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AGENDA: FEBRUARY 15, 2000

February 3, 2000

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

SUBJECT: PAJARO RIVER FOUR-COUNTY BASIN STUDY

Members of the Board:

On January 25, 2000, a status report on the Pajaro River Four-County Basin Study (Exhibit "A") was submitted to the Santa Cruz County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Zone 7. As indicated in that report, a meeting of the four counties and four water/flood control agencies was held on January 20, 2000.

The principal outcome of the meeting was agreement by county and agency representatives to continue formal meetings as required under Assembly Bill 807 to address the many Pajaro River watershed flood control issues. The representatives further agreed that in order to coordinate these meetings, as well as to provide necessary legal notice, agendas, minutes, draft reports, legal advice, and related administrative support, it was preferable to contract for these services with a neutral contractor or agency, such as the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG). Preliminary discussions with AMBAG have indicated interest on the part of that agency in performing this role, subject to a review of a scope of work and provision of necessary funding. Staff from the eight agencies are currently coordinating to develop a scope of work for these administrative services and will present the scope together with a recommended contractor to the Pajaro River Watershed Joint Powers Authority (PRWJPA) representatives at its next meeting, which will be scheduled in the near future.

As your Board is aware, if approved, Proposition 13 (the State Water Bond) will provide significant funding for Pajaro River watershed studies. It is hoped that this proposition will be approved and that these funds will become available to support the activities of the PRWJPA. However, even if the bond is approved, **funds** will not be available for approximately one year. The

PRWJPA Board is interested in expeditiously moving ahead with interagency coordination efforts, as well as beginning scoping of a Pajaro River Watershed Study to address the significant flooding and land use impact concerns currently facing the four counties. Consequently, in order to begin this work, each agency agreed to pursue authorization for a \$6,000 contribution toward administration of this joint effort. Adequate funds for this purpose are available in Pajaro Storm Drain Maintenance District (PSDMD) contingencies. A similar request will be made to the Zone 7 Board of Directors at their next meeting.

It is therefore recommended that your Board approve the attached AUD-74, transferring funds from PSDMD contingencies and authorize a contribution of \$6,000 toward PRWJPA administrative services as described in this report.

Yours truly,

Learning Public Works

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Attachments

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:

County Administrative Officer

copy to:

Zone 7 Board of Directors

State Senator Bruce McPherson Assemblymember Fred Keeley Assemblymember Peter Frusetta

County of Santa Clara

Santa Clara Valley Water District

County of Monterey

Monterey County Water Resources Agency

San Benito County

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