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AGENDA:

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July 21, 1999

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

RE:

REGIONAL MEETING TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS

PAJARO VALLEY GROUNDWATER ISSUES

Dear Members of the Board:

As Board members will recall, on June 22, 1999, during the Board's discussion of Pajaro Valley groundwater issues, I proposed that a regional meeting be held to discuss the significant groundwater issues facing the Pajaro Valley, and specifically the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency. My proposal included suggested representation of one County supervisor and one County staff member to attend on behalf of our **Cou**nty but no action was taken to designate our specific representatives.

As indicated in the attached letter, the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency is hoping to schedule a regional meeting later this month. Accordingly, I recommend that the Board appoint one Supervisor and Bruce Laclerque of the Planning Department to represent the County at this regional meeting and any follow-up meeting(s).

Sincerely,

JEFF ALMOUIST, Chairperson Board of Supervisors

JA:ted Attachment

Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency cc: Bruce Laclergue, Planning Department County Administrative Office

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uly 7, 1999

Ms. Susan Mauriello County Administrative Officer Santa Cruz County 701 Ocean Street Santa Cruz, California 95060

Re: Regional Meeting to Review and Discuss Pajaro Valley Groundwater Issues

Dear Ms. Mauriello:

At your Board of Supervisors meeting on June 22, Board Chairperson Almquist proposed a format for a regional meeting to review and discuss Pajaro Valley groundwater issues. The Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency (PVWMA) Board is supportive of this proposal as a constructive means to enhance interagency understanding, dialogue, and collaboration.

Pursuant to Mr. Almquist's proposal, the PVWMA invites Santa Cruz County to designate one Supervisor and one staff member to attend such a regional meeting at the PVWMA Board Room in Watsonville in August. The PVWMA is extending a similar invitation to Monterey County, San Benito County, and the City of Watsonville. The PVWMA representatives at this meeting are likely to be our Board Chair – Brad Bennett – and me.

We anticipate a two to three-hour meeting. The objectives will be to share views, seek common ground, and clarify points of difference. The tentative agenda includes a short presentation by our staff and engineering consultant, general discussion, decision by the group on additional meetings or actions, and concluding remarks. We suggest any of the following possible meeting dates: August 11 (Wednesday), August 12 (Thursday), August 16 (Monday), August 17 (Tuesday), August 19 (Thursday), or August 20 (Friday).

Please let me know as soon as possible which of the proposed meeting dates are acceptable to Santa Cruz County, who your representatives to the meeting will be, and whether you have any suggestions regarding the tentative agenda. Once we receive feedback from the other meeting participants, we will finalize the meeting date.

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The PVWMA looks forward to this upcoming opportunity to work together n a spirit of regional cooperation to overcome the formidable groundwater and water supply challenges that face the Pajaro Valley community.

Yours truly,

Charles McNiesh General Manager

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cc. Jeff Almquist, Chairperson, Board of Supervisors
Tony Campos, Fourth District, Board of Supervisors