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Board of Supervisors
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APPLICATIONS FOR CALIFORNIA COASTAL SALMON RECOVERY PROGRAM GRANTS

Members of the Board,

The Planning Department seeks Board approval to submit two grant applications to the California Coastal Salmon Recovery Program. In a December 9, 1999 letter, Supervisor Jeff Almquist provided a detailed explanation of this federal funding program to fund salmonid habitat enhancement projects throughout coastal California. From the first round of funding, Santa Cruz County Department of Public Works has received \$60,000 to replace a culvert on Bonny Doon Road.

Two grant applications are being prepared to submit for the August 11, 2000 deadline. Both grant proposals were submitted to the State of California's SB271 grant funding in May, 2000 as described in a Board letter dated April 11, 2000, *Progress Report on Water Resources Management*. Funding decisions on these two proposals will not be made before December 2000. California Dept of Fish and Game staff advised us to resubmit both proposals to the California Coastal Salmon Recovery Program because of the additional funds available through the federal program.

The first application, **Santa Cruz Stream Habitat Outreach Program**, would fund the revision and distribution of the Santa Cruz County Stream Care Guide to all 8,850 stream-side property owners and residents. This outreach program would also fund a 1 ½ day workshop to educate local engineers and contractors how to design and build more fish-friendly streambank stabilization projects. Several Public Works' Engineers plan to attend the workshop. The grant proposal is for \$34,769.

The second application, **Branciforte Creek Passage Restoration Project**, would remove a

collapsed bridge from Branciforte Creek that acts as a low-flow passage obstruction for juvenile and adult steelhead trout. The grant proposal is for \$44,788.

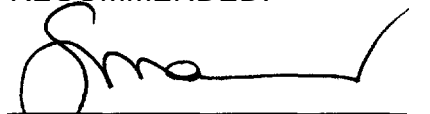
It is therefore recommended that your Board take the following action:

1. Authorize Planning Director to submit above described grant applications to the California Coastal Salmon Recovery Program.

Yours truly,


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Planning Director

RECOMMENDED:



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