

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ  
FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7  
WATSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 250 MAIN ST., WATSONVILLE  
7:30 P.M.

March 21; 2000

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- A. Roll Call
- B. Consideration of Late Additions
- c. Additions and Deletions

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- 1. AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7, approve minutes of January 25, 2000
- 1.1 AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7, accept and file status report on impervious area fees on new construction and direct Public Works to report back with a further report at the next Zone 7 meeting
- 1.2 AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7, approve transfer of funds from the Army Corps Flood Control Projects and authorize a contribution of \$6,000 toward Pajaro River Flood Protection Authority administrative services
- 1.3 AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7, adopt resolutions confirming the previously established 2000/01 assessment rates for Zone 7, setting Tuesday, June 20, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. for a public hearing on the proposed 2000/01 assessment rates, and overruling protests and confirming written report on drainage rates; and direct the Clerk of the Board to take related actions

- 1.4 AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7, accept and file report on the Pajaro River Levee System Reconstruction Project; direct that a further status report be presented on June 20, 2000; and take related actions
- 1.5 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - The Board will receive Oral Communications following completion of all other items on the Agenda. Any person may address the Board during its Oral Communications period. Presentations must not exceed five minutes, must be directed to an item not listed on today's Agenda, and must be within the jurisdiction of the Board. Board members will not take action or respond immediately to any Oral Communications presented, but may choose to follow up at a later time, either individually, or on a subsequent District Agenda.

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ  
FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7  
GOVERNMENT CENTER BUILDING, ROOM 525

January 25, 2000

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- A. Roll Call  
 Voting Members Present: Directors Beautz, Symons,  
 Wormhoudt, Campos, Almquist, Carroll and Chair  
 Bobeda  
 Voting Members Absent: None  
 Non-Voting Members Present: None  
 Non-Voting Members Absent: Rider, Cooley, and  
 Meschi
- B. Consideration of Late Additions
- C. Additions and Deletions
- D. Oral Communications - No one addressed the Board

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- 1. AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY  
 FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7,  
APPROVED minutes of September 21, 1999

Motion made by Director Wormhoudt, Duly seconded by  
Director: Beautz

Ayes: Beautz, Symons, Wormhoudt, Campos, Almquist,  
 Carroll and Chair Bobeda  
 Noes : None  
 Absent: Rider, Cooley, Meschi  
 Abstain: None



- 1.1 AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7, called for nominations and elected a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2000 in accordance with Zone 7 rules and regulations

ELECTED Director Campos as Chairperson

Motion made by Director Almquist, duly seconded by Director Symons:

ELECTED Director Carroll as Vice-Chair

Motion made by Director Almquist, duly seconded by Director Symons:

Ayes: Beautz, Symons, Wormhoudt, Campos, Almquist, Carroll and Chair Bobeda

Noes : None

Absent: Rider, Cooley, Meschi

Abstain: None

- 1.2 AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7, APPROVED the Zone 7 meeting schedule for 2000

Motion made by Director Wormhoudt, duly seconded by Director Beautz:

Ayes: Beautz, Symons, Wormhoudt, Almquist, Carroll, Bobeda and Chair Campos

Noes: None

Absent: Rider, Cooley, Meschi

Abstain: None

- 1.3 AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7, ACCEPTED improvement and approved the final cost for Pajaro River and Salsipuedes Creek Levee Resurfacing Project

Motion made by Director Bobeda, duly seconded by Director Almquist:

Ayes: Beautz, Symons, Wormhoudt, Almquist, Carroll, Bobeda and Chair Campos

Noes: None

Absent: Rider, Cooley, Meschi

Abstain: None

- 1.4 AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7, ACCEPTED AND FILED report on the Pajaro River Levee System Reconstruction Project; directed Public Works staff to ask Monterey County to name a representative to the Pajaro River Levee Reconstruction Project Design Review Steering Committee and seek a proposal for developing conceptual project design alternatives; authorized the District Engineer to enter into a contract or contract amendment for a not-to-exceed amount of up to \$50,000 from the Zone 7 Corps of Engineers Salsipuedes Creek Local Share budget line item; and directed that a further status report on the Pajaro River Levee Reconstruction Project be presented at the March 21, 2000 meeting

Motion made by Director Bobeda, duly seconded by Director Beautz:

Ayes: Beautz, Symons, Wormhoudt, Almquist, Carroll, Bobeda and Chair Campos  
Noes: None  
Absent: Rider, Cooley, Meschi  
Abstain: None

- 1.5 AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7, DIRECTED Zone 7 staff to work with the City of Watsonville staff to place the matter of impervious area fees before the City Council and subsequently before the Board of Supervisors for consideration, and directed staff to report back on March 21, 2000

Motion made by Director Beautz, duly seconded by Chair Campos:

Ayes: Beautz, Symons, Wormhoudt, Almquist, Carroll, Bobeda and Chair Campos  
Noes: None  
Absent: Rider, Cooley, Meschi  
Abstain: None

1.6 AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7, APPOINTED Director Bobeda as the official liaison to the ongoing four-county meeting of elected representatives and directed staff to report back at the next Zone 7 Board meeting with a further status report on the Pajaro River Four-County Basin Study

Motion made by Director Wormhoudt, duly seconded by Director Carroll:

Ayes: Beautz, Symons, Wormhoudt, Almquist, Carroll, Bobeda and Chair Campos

Noes: None

Absent: Rider, Cooley, Meschi

Abstain: None

1.7 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - No one addressed the Board

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, Zone 7 Board

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Board

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



JOHN A. FANTHAM  
DISTRICT ENGINEER

# County of Santa Cruz<sup>0349</sup>

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## FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT - ZONE 7

701 OCEAN STREET, ROOM 410, SANTA CRUZ, CA 960604070  
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**AGENDA: MARCH 21, 2000**

March 10, 2000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS-ZONE 7  
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL  
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
701 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

SUBJECT: IMPERVIOUS AREA FEES ON NEW CONSTRUCTION

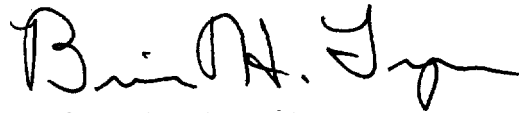
Members of the Board:

On January 25, 2000, your Board received a status report on impervious area fees for new construction (copy attached) and directed staff to report back at this time.

As indicated in the last report, City of Watsonville staff have indicated a willingness to take the concept of impervious area fees to the City Council for consideration. In response to the City's request, Zone 7 staff have provided sample ordinances (those establishing Zone 5) which include provisions for collecting such fees within both an incorporated city (the City of Capitola) and the unincorporated county. These ordinances could be used as a model for establishing impervious area fees within Zone 7. It is anticipated that the City Council will receive a report on this matter in the near future. Zone 7 staff propose to be available at the City Council meeting to respond to questions. If the Council is supportive of establishing these fees within the City, Zone 7 staff will work with County Counsel to prepare the necessary ordinances for your Board's consideration.

It is therefore recommended that your Board accept and file this status report on impervious area fees on new construction and direct Public Works to return with a **further** report to be presented at your next meeting.

Yours truly,

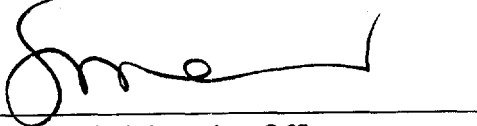


For JOHN A. FANTHAM  
Director of Public Works

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Attachment

**RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:**



County Administrative Officer

copy to: Zone 7 Board of Directors  
City of Watsonville Public Works  
Carlos J. Palacios, Watsonville City Manager  
Public Works Department

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JOHN A. FANTHAM  
DISTRICT ENGINEER

# County of Santa Cruz 0351

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## FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT - ZONE 7

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AGENDA: JANUARY 25, 2000

January 10, 2000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS-ZONE 7  
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL  
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
701 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

SUBJECT: IMPERVIOUS AREA FEES ON NEW CONSTRUCTION

Members of the Board:

On September 21, 1999, your Board considered a report (copy attached) on Impervious Area Fees for new construction and directed staff to report back at this time.

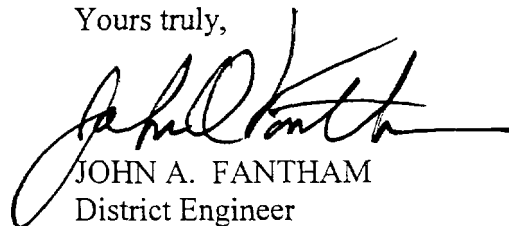
Since the last report, County staff has met with City of Watsonville staff to discuss impervious area fees as a method to augment current Zone 7 drainage revenues to better address local match requirements and related costs of the planned Army Corps Pajaro River Levee Reconstruction Project. City staff asked that other options such as formation of a Storm Water Utility be reviewed as well. In response, Zone 7 staff fully reviewed possible options with County Counsel. Counsel stated that formation of a Storm Water Utility and the levying of fees, assessments, or charges would be subject to the provisions of Proposition 218 and its notice and ballot procedures. Proposition 218 does not apply to the imposition of fees or charges imposed as a condition of property development (Article XIII D, section 1 (b)1). Development fees such as impervious surface fees specific to parcel development are akin to park dedication fees, transportation fees, roadside improvement fees, roadway improvement fees, and other development fees.

Subsequent discussions with City staff have indicated a willingness to take the concept of impervious area fees to the City Council for consideration. It is anticipated that the matter will be considered by the Council within the coming month. If the Council is supportive of establishing these fees within the city, it is proposed that the matter also be presented to the Board of Supervisors for consideration within the unincorporated county within Zone 7. Impervious area fees in other County drainage districts are currently \$0.65 per square foot of new impervious area, and similar charges are recommended within Zone 7. As previously indicated, it is estimated that over \$250,000 per year could be generated through impervious area fees to help offset the currently estimated \$10 to \$50 million local match costs of the Pajaro River Levee Reconstruction Project.

As discussed in a separate report on today's agenda, attempts were recently made to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with neighboring counties which would have included establishing impervious area fees within the entire Pajaro River Basin. Unfortunately, these efforts to adopt an MOU were unsuccessful. While staff will continue to work with local elected officials to pursue assistance with local match funding from neighboring counties, as well as state and federal sources, staff believes it is important to continue to implement reasonable local revenue options at this time.

It is therefore recommended that your Board direct Zone 7 staff to work with City staff to place the matter of impervious area fees before the City Council and subsequently before the Board of Supervisors for consideration, and to report back at your next meeting on March 21, 2000.

Yours truly,



JOHN A. FANTHAM  
District Engineer

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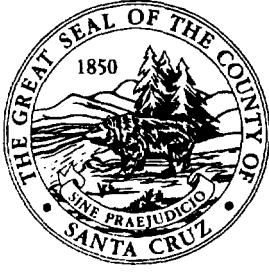
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RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL,:

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County Administrative Officer

copy to:     Zone 7 Board  
                  City of Watsonville Public Works  
                  City of Watsonville City Manager  
                  County Administrative Office  
                  County Counsel  
                  Public Works



JOHN A. FANTHAM  
DISTRICT ENGINEER

# County of Santa Cruz <sup>0353</sup>

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## FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT - ZONE 7

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### AGENDA: MARCH 21, 2000

March 7, 2000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS-ZONE 7  
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL  
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
701 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

SUBJECT: PAJARO RIVER FOUR-COUNTY BASIN STUDY

Members of the Board:

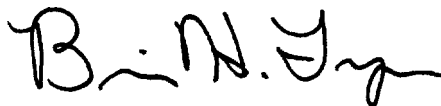
On January 25, 2000, a status report on the Pajaro River Four-County Basin Study (Exhibit "A") was submitted to the Santa Cruz County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Zone 7. Your Board directed that another status report be presented today.

As indicated in the last 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). Staff from the eight agencies have coordinated to develop a scope of work for these administrative services (Exhibit "B") and will present the scope together with a recommended contractor to the Pajaro River Watershed Flood Protection Authority (PRW'FPA) representatives at its next meeting, which will be scheduled in the near future. The Executive Director of AMBAG has reviewed the scope of work and has indicated an interest on the part of that agency in performing this role, subject to provision of necessary funds and consensus approval from all participating agency representatives that AMBAG is the preferred agency to provide administrative services.

As your Board is aware, the recently approved Proposition 13 (the State Water Bond) will provide significant funding for Pajaro River watershed studies. It is hoped that a portion of these **funds** will become available to support the activities of the PRWFPA. However, even with approval of the bond, funds will likely not be available for approximately one year. The PRWFPA 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 Zone 7 Army Corps Flood Control Project **funds**. A similar request was approved by the County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors on February 15, 2000.

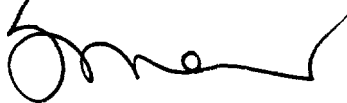
It is therefore recommended that your Board approve the attached AUD-74, transferring **funds** from Army Corps and Flood Control Projects and authorize a contribution of \$6,000 toward PRWFPA administrative services as described in this report.

Yours truly,

  
 For JOHN A. FANTHAM  
 Director of Public Works

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 Attachments

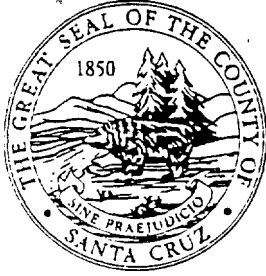
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:



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 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  
 San Benito County Water District  
 City of Watsonville  
 County Counsel  
 Public Works Department

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JOHN A. FANTHAM  
DISTRICT ENGINEER

# County of Santa Cruz

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## FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT - ZONE 7

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**AGENDA: JANUARY 25, 2000**

January 11, 2000

BOARD OF -DIRECTORS-ZONE 7  
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL  
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
701 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**SUBJECT: PAJARO RIVER FOUR-COUNTY BASIN STUDY**

Members of the Board:

On September 21, 1999, your Board received the last status report on efforts to work cooperatively with Santa Clara, San Benito, and Monterey Counties to address flood control problems in the Pajaro River Basin. Your Board directed that another status report be presented today.

Since the last Zone 7 meeting, reports continued to be presented to the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, with copies to your Board. The most recent report was presented on December 7, 1999 (Attachment 1). As indicated in that report, efforts to reach an agreement on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) were unfortunately unsuccessful. Letters were sent (Attachment 2) thanking the other jurisdictions for participating in the MOU process and suggesting another meeting to initiate cooperative efforts under the provisions of Assembly Bill 807, which is now law: Santa Clara County Supervisor Don Cage has agreed to host such a meeting on January 20, 2000, as indicated in a letter from Supervisor Tony Campos (Attachment 3).

It is therefore recommended that the Board of Directors take the following action:

1. Appoint the Zone 7 Chairperson or their designee as the official Zone 7 liaison to the ongoing four-county meeting of elected representatives.
2. Direct staff to report back at the next Zone 7 Board meeting with a further status report on the Pajaro River Four-County Basin Study.

Yours truly,



JOHN A. FANTHAM  
District Engineer

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Attachments

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:

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County Administrative Officer

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County Counsel  
Public Works

**SCOPE OF WORK  
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACT  
PAJARO RIVER WATERSHED FLOOD PREVENTION**

0357

The Counties of Monterey, San Benito, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz, together with the Santa Clara Valley Water District, Santa Cruz County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Zone 7, the San Benito County Water District and the Monterey County Water Resources Agency have all designated representatives for the purpose of developing a Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority (PRWFPA). These agencies are seeking the services of a private firm or interested local regional government to provide certain administrative functions for the eight participating agencies as described below.

Necessary Services and Skills:

1. Ability to maintain a neutral position relative to the eight agencies and their respective issues and perspectives.
2. Organize, schedule and notice meetings, workshops and hearings of the designated representatives.
3. Organize and schedule meetings of the staff of the eight participating agencies,
4. Prepare/distribute agendas, take minutes, activate/set up public address systems, record proceedings and carry out similar work related to the meetings.
5. Prepare basic reports to and correspondence from the combined agencies based on input from the staff of the eight participating agencies.
6. Insure that all participating agencies are kept up to date and informed (through the use of mail, e-mail and fax) of proposed agenda items, correspondence and other information related to the joint efforts of the eight participating agencies.
7. Process correspondence, maintain files and carry out related work.
8. Provide a range of staff support, including clerical and administrative to insure the most effective, efficient and fiscally responsible staffing level for the respective tasks.
9. Contractor should have experience in contract administration and working with government agencies.
10. Ability to access to legal counsel in matters of flood prevention, land use, procedural government and related law through the contractor is very desirable.
11. Contractor experience in civil engineering, flood prevention and environmental matters is desirable.

Currently it is estimated that the designated representatives of the eight participating agencies will hold monthly or bimonthly two to three hour meetings. It is estimated that participating agency staff will be required to hold two three hour meetings per month. The frequency of meetings may vary significantly depending on the issues and work program being undertaken at any given time. The Contractor needs to have the ability to provide varying levels of staff support to meet the needs of the eight participating agencies. Meeting locations will rotate between the various agency jurisdictions. The meetings of the designated representatives of the eight participating agencies will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the "Brown Act"; they will need to be noticed accordingly. The duties and structure of the PRWFPA are described in Chapter 963, Statutes of 1999, Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority Act.

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February 16, 2000



# COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

## REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OR REVISION OF BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS AND/OR FUNDS

359

Department: PUBLIC WORKS

Date: 3/3/00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TO: ~~BOARD OF SUPERVISORS~~ / County Administrative Officer / District Board

I hereby request your approval of the following transfer of budget appropriations and/or funds in the fiscal year ending June 30, 18 2000

AUDITORS USE ONLY			
DOCUMENT #	AMOUNT	L/N	T/C HASH
JE 6	1,200,000.00	02	43

BATCH #	
DATE	Keyed By:

		T/C	INDEX	SUBJECT	USER CODE	AMOUNT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION *
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	FROM	0,2,2	6,2,2,3,8,0	6,6,1,0		60,000.00	Structures & Improve.

**Explanation:**

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS FROM SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7 - ARMY CORPS FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT FOR PAJARO RIVER WATERSHED JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Name *Carol D. Kelly* Title DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Auditor-Controller's Action: I hereby certify that unencumbered balance(s) is/are available in the appropriations/funds and in the amounts indicated above.

Auditor-Controller, by *Ronald J. Silva*, Deputy Date 3/10/00

County Administrative Officer's Action:  Recommended to Board  Approved  Not Recommended or Approved

County Administrative Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

State of California } As the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, I do hereby certify that the foregoing request for  
County of Santa Cruz } ss. transfer was approved by said Board of Supervisors as recommended by the County Administrative Officer by an order  
duly entered in the minutes of said Board on

\_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy Clerk

(A-C) \* Desc: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ - Budget Transfer

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A-C Review		



JOHN A. FANTHAM  
DISTRICT ENGINEER

# County of Santa Cruz <sup>0361</sup>

## FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT - ZONE 7

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### AGENDA: MARCH 21, 2000

March 7, 2000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS-ZONE 7  
Santa Cruz County Flood Control  
and Water Conservation District  
701 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz, California 95060

SUBJECT: 2000/01 ZONE 7 ASSESSMENT RATES

Members of the Board:

Government Code Section 25219 requires that your Board take annual actions related to Zone 7 assessments. The rates for Zone 7, set in the Santa Cruz County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Engineer's Report adopted by your Board on April 2, 1991, are based on parcel size and land use. The rate for the fiscal year 2000/01 is \$50.97 per single family residence. As allowed for in the Engineer's Report, this rate includes an adjustment to reflect a maximum increase of 4% CPI (the CPI for the 1999 calendar year was 4.4%).

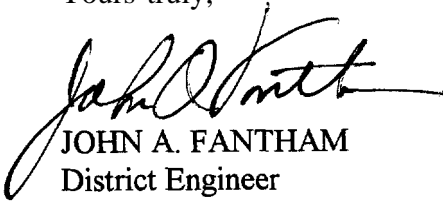
Once today's action has been approved by your Board, Public Works will place an assessment rate report on file with the Clerk of the Board. This report containing the Assessor's parcel number, use code, the owner's name and the amount of the assessment will be available on or before May 5, 2000. As in previous years, the rate report must be approved by your Board and forwarded to the Auditor-Controller by August 10, 2000.

It is therefore recommended that the Board of Directors take the following action:

1. Adopt the attached resolution confirming the previously established 2000/2001 assessment rates for Zone 7.
2. Adopt the attached resolutions setting Tuesday, June 20, 2000, at 7:30 p.m. as the date and time for a public hearing on the proposed 2000/2001 assessment rates and date for confirming the benefit assessment report,

3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to publish the attached notice of public hearing on or before May 5, 2000, and then again once a week for two weeks prior to the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation.

Yours truly,

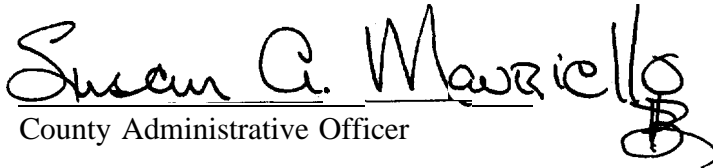


JOHN A. FANTHAM  
District Engineer

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Attachments

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:



Susan A. Mauriello  
County Administrative Officer

copy to: Zone 7 Board of Directors  
Carlos J. Palacios, Watsonville City Manager  
Public Works Department (CSA Administration)

BEFORE THE ZONE 7 BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ FLOOD CONTROL  
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

0363

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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

RESOLUTION SETTING HEARING  
ON ASSESSMENT RATE REPORT FOR ZONE 7

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined the nature, extent, and cost of the services to be provided within Zone 7 for the 2000/2001 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, on or before May 5, 2000, said assessment rate report will be placed on file with the Clerk of the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors that Tuesday, June 20, 2000, at the hour of 7:30 P.M. in the Watsonville City Council Chambers, 250 Main Street, Watsonville, California, the Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing on the report of proposed assessment rates for Zone 7 for the 2000/2001 fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that at the time, date, and place above, the Board of Directors shall hear all objections or protests, if any, to the report.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Clerk of the Board of Directors shall cause notice of the filing of the reports and the time, date, and place of hearing, to be published on or before May 5, 2000, and once a week for two successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing, in a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in Santa Cruz County, pursuant to Government Code Section 6066.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7, State of California, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2000, by the following vote:

AYES: DIRECTORS

NOES: DIRECTORS

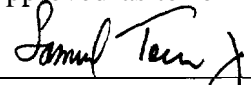
ABSENT: DIRECTORS

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Chairperson of said Board

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk of said Board

Approved as to form:

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Chief Assistant County Counsel

Distribution: County Counsel, Public Works

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BEFORE THE ZONE 7 BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ FLOOD CONTROL AND  
WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED ASSESSMENT RATES  
FOR THE 2000/2001 FISCAL YEAR FOR ZONE 7,  
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz County Flood Control  
and Water Conservation District as follows:

Section 1. Assessment rates for parcels within Zone 7 for the 2000/2001 fiscal year are as  
follows:

<u>LAND USE</u>	<u>2000/2001 RATE PER YEAR</u>	
Residential Property	\$ 50.97	per SFRU* per year
Agricultural Acreage	\$ 7.07	per acre per year
Unimproved Acreage	\$ 0.71	per acre per year
Commercial/Industrial Acreage	\$ 339.79	per acre per year
Churches/Schools	\$ 84.95	per acre per year

\*Single Family Residence Unit (SFRU) is defined below:

Single Family Residence	1 unit
2 SFR's on a single parcel	2 units
3-4 SFR's on a single parcel	3 units
Mobile Home Parks	0.67 units per space
Duplex	1.4 units
Triplex	1.7 units
Fourplex	2 units

Structures greater than four units are apartments and are charged as commercial acreage.

Section 2. Assessment Rate Exemptions: Assessments will not be levied on parcels in the following categories:

1. Parcels in the agricultural or unimproved land use category with total assessed valuation of \$5,000.00 or less.
2. Common Areas with no structures.
3. Mobile homes on rented park space.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect July 1, 2000.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7, State of California, this day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2000, by the following vote:

AYES: DIRECTORS

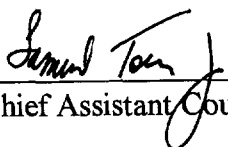
NOES: DIRECTORS

ABSENT: DIRECTORS

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson of said Board

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of said Board

Approved as to form:

 3/7/00  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Assistant County Counsel

Distribution: County Counsel  
Public Works

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ASSESSMENT RATE REPORT 0366  
FOR ZONE 7

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, June 20, 2000, at the hour of 7:30 P.M., in the Watsonville City Council Chambers, 250 Main Street, Watsonville, California, the Zone 7 Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz County Flood Control and Water Conservation District will consider adoption of a resolution confirming the assessment report for the 2000/2001 fiscal year for the Zone 7 Flood Control and Water Conservation District. Zone 7 2000/2001 rates are as follows:

<u>LAND USE</u>	<u>2000/2001 RATE PER YEAR</u>
Residential Property	\$ 50.97 per SFRU* per year
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The assessment report will be available for public inspection on or before May 5, 2000, at the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, 701 Ocean Street, Room 500, Santa Cruz, California.

Upon the conclusion of the Public Hearing on the assessment report, the Board of Directors may adopt, revise, change, reduce, or modify any of the assessments as needed.

Notice is further given that at the time, date and place stated above, the Board of Directors shall hear and consider all objections or protests, if any, to the assessment report. For questions related to the proposed assessment report, please contact the Santa Cruz County Flood Control and Water Conservation District **staff**, Public Works at (83 1) 454-2 160.

The City of Watsonville does not discriminate on the basis of disability, and no person shall, by reason of a disability, be denied the benefits of its service, programs or activities. The Watsonville City Council Chambers is located in an accessible facility. If you wish to attend this meeting and you will require assistance in order to participate, please contact the Watsonville City Clerk's Office at (83 1) 728-6005 (T.D.D. number (83 1) 763-4075) at least five days in advance of the meeting to make arrangements.

As a courtesy to those persons affected, please attend the meeting smoke and scent free.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT ZONE 7, SANTA CRUZ COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND  
WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ZONE 7, OVERRULING PROTESTS AND  
CONFIRMING WRITTEN REPORT ON **DRAINAGE** ASSESSMENT RATES FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR 2000/2001

WHEREAS, a written assessment rate report was filed on or before May 5, 2000, in the Office of the Clerk of the Board containing a description of each parcel of real property receiving services from the District and the amount of the assessment to be collected on the County Tax Roll for each parcel for the 2000/2001 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2000, this Board appointed the time and place of public hearing on said report and directed notice, which notice was duly given in the manner provided by law as appears by the affidavits of publication on file in the office of the Clerk of the Board; and

WHEREAS, said matter came on regularly for hearing at the time and place fixed and all written protests and other communications were publicly read at said meeting and all persons desiring to be heard were **fully** heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS DETERMINED AND ORDERED, as follows:

1. That objections to, and protests against, said report were not made by the owners of a majority of the separate parcels of property described in the report;
2. That all objections to and protests against said report have been heard by this Board and that said objections and protests be, and each of them is hereby overruled;
3. That said report be, and it is hereby adopted in full without revision and modification pursuant to Water Code Appendix Sections 28, 173 and 191, and Zone 7 Rules and Regulations Section 3.5, and that the charges as specified in said report shall be collected on the tax roll of the County of Santa Cruz, in the manner provided by law;



- 4. That the Clerk of the Board be, and she is hereby directed to file with the County Auditor of Santa Cruz County, on or before the 10th day of August, 2000, a copy of said report, upon which shall be embossed over her signature a statement that the report has been finally adopted by the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Zone 7;
- 5. The County Auditor of Santa Cruz County shall, upon receipt of said report, enter the amounts of the charges against the respective lots or parcels as they appear on the assessment roll for the fiscal year 2000/2001.

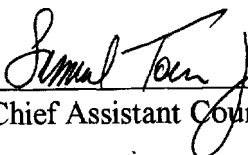
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7, State of California, this \_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2000, by the following vote:

AYES: DIRECTORS  
 NOES: DIRECTORS  
 ABSENT: DIRECTORS

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Chairperson of said Board

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Clerk of said Board

Approved as to form:

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 Chief Assistant County Counsel

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JOHN A. FANTHAM  
DISTRICT ENGINEER

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### AGENDA: MARCH 21, 2000

March 10, 2000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS-ZONE 7  
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL  
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
701 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

SUBJECT: PAJARO RIVER LEVEE SYSTEM RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Members of the Board:

On January 25, 2000, your Board received the last status report (Attachment 1) on efforts to move forward with the Army Corps' flood control project for Salsipuedes Creek, Corralitos Creek and the Pajaro River. Your Board adopted the staff recommendations and directed a **further** status report on this date.

### PROJECT STATUS

Since the last report, County staff has continued to meet with Army Corps representatives on a regular basis. At the last meeting on February 10, 2000, the Army Corps provided a detailed draft preliminary project schedule calling for construction to begin in late 2004. While this is a later date than had been proposed in meetings with Congress Member Sam Farr and Assistant Secretary of the Army Dr. Joseph Westphal, the Army Corps' San Francisco District indicates that given the necessary engineering, environmental review, contract development, bidding, and contract award time lines, this represents the most aggressive schedule possible.

This preliminary schedule calls for geotechnical analysis of the existing levee system to begin this month to assess levee integrity. This analysis will provide an important basis for subsequent design work. The Army Corps has indicated that preparation of work orders to accomplish the geotechnical analysis under existing contracts is proceeding on schedule.

The Army Corps has also indicated that additional analysis has been performed to assess whether the State Highway 129 and 152 bridges will need to be retrofitted or replaced in conjunction with the proposed flood control work. This is an important local cost issue since bridge replacement costs are considered a local responsibility under Army Corps cost sharing regulations. Based on the current preliminary design concepts, the Army Corps states that both bridges have been determined to be adequate from the perspective of "scour." This means that the projected

design flows are not expected to undermine the bridge footings or abutments. Analysis of bridge buoyancy was also carried out. The Highway 129 bridge was determined to be adequate, while the 152 bridge will require additional analysis. If the 152 bridge is too buoyant, retrofitting to prevent the bridge deck from floating downstream during high flows will be required. The Army Corps will pursue this additional analysis.

Zone 7 staff will continue to work closely with the Army Corps to facilitate keeping the project on schedule. Our next meeting with the Army Corps is scheduled for March 24, 2000.

#### STEERING COMMITTEE

As indicated in our last report, and as directed by your Board, staff has requested that the Army Corps, the City of Watsonville, the Farm Bureau, Wetlands Watch, State Fish and Game, the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency and the County of Santa Cruz provide representatives to a Design Review Steering Committee for the project. Since the last report, staff has also invited the Monterey County Water Resources Agency to participate, as directed by your Board. Most agencies have now responded with appointments and staff is following up with those who have not responded in order to allow a first meeting to orient the committee to be held in April 2000.

As directed, staff has also contacted HDR Engineering, our consultants on this project, to initiate assessment of the proposed Army Corps project. HDR will develop some initial proposals for consideration by the Steering Committee of alternate methods to address the various design issues previously raised by your Board. This will assist in efforts to focus the Army Corps' analysis on a project approach most likely to be supported by our community and one which will not only maximize the level of flood protection, but will also provide enhancements to recreational opportunities, aesthetics and environmental quality, while minimizing long term maintenance costs, law enforcement difficulties and adverse visual impacts.

#### STATUS OF APPROPRIATIONS

As indicated in our last status report, adequate appropriations for the current fiscal year appear to be available. The initial appropriations secured by Congress Member Sam Farr, together with the anticipated reprogramming of other Army Corps appropriations, are expected to achieve the \$1.2 million necessary to allow geotechnical and design work to proceed in an unrestricted manner through federal fiscal year 2000.

Unfortunately, in the 2001 fiscal year the San Francisco District of the Army Corps has indicated that they have the capability to utilize \$1.8 to \$1.9 million for continuing design work, while the President's budget only contains proposed appropriations of \$600,000. Unless appropriations in the 2001 final budget are augmented to this level, delays in the design process and ultimately the project construction schedule will result. Consequently, staff is again working closely with Congress Member Sam Farr and his staff to seek the necessary budget augmentation. Letters requesting his support, as well as the support of our Senate representatives have been sent (Attachment 2).

Zone 7 staff and our Washington, D.C. advocate will continue to follow the federal budget process closely to provide necessary support to our federal representatives to maximize opportunities for successfully incorporating the augmentation into the final federal budget. The first critical step toward achieving this goal was to receive the support of the California State Water

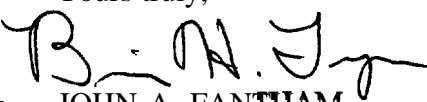
Commission for the augmentation. Each year the Commission compiles budget requests for all Army Corps projects throughout the state and makes budgetary recommendations to the Senate and Congressional Appropriations Committees. The Commission's recommendations are very influential. Staff wrote to the Commission (Attachment 3), coordinated with the Army Corps and Commission staff, as well as presented testimony at the Commission hearing on March 3, 2000. As a result, the Commission has indicated it will include the requested augmentation in its recommendations.

Finally, as indicated in previous reports, significant steps have also been taken toward the overall project construction financing. However, much work remains to be done in this area, particularly with regard to local match funding. Staff will continue to work with our elected representatives in this critical ongoing effort to address local cost match requirements. Ultimately, it is anticipated that it will take a combination of local funding mechanisms (such as the impervious area fees discussed in a separate report on today's agenda), assistance from other Pajaro River Basin counties and various grant revenues, together with additional state and federal monies, to fully address local match requirements.

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

1. Accept and file this report.
2. Direct staff to continue working closely with our federal legislators to insure that necessary appropriations are included in the 2001 budget to allow the design of the Pajaro River Levee System Reconstruction Project to proceed without delay.
3. Direct staff to continue working with our local, state and federal representatives to address local cost match **funding** requirements of the project.
4. Direct that a further status report be presented at your Board's next meeting on June 20, 2000.


Yours truly,

*For*   
JOHN A. FANTHAM  
District Engineer

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Attachments

**RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:**



County Administrative Officer

copy to: Zone 7 Board of Directors  
City of Watsonville Public Works  
Carlos J. Palacios, Watsonville City Manager  
County Administrative Office  
Public Works Department

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JOHN A. FANTHAM  
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**AGENDA: JANUARY 25, 2000**

January 13, 2000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS-ZONE 7  
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL  
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
701 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**SUBJECT: PAJARO RIVER LEVEE SYSTEM RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

Members of the Board:

On September 21, 1999, your Board received a status report (Exhibit "A") on efforts to move forward with Army Corps flood control projects for Salsipuedes Creek, Corralitos Creek, and the Pajaro River. Your Board adopted the staff recommendations, made one additional direction as discussed below, and directed a further status report on this date.

### PROJECT STATUS

As directed by your Board in conjunction with the last status report, staff has requested that the Pajaro River Mainstem Project be combined with the Salsipuedes/Corralitos Creek Project into one Pajaro River Levee Reconstruction Project to fully address the flood control needs of the city of Watsonville, town of Pajaro, and the surrounding areas. A copy of related correspondence is attached as Exhibit "B." The Army Corps is expected to expand design studies to include the mainstem over the coming months. This current design phase, including a federal Environmental Impact Statement is estimated to continue into federal fiscal year 2002. Final design documents will then be completed with the goal of beginning first phase construction in late 2003. This is an aggressive schedule with many points of potential delay; however, staff will continue to work closely with the Army Corps and elected officials to expedite the process. Our next meeting with the Army Corps is on January 19, 2000, in San Francisco.

In our last report, it was indicated that it may be necessary for Zone 7 to contract for engineering studies to assess needed bridge modifications, which might be required in conjunction with the project. Further discussions with the Army Corps have concluded that this assessment continues to be an Army Corps responsibility. Consequently, no Request for Proposals has been initiated for this purpose. This successful interpretation represents a significant cost savings for Zone 7.

**STEERING COMMITTEE**

Your Board previously directed that a Design Review Steering Committee be established to assist staff in coordinating with the Army Corps toward the goal of identifying a preferred flood control project alternative that is cost effective and includes design considerations necessary for broad-based community support. Letters requesting appointments to the committee from the seven agencies named by your Board have also been transmitted (Exhibit "C"). These agencies include the Army Corps, the City of Watsonville, the Farm Bureau, Wetlands Watch, State Fish and Game, the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency, and the County of Santa Cruz. A request has also been received from the Monterey County Water Resources Agency to participate. They were originally omitted because the Salsipuedes/Corralitos Creek Project was wholly within Santa Cruz County. With the inclusion of the Pajaro River Mainstem Project, staff recommends that your Board authorize inclusion of a representative from Monterey County.

One of the first orders of business for the steering committee will be to identify and assess various conceptual project alternatives. This will assist in efforts to focus the Army Corps' analysis on project approaches most likely to be supported by our community. In order to expeditiously develop initial designs and drawings to conceptualize such project alternatives, staff believes it is best if this work is carried out by a private engineering firm under contract to Zone 7. HDR Engineering, our consultant, is already effectively advocating on behalf of our project and has expressed interest in conducting this work. It is recommended that they be asked to submit a proposal.

**STATUS OF APPROPRIATIONS**

As indicated in our last report, Congressman Sam Farr had successfully included a total of \$700,000 for Pajaro River flood control design studies in the federal Energy and Water Appropriations Bill. The final bill, as signed into law, ultimately included a total of \$450,000. Based on recent discussions with San Francisco District Army Corps representatives, it appears that these approved funds can be augmented with sufficient reappropriation within the Army Corps budget to allow design work on the Pajaro River Levee Reconstruction Project to expeditiously continue in the current federal fiscal year with no funding-induced delays.

In addition to the ongoing design work, the Army Corps has indicated that conducting a complete geotechnical analysis of the existing levee system is a top priority in allowing the project design to proceed. This geotechnical analysis would assess the integrity and any needed remediation to the existing levees, which might be required in conjunction with the ultimate reconstruction project. It is estimated that this analysis will cost approximately \$1.1 million.

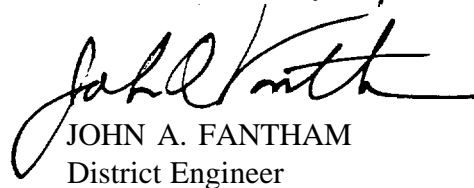
Recent discussions with Army Corps representatives indicate that there is a current open contract for geotechnical work, which has sufficient appropriations to conduct the necessary work. If use of this existing Sacramento District contract is approved by the Army Corps' South Pacific Division, geotechnical work could begin this spring. If the geotechnical analysis is carried out, it would represent a very significant step forward in the design process and a highly commendable demonstration of the Army Corps' commitment to the Pajaro River Levee Reconstruction Project. Staff, together with our Sacramento-based advocates, is continuing to work closely with the Army Corps to speed successful completion of this work.

Finally, as indicated in a report to the Board of Supervisors on November 16, 1999, (Exhibit D) significant steps have also been taken toward the overall project construction financing; however, much work remains to be done in this area, particularly with regard to local match funding. Staff will continue to work with our elected representatives in this critical ongoing effort to address local cost match requirements. Ultimately, it is anticipated that it will take a combination of local funding mechanisms (such as the impervious area fees proposed in a separate report on today's agenda), assistance from other Pajaro River Basin counties and various grant revenues, together with additional state and federal monies, to fully address local match requirements.

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

1. Accept and file this report.
2. Direct staff to ask Monterey County to name a representative to the Pajaro River Levee Reconstruction Project Design Review Steering Committee.
3. Direct staff to seek a proposal for developing conceptual project design alternatives as discussed in this report and authorize the District Engineer to enter into a contract or contract amendment for a not-to-exceed amount of up to \$50,000 from the Zone 7 Corps of Engineers Salsipuedes Creek Local Share budget line item.
4. Direct that a further status report on the Pajaro River Levee Reconstruction Project be presented at your next meeting on March 21, 2000.

Yours truly, )



JOHN A. FANTHAM  
District Engineer

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Attachments

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:

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County Administrative Officer

copy to: Zone 7 Board  
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**SUSAN A. MAURIELLO, J.D., COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

February 15, 2000

Congress Member Sam Farr  
1117 Longworth House Office-Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Subject: Pajaro River Flood Control

Dear Congress Member Farr,

tie are writing to request your continued assistance in assuring that necessary appropriations are included in the year 2001 budget to address flooding problems along the Pajaro River in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties.

The President's Budget proposes funding in the amount of \$600,000 for the Pajaro River at Watsonville. This amount reflects what the Army Corps San Francisco District believed to be necessary for design of flood control measures along the Salsipuedes and Corralitos Creek tributaries when they prepared their budget requests last June. As you are aware, since that time, the Army Corps has agreed to merge this tributary project with the Pajaro River mainstem project. The San Francisco District now indicates they have the "capability" for utilizing \$1.8 million for the combined 'Pajaro River Project.

If appropriations commensurate with the Army Corps' capability are not made available in the final 2001 budget, delays in project design and implementation could result. You will recall, Secretary Westphal has indicated his willingness to make the necessary funding available to allow the project to proceed unconstrained by cash flow concerns.

As you know, numerous flood events have occurred in recent years resulting in millions of dollars in damage and the expenditure of millions of dollars in Federal Army Corps flood fight funds. Ensuing lawsuits are threatening to cripple flood control agencies. The storm events of the past week have once again resulted in flooding along Salsipuedes and Corralitos Creeks. It is essential that the Pajaro River Levee Reconstruction Project proceed without delay. A budget augmentation in the amount of 1.2 million is therefore critical. We are very hopeful that these additional appropriations can be approved with your assistance.



It is important to note that numerous local agencies including San Benito, Santa Clara, Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties, as well as the cities of Watsonville, Gilroy, Morgan Hill and Hollister, the Santa Clara Valley Water District, the San Benito County water District and the Santa Cruz County flood Control and Water Conservation District have all adopted resolutions supporting addressing Pajaro River flood control problems.

We would like to take this opportunity to once again thank you and your staff for all of your valuable assistance to date in moving this project forward. We also thank you in advance for your assistance with this critical funding augmentation request. Please feel free to contact me at 831-454-2100 or Peter Cota-Robles, Pajaro River Coordinator, at 831-454-2816 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



SUSAN A. MAURIELLO  
County Administrative Officer

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cc: Congress Member Sam Farr, Santa Cruz Office  
Assistant Secretary for Civil Works, Joseph Westphal  
Army Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District  
Assembly Member Fred Keeley  
Monterey County Water Resources Agency  
Monterey County  
San Benito County Water District  
Santa Clara Valley Water District  
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SUSAN A. MAURIELLO, J.D., COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

February 15, 2000

The Honorable Barbara Boxer  
U.S. Senate  
112 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Subject: Budget Augmentation Request of \$1.2 Million for Pajaro  
River at Watsonville Flood Control

Dear Senator Boxer:

We are writing to request your continued support in securing necessary appropriations in the year 2001 Federal Budget to address flooding problems along the Pajaro River in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties.

As you may recall, we wrote to you last year and provided comprehensive information packets detailing the severe flooding problems facing the financially disadvantaged residents of the City of Watsonville, the town of Pajaro and the surrounding agricultural community. With your valuable support, Congress Member Sam Farr was successful in including necessary appropriations in the current fiscal year 2000 budget to allow the Army Corps of Engineers to continue preliminary engineering on the Pajaro River Flood Control Project.

The President's 2001 Federal Budget proposes funding in the amount of \$600,000 for the Pajaro River at Watsonville. This amount reflects what the Army Corps San Francisco District believed to be necessary for design of flood control measures along the Salsipuedes and Corralitos Creek tributaries when they prepared their budget requests last June. Since that time, the Army Corps has agreed to merge this tributary project with a Pajaro River mainstem project. The San Francisco District now indicates they have the "capability" for utilizing \$1.8 million for the combined Pajaro River Project.

If appropriations commensurate with the Army Corps' capability are not made available in the final 2001 budget, delays in project design and implementation could result. Assistant Secretary for Civil Works, Joseph W. Westphal has indicated his

willingnessto make the necessary funding available to allow the project to proceed unconstrained by cash flow concerns.

Numerous flood events have occurred along the Pajaro River near Watsonville in recent years resulting in millions of dollars in damage and the expenditure of millions of dollars in Federal Army Corps flood fight funds. Ensuing lawsuits are threatening to cripple local flood control agencies. The storm events of the past week have once again resulted in flooding along Salsipuedes and Corralitos Creeks. It is essential that the Pajaro River Levee Reconstruction Project proceed without delay. To address this critical need we have asked Congress Member Farr to assist us in pursuing a budget augmentation in the amount of 1.2 million. We are very hopeful that these additional appropriations can be approved with your support.

It is important to note -that numerous local agencies including San Benito, Santa Clara, Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties, as well as the cities of Watsonville, Gilroy, Morgan Hill and Hollister, the Santa Clara Valley Water District, the San Benito County water District and the Santa Cruz County flood Control and Water Conservation District have all adopted resolutions supporting addressing Pajaro River flood control problems.

We would like to take this opportunity to once again thank you and your staff for all of your valuable support to date in moving this project forward. We also thank you in advance for your consideration of support for this critical funding augmentation request. Please feel free to contact me at 831-454-2100 or Peter Cota-Robles, Pajaro River Coordinator, at 831-454-2816 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



SUSAN A. MAURIELLO  
County Administrative Officer

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cc: Congress Member Sam Farr, Santa Cruz Office  
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Assembly Member Fred Keeley  
Monterey County Water Resources Agency  
Monterey County  
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**SUSAN A. MAURIELLO, J.D., COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

February 15, 2000

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
U.S. Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Subject: Budget Augmentation Request of \$1.2 Million for Pajaro  
River at Watsonville Flood Control

Dear Senator Feinstein:

We are writing to request your continued support in securing necessary appropriations in the year 2001 Federal Budget to address flooding problems along the Pajaro River in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties.

As you may recall, we wrote to you last year and provided comprehensive information packets detailing the severe flooding problems facing the financially disadvantaged residents of the City of Watsonville, the town of Pajaro and the surrounding agricultural community. With your valuable support, Congress Member Sam Farr was successful in including necessary appropriations in the current fiscal year 2000 budget to allow the Army Corps of Engineers to continue preliminary engineering on the Pajaro River Flood Control Project.

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If appropriations commensurate with the Army Corps' capability are not made available in the final 2001 budget, delays in project design and implementation could result. Assistant Secretary for Civil Works, Joseph W. Westphal has indicated his

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It is important to note that numerous local agencies including San Benito, Santa Clara, Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties, as well as the cities of Watsonville, Gilroy, Morgan Hill and Hollister, the Santa Clara Valley Water District, the San Benito County water District and the Santa Cruz County flood Control and Water Conservation District have all adopted resolutions supporting addressing Pajaro River flood control problems.

We would like to take this opportunity to once again thank you and your staff for all of your valuable support to date in moving this project forward. We also thank you in advance for your consideration of support for this critical funding augmentation request. Please feel free to contact me at 831-454-2100 or Peter Cota-Robles, Pajaro River Coordinator, at 831-454-2816 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



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California Water Commission  
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