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### **GOVERNMENT TORT CLAIM**

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION

		AgendaJune <b>6, 2000</b>
To:	Board of Supervisors	
Re:	Claim of Pati Parodi & Erica Sun	nner, No. 900-086C
Origin	nal document and associated materials are	on file at the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors.
In rega	ard to the above-referenced claim, this is t	o recommend that the Board take the following action:
<u>X</u>	1. Reject the claim of Pati Paro Counsel.	di & Erica Sumner, No. 900-086C and refer to County
		e claim on behalf of
	_3. Grant the application to file a lat and refer to County Counsel.	e claim on behalf of
	4. Approve the claim of	in the amount of the balance, if any, and refer to County Counsel.
		as insufficiently filed and refer
cc:	cc: John Fantham, Director Department of Public Works	RISK MANAGEMENT
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May 8, 2000

Board of Supervisors County of Santa Cruz ATTN: Clerk of the Board 701 Ocean Street Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Santa Cruz County Flood Control and Water Conservation District 7 County of Santa Cruz, Planning Department ATTN: Jack Nelson 701 Ocean Street Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Pajaro Valley Storm Drain Maintenance District County of Santa Cruz, Department of Public Works ATTN: Terry Reynolds 701 Ocean Street Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: CLAIM AGAINST THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 7 AND THE PAJARO VALLEY STORM DRAIN MAINTENANCE DISTRICT, PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE \$910 et seq.

Dear Ms. Rosario, Mr. Nelson and Mr. Reynolds:

The following is a claim against the above named entities persuant to Government Code §9 10 et seq.

1. <u>Claimant's Name</u>: Pati Parodi & E

Pati Parodi & Erica Sumner 2967 Freedom Boulevard

Address:

Watsonville, CA 95076

Phone:

(831)728-0863

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2. Occurrence: Flooding and continued threat of flooding to 2967 Freedom Boulevard and drainage of County culvert with unsafe ecoli levels onto 2967 Freedom Blvd.

DATE: From Jan 7, 2000 to Present PLACE: 2967 Freedom Boulevard Watsonville, CA 95076

Circumstances of occurrence or transaction giving rise to claim:

- (1) On or about the weekend of March 12, 2000, Freedom Lake flooded claimant's property at 2867 Freedom Boulevard, including claimants' home and structures.
- (2) In the event of heavy rains, Freedom Lake continues to threaten to flood the property known as 2967 Freedom Boulevard; and
- (2) A County owned culvert has drained and continues to drain onto 2967 Freedom Boulevard, the waters emanating from this culvert contain ecoli levels that are unsafe for human and domestic pet contact.
- 4. General description of indebtedness, obligation, injury, damage or loss incurred so far as is now known:

Thus far, 2967 Freedom Boulevard has sustained the following damage:

- (1) Repeated flooding which damaged the exterior and interior (including structural elements and mechanical members) and fixtures, furnishings and furniture of both the residence and storage shed on said property all as set forth in the attached list marked Exhibit A;
- (2) Continued threat of flooding;
- (3) Pati Parodi and Erica Sumner have both lost time from work in order to repair and otherwise address the damages caused by flood, and to attempt to prevent flood damage;
- (4) Out of pocket expenses to repair and address flood damage; and
- (5) Repeated drainage of unsafe and unhealthy water from a County owned culvert.

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The County of Santa Cruz, the Santa Cruz County Flood Control and Water Conservation District 7 and the Pajaro Valley Storm Drain Maintenance District Claim Pursuant to Gov't Code §910 et seq.

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- 5. Names of public employees causing injury, damage, or loss, if known: Unknown at this time.
- 6. Amount Claimed Now: At least \$23,819 Estimated Future Loss: Unknown at this time.
- 7. Basis for Above Computations: Estimate of contractor and insurance claims.
- 8. If the amount is claimed is over \$10,000, indicate the court of jurisdiction:

  Municipal Court  $\underline{X}$  Superior Court

CLAIMANT'S SIGNATURE:

Pati Parodi`

Erica Sumner

Please provide notice of your approval/denial of this claim as soon as is practicable.

Very truly yours,

Jonathan Wittwer