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### **AGENDA: SEPTEMBER 21, 1999**

September 10, 1999

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

701 Ocean Street

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**SUBJECT: PAJARO STORM DRAIN MAINTENANCE DISTRICT**

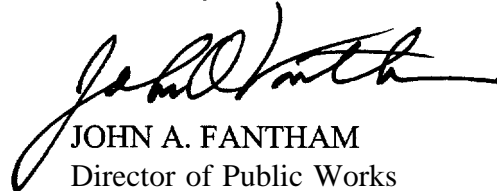
Members of the Board:

On June 24, 1999, your Board approved the Pajaro Storm Drain Maintenance District Budget, with the additional directive that County of Santa Cruz staff meet with City of Watsonville Public Works staff to resolve a number of issues and to report back today.

In response to your Board's directive, County and Watsonville staff met on July 1, 1999. An agreement was reached on five items which will facilitate better communication and coordination between the City of Watsonville and the County of Santa Cruz. These five items are detailed in the attached letter from David Koch, the City of Watsonville Director of Public Works, to the Watsonville City Council. The Watsonville City Council appeared satisfied with the proposed arrangements and adopted the Watsonville City staff recommendations at its July 13, 1999, meeting. County staff is now routinely providing reports and fiscal information to the City of Watsonville Public Works Department, as agreed. We believe sharing this information, together with holding the periodic meetings, will enhance our working relationship with the City of Watsonville.

It is therefore recommended that the Board of Supervisors direct Public Works staff to continue providing information to, and coordinating with, the City of Watsonville as summarized in this report.

Yours truly,

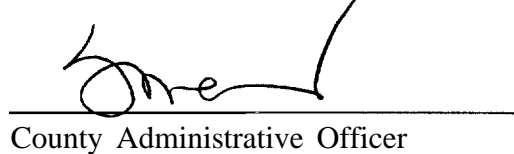


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Attachment

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:



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County Administrative Officer

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                  City of Watsonville Public Works

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Endorsed for presentation to the City Council

  
City Manager

**MEMORANDUM**

Date: July 7, 1999

To: Carlos J. Palacios, City Manager

From: David A. Koch, Director of Public Works and Utilities 

Subject: Approval of FY 1999/2000 Budget for Santa Cruz County Zone 7 Flood Control and Water Conservation District (Zone 7)

**Agenda Item:** July 13, 1999 City Council

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council approve the proposed FY 1999/2000 budget for Santa Cruz County Zone 7 Flood Control and Water Conservation District (Zone 7).

**Discussion:** The City Council reviewed the proposed the FY 1999/2000 Zone 7 budget at their June 22, 1999 meeting. At that time, both the City Council and staff expressed concerns regarding the lack of detail that was provided regarding the individual line items in the budget. Of particular concern was the line item for "Maintenance and Operations on the Levee System" for \$335,000. Concerns were also expressed regarding the fact that the Pajaro Storm Drain Maintenance District (PSDMD) also contains funding for similar maintenance and operation activities within the Zone 7 boundaries.

Following discussion, the City Council directed staff to meet with County staff and obtain additional information regarding FY 1998/ 1999 and proposed FY 1999/2000 Maintenance and Operations activities and to make arrangements to insure that the City can play a role in development of the annual Zone 7 budget and is kept apprised of Zone 7 activities throughout the year.

City staff met with County Public Works Department staff on July 1, 1999 to discuss the issues surrounding the Zone 7 budget. Following lengthy discussions regarding County crew activity records, financial accounting system, and other issues, City and County staff agreed to the following:

- 1) The County will provide the City with a complete set of FY 1998/99 County crew reports itemizing time and equipment expenditures for maintenance and operations activities in the Zone 7 area. (These records were received on July 7, 1999).

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- 2) The County will provide the City with FY 1999/2000 daily crew reports on a monthly basis during that fiscal year.
- 3) The County will provide the City with monthly cost management reports that track Zone 7 expenditures and fund balances on an on-going basis
- 4) Quarterly meetings will be held between City and County staff to review the status of maintenance and operations activities and to jointly discuss priorities and strategies for upcoming work.
- 5) In February of each year, City staff will meet with County staff to participate in the formulation of the Zone 7 budget for the subsequent fiscal year.

Staff has reviewed the County's records regarding the maintenance and operations activities in the Zone 7 area and have found them to be quite detailed and to provide adequate documentation of the work performed. Receiving the daily crew reports on a monthly basis in the future will allow the City to more closely monitor the activities throughout the year. The quarterly meetings will allow the City to have input in establishing priorities and will provide an opportunity for coordination between the City and County forces when appropriate. The City's direct participation in the County's Zone 7 budget process will also provide the City with an opportunity to make its priorities known and to help insure the most effective, efficient use of available resources.

In summary, staff believes that the agreement reached regarding the provision of records and future collaboration between the City and the County will allow the City to be kept apprised of the County's Zone 7 and PSDMD activities as well as provide the City with an opportunity to provide input into the prioritization of maintenance activities and resources.

**Financial Impact:** There will be no direct financial impact to the City. Zone 7 budget expenditures will be paid from existing Zone 7 funds, bond proceeds, and service charge revenues for FY 1999/2000. In accordance with the rate schedule contained in the Zone 7 Engineer's Report, annual Zone 7 assessments increased to their maximum level last year and will remain as shown in the following table,

L a n d	<u>FY 1999/2000 Assessment</u>
Residential	\$ 48.00 per SFRU
Agricultural	\$ 6.66 per acre
Commercial/Industrial	\$ 320.00 per acre

**Alternatives:** Alternatives include not approving the Zone 7 budget or approving the budget with conditions.

**Exhibits and Attachments:** Attachment 1 - Proposed 1999/2000 Zone 7 Budget  
Attachment 2 - Staff report from June 22, 1999 Council Meeting

cc: City Attorney

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