. Since all of these factors have contributed to lengthen the pre-construction process for these projects, it is necessary to request a grant extension through October 3 1, 2000 from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

On January 23, 1996, your Board adopted the original Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution for this project (Attachment A). Since the Designated Agent for the Planning Department has changed, it is necessary to amend the resolution (Attachment B).

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board:

Accept and file report on the Felton Grove Elevation Project;

Authorize the Planning Department to request additional Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds for the Felton Grove Elevation Project;

Authorize the Planning Department to request an extension for the Felton Grove Elevation Project; and

Adopt resolution amending the Designation of Applicant's Agent for the Felton Grove Elevation Project.

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RECOMMENDED:

Alvin D. Janes, AICP

Planning Director

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County Administrative Officer

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Attachments

County Administrative Office

County Counsel

Auditor-Controller

Felton Grove House Raising Project Committee

(date) (month)

Deputy Clerk
(Clerk or Certifying Official) (Signature)

January 24, 1996 (dale)

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APPROVED AS TO FORM

Office of the County Counsel

Resolution No.	ATTACHM	ENT B
Amending Resolution No. 027-96		
Designation of Applicant's Ager	nt Resolution and Certification	
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at Susan A. Mauriello (name of Designated Agent)	County Administrative Officer (Title)	or
John A. Fantham	<u>Director of Public Works</u>	or
(name of Designated Agent)	(Title)	
Alvin D. James (name of Designated Agent)	Planning Director (Title)	or
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