

County of Santa Cruz

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AGENDA: AUGUST 3, 1999

July 28, 1999

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, California 95060

SUBJECT: DISASTER RECOVERY INITIATIVE (DRI)
GRANT APPLICATION

Members of the Board:

The State Department of Housing and Community Development has announced the availability of funding to mitigate damage resulting from the El Niño storms of 1998. These funds have been made available through the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In addition to mitigating damage caused by the El Niño storms, at least 50% of each grant must benefit low and moderate income households (80% of the county-wide median income adjusted for family size). Grant applications were due to the state on August 2, 1999, therefore our application was sent in time to meet this deadline. Further documents approved today will be forwarded to the state. Grants will be awarded to eligible projects on a first-come, first-served basis until all funds are awarded. Each jurisdiction is limited to \$1,000,000 in grant application funding. There is \$10.2 million available on a statewide basis to jurisdictions that were part of the federal declared disaster during the winter of 1998.

In addition to the above amount, another \$4,475,170 is being made available to eligible jurisdictions that received State Office of Emergency Services landslide grants. The Planning Department is currently researching this grant avenue, as there is a serious question regarding match requirements, and may come back to your Board in the near future with additional information.

Public Works has identified a project not previously funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or the Army Corps of Engineers. This project will repair areas of seepage caused or exacerbated by the El Niño storms in two project locations on the Pajaro River and I Salsipuedes levees. A map of the locations is included in the grant package which will be available at the Clerk of the Board's office on Friday, July 30, 1999. This project will benefit residents of the 100-year floodplain and meets the income criteria benefit as described above.

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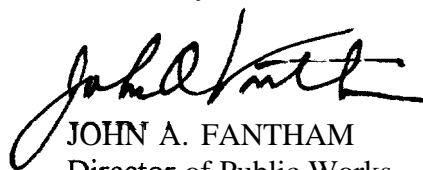
Total grant funds requested for the levee repair is \$555,440. This includes \$397,500 for the actual repair project, \$53,000 for plans and specifications (project delivery) and \$104,940 for administration. There is a 25% required local match of \$132,500 which has been identified in the Pajaro Storm Drain Maintenance District budget. Total anticipated project cost is \$687,940.

Because of grant requirements, your Board must hold a public hearing to consider public comments. Since public review of the application must take place prior to submittal of the information to HUD, a notice of the August 3, 1999, public hearing was placed in a newspaper of general circulation for a period of 10 days beginning July 25, 1999.

It is therefore recommended that your Board take the following actions:

1. Open the public hearing and receive public comments on the State Community Development Block Grant Application;
2. Adopt the attached resolution approving an application and contract execution for funding from the State Community Development Block Grant Program and authorizing the execution of a grant agreement with the State of California;
3. Approve the submittal of an application under the DRI program for repair of seepage areas in the Pajaro River and Salsipuedes levees;
4. Authorize the Director of Public Works to act on the County's behalf in matters relating to this application.

Yours truly,



JOHN A. FANTHAM
Director of Public Works

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Attachments

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:



County Administrative Officer

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. _____

On the motion of Supervisor
duly seconded by Supervisor
the following resolution is adopted:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ APPROVING AN APPLICATION AND CONTRACT
EXECUTION FOR FUNDING FROM THE GENERAL/NATIVE AMERICAN
ALLOCATION OF THE STATE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
(CDBG) PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT
AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO WITH THE STATE OF
CALIFORNIA FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS GRANT**

WHEREAS, the State Department of Housing and Community Development has announced a Notice of Funding Availability to mitigate damage resulting from the winter storms of 1998; and

WHEREAS, these funds are being made available through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Disaster Recovery Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Cruz has suffered damage from the winter storms of 1998 that have not been mitigated; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on August 3, 1999, to review the County's application under this program;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz resolves as follows:

1. The Board of Supervisors has reviewed and hereby approves an application for: The Pajaro/Salsipuedes levee system repair and flood control project.
2. If the grant application is approved, the County will provide a 25% program match as follows: \$132,500 from the 1999/00 Pajaro Storm Drain Maintenance District Budget.
3. The Director of Public Works is hereby authorized and directed to act on the County's behalf in all matters pertaining to this application.
4. If the application is approved, the Director of Public Works is authorized to enter into and sign the grant agreement and any amendments thereto with the State of California for the purposes of this grant.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this o day of _____ 1999, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS

NOES: SUPERVISORS

ABSENT: SUPERVISORS

Chairperson of said Board

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of said Board

Approved as to form:

DM Rae 7.28.99
County Counsel

Distribution: County Counsel
Public Works

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