

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ
FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7 MEETING
GOVERNMENT CENTER BUILDING, ROOM 525
9:15 A.M.

SEPTEMBER 19, 2000

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

1. AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7, approve minutes of June 20, 2000
- 1.1 AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7, accept and file the report on the Pajaro River Watershed Flood Protection Authority and direct that a further report be presented on January 23, 2001
- 1.2 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 and direct that a further report be presented on January 23, 2001
- 1.3 AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7, accept and file report on Impervious Area Fees on New Construction; affirm your Board's support for a Zone 7 impervious area fee covering both the city and county; direct Zone 7 Staff to schedule a meeting with city representatives and Board Liaisons; and direct Public Works to return with a status report on January 23, 2001

September 19, 2000

- 1.4 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.

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ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

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

June 20, 2000

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

1. AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT,
ZONE 7, APPROVED minutes of March 21, 2000

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

Ayes: Beautz, Symons, Wormhoudt, Almquist,
Carroll, Bobeda, Chair Campos
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

- 1.1 AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT,
ZONE 7, ACCEPTED AND FILED report on the Army
Corps Pajaro River Levee System Reconstruction
Project; directed staff to provide an additional
status report on or before September 19, 2000, and
take related actions

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

Ayes: Beautz, Symons, Wormhoudt, Almquist,
Carroll, Bobeda, Chair Campos
Noes : None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

- 1.2 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 Four-County Basin Study and take related actions

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

Ayes: Beautz, Symons, Wormhoudt, Almquist,
Carroll, Bobeda, Chair Campos
Noes : None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

- 1.3 AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7, ACCEPTED AND FILED report on impervious area charges on new construction within the zone, and take related actions

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

Ayes: Beautz, Symons, Wormhoudt, Almquist,
Carroll, Bobeda, Chair Campos
Noes : None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

- 1.4 AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7, PUBLIC HEARING HELD to consider adoption of a resolution overruling protests and confirming written report on drainage assessment rates for the fiscal year 2000/2001; closed public hearing; ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. SO-0027 overruling protests and confirming written report on drainage assessment rates for the fiscal year 2000/01

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

Ayes: Beautz, Symons, Wormhoudt, Almquist,
Carroll, Bobeda, Chair Campos
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

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1.5 AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT,
ZONE 7, APPROVED proposed Zone 7 budget for fiscal
year 2000/2001

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

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

Noes : None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

1.6 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - No one addressed the Board

Approved: _____
Chair, Zone 7 Board

Attest: _____
Clerk of the Board

Date: _____



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AGENDA: SEPTEMBER 19, 2000

September 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 WATERSHED FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY

Members of the Board:

On June 20, 2000, your Board received the last status report (Attachment 1) and directed that a further status report on the Pajaro River Watershed Flood Protection Authority (PRWFPA) be presented today. Since the last report, the PRWFPA held meetings on June 15, 2000, in Hollister and on July 21, 2000 in **Gilroy**. Copies of the meeting agendas and **draft** minutes from the July 21, 2000, meeting are included as Attachment 2. No **official** minutes were prepared for the June 15, 2000, meeting, as a contract for a PRWFPA executive coordinator had not yet been approved. The minutes of the July 21, 2000, meeting will be considered by the PRWFPA Board at its next meeting scheduled for September 15, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. in Watsonville.

As indicated in the agenda, the PRWFPA considered a number of items at its June 15, 2000, meeting; however, except for an appointment of an interim chair and several **requests** for information to the various agency staff attending, no actions were taken. The lack of actions was due in part to concerns raised by some Board members over whether the Authority was in fact officially established under the provisions of **AB** 807 before July 1, 2000.

As indicated in the agenda and draft minutes from July 21, 2000, the PRWFPA then approved a contract for administrative services with Regional Analysis and Planning Services, Inc., (a nonprofit arm of Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments). In addition, Santa Cruz County representative Director Tony Campos, was elected PRWFPA Chair and Santa Clara County representative Director Gage was elected Vice-Chair. A number of other administrative actions were taken related to drafting of bylaws, exploring alternatives for legal counsel, and insuring compliance with the provisions of state law establishing the PRWFPA.

An oral report was presented by Santa Clara County staff on the status of efforts to secure all or a part of \$2 million in state water bond funds in order to initiate a Pajaro River Basin study, assist with local cost matching on federal projects, and support ongoing PRWFPA operating costs. The State Water Resources Control Board will administer the funds, and while they have passed a resolution to **fund** a number of projects including the Pajaro River Basin study, guidelines for disbursement and use of these funds are yet to be developed. Santa Cruz County staff and **Nicolas Papadakis**, PRWFPA Executive Coordinator, have also been in contact with state representatives on this issue. The executive coordinator has been directed by the PRWFPA Board to continue working with the state to secure funding.

A staff working group meeting was convened by the executive coordinator on August 16, 2000, to address a number of issues raised by the PRWFPA Board. Staff representatives from the eight agencies were formally identified, recommendations for legal counsel were discussed, and review of **draft** bylaws was initiated for consideration by the PRWFPA Board at its next meeting. A number of other issues were also addressed as indicated in the agenda from this meeting, included as Attachment 3.

Zone 7 staff proposes to continue to attend the PRWFPA Board and stafflevel meetings to insure that the policies and directions of your Board are pursued, particularly with regard to identifying and securing adequate local match funds for the Army Corps Pajaro River Levee Reconstruction Project to reduce the flood threat to city of Watsonville, town of Pajaro and surrounding areas.

It is therefore recommended that your Board accept and file this report and direct that a further report on the Pajaro River Watershed Flood Protection Authority be presented at your next meeting on January 23, 2001.

Yours truly,



THOMAS L. BOLICH
District Engineer

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Assemblymember Fred Keeley
Assemblymember Peter Frusetta
City of Watsonville
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RECOMMENDED:

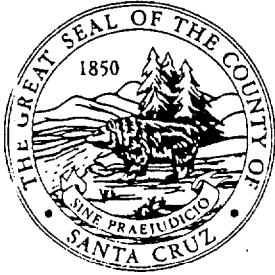


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AGENDA: JUNE 20, 2000

June 6, 2000

APPROVED ZONE 7

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

**Santa Cruz County Flood Control
and Water Conservation District**

By Sharon Mitchell Date 6/20/00
Deputy Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: PAJARO RIVER FOUR-COUNTY BASIN STUDY

Members of the Board:

On March 21, 2000, your Board received the last status report on the Pajaro River Four-County Basin Study (Attachment 1) and directed that a further report be presented today.

Since the last report, the Pajaro River Watershed Flood Protection Authority (PRWFPA) Board of Directors held a meeting on May 19, 2000. A copy of the meeting agenda is included as Attachment 2. The Board took four actions at the meeting:

1. Adopted the Scope of Work for Administrative Services as developed by the combined staff of the member agencies,
2. Directed staff (combined staff of all agencies) to prepare an agreement with Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) for the needed administrative services.
3. Requested that Assemblymembers Keeley and Frusetta check on the availability of appropriations in the state budget (from Proposition 13 Water Bond Funds) and to assure its presence.
4. Directed staff (combined staff of all agencies) to prepare a staff report outlining the framework for use of the water bond money.

A further meeting of the PRWFPA has been scheduled for June 15, 2000, at 2:00 p.m. at the San Benito County offices in Hollister. The combined staff of a majority of agencies met on June 2, 2000, in Watsonville with AMBAG representatives and agreed on an Administrative Services Contract to be presented to the PRWFPA Board. A draft agenda for the next meeting was also prepared to address various housekeeping issues such as electing a chair, adopting interim rules of order, approving the Administrative Services Contract, and receiving the requested reports. No information is available on the date of writing this report concerning timing of the availability of water bond funds or the process for acquiring them; however, any information available on or before June 15, 2000, will be presented to the PRWFPA at its next meeting.

It is therefore recommended that your Board accept and file this report and direct that a further statusreport on the Pajaro River Watershed Flood Protection Authority be presented at your next meeting on September 19, 2000.

Yours truly,



JOHN A. FANTHAM
District Engineer

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Attachments

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:

County Administrative Officer

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 State Senator Bruce McPherson
 Assemblymember Fred Keeley
 Assemblymember Peter Frusetta
 City of Watsonville
 Carlos J. Palacios, Watsonville City Manager
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SAN BENITO COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS
481 FOURTH STREET
HOLLISTER, CA 96023
THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2000

2:00 p.m. CALL TO ORDER:

1) Pajaro River Watershed

- a. Welcome and Introductions - Richard Scagliotti, Supervisor, San Benito County
- b. Approval or additions to agenda.
- c. Presentation: Napa River Flood Protection Project - Philip Williams & Associates
- d. Report on efforts to obtain funding in Conference Committee
- e. Staff report and discussion
 - i. Framework for use of Water Bond funds.
 - ii. Status of contract for administrative services
 - iii. Discussion and consideration of staff recommendations:
Administrative Matters
- f. Discussion of other Issues or Items not on the agenda.
- g. Establish next meeting date and location
- h. Adjournment

Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority⁰³²⁹
10 AM - Noon, Friday, July 21, 2000
Gilroy City Council Chambers
7351 Rosanna Street
Gilroy, CA 95020

Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Approval or additions to agenda
3. Consider approval of Administrative Services Contract with Regional Analysis & Planning Services, Inc.
4. Re-affirm actions taken at June 15, 2000 Authority meeting
5. Direct Executive Coordinator to investigate and recommend alternatives for legal counsel to Authority by September 2000 Authority Board Meeting
6. Direct Executive Coordinator to meet with combined staff to initiate efforts to write Authority bylaws
7. Status report on State funding efforts (Kay Whitlock)
8. Direct Executive Coordinator to work with combined staff to formulate a funding framework report to report to Authority Board at the September 2000 meeting.
9. Direct Executive Coordinator to review legislation establishing the Authority and report back on consistency and implementation of the law
10. Next meeting will be September 15, 2000 at the Watsonville City Council Chambers
11. Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority

PRWFPA

July 21, 2000

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of the Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority, Interim Chair, Don Gage presiding, convened at 10:07 a.m. on Friday, July 21, 2000, at the Gilroy City Council Chambers, 7351 Rosanna Street, Gilroy, California.

2. ROLL

Members – Board of Directors	Representative	In Attendance	Absent
County of Monterey	Supervisor Louis Calcagno	X	
County of San Benito	Supervisor Richard Scagliotti	(10:15 a.m.) X	
County of Santa Clara	Supervisor Donald Gage	X	
County of Santa Cruz	Supervisor Tony Campos	X	
Zone 7 Flood Control District	Betty Bobeda, Director	X	
Monterey County Water Resources Agency	Don Rochester, Director	X	
San Benito County Water District	Gary Gonzales, Director		X
Santa Clara County Water District	Sig Sanchez, Director	X	

Others Present: Kay Whitlock, Scott Wilson, Larry Wilson, Marc Klemencic, Santa Clara Valley Water District; David Morales, Santa Cruz County CAO; Jenny Derry, Steve Homan Santa Clara County; Raquel Mariscal, Supervisor Campos' office; Wendy Sarsfield, Senator Bruce McPherson's office; Steve Wittry, City of Hollister; Bill Phillips, County of Monterey; Charlie Jones, Santa Cruz County Public Works; Nicolas Papadakis, Sandra Young, Martha Tejeda, Regional Analysis and Planning Services, Inc. (RAPS, Inc.) Keith Anderson, Santa Clara County Streams for Tomorrow; Dennis Osmer, Santa Cruz County Planning Commission.

3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Interim Chair, Director Gage, welcomed the Board, staff and visitors; attendees stood and introduced themselves.

4. APPROVAL OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

Motion made by Director Sanchez, seconded by Director Calcagno to approve the list of agenda items. Motion passed unanimously.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACT

This item was postponed until Director Scagliotti arrived. Directors Gage and Sanchez stated that counsel had reviewed the contract and had no objections; staff reported that no substantive changes had been made to the contract since the last meeting except for minor wording changes for clarification purposes.

Motion made by Director Sanchez, seconded by Director Rochester to approve the \$48,000.00 contract for administrative services with Regional Analysis & Planning Services, Inc., and to authorize the Chair to execute the agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

6. RE-AFFIRM ACTIONS TAKEN AT JUNE 15, 2000 AUTHORITY MEETING

Motion made by Director Calcagno, seconded by Director Campos to approve the actions taken at the June 15, 2000 meeting including: (1) the election of Director Campos as Chair and Director Gage as Vice-Chair of the Authority; (2) meetings will be held at 10:00 a.m. on the following dates: September 15, 2000 in Watsonville; November 17, 2000, in Salinas; and, January 19, 2001 in Hollister; (3) the Authority will adopt Robert's Rules of Order for parliamentary procedures at meetings. Motion passed unanimously.

At this point in the meeting, Chair Campos assumed the chairmanship.

7. INVESTIGATION AND RECOMMENDATION OF ALTERNATIVES FOR LEGAL COUNSEL TO AUTHORITY

There was no discussion on this item.

Motion made by Director Gage, seconded by Director Calcagno to direct the Executive Coordinator to investigate and recommend alternatives for legal counsel to the Authority by the September 2000 Authority Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

8. DIRECT EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR TO INITIATE EFFORTS TO WRITE AUTHORITY BYLAWS.

There was no discussion on this item.

Motion made by Director Bobeda, seconded by Director Sanchez to direct the Executive Coordinator to meet with the combined staff to initiate efforts to write Authority bylaws. Motion passed unanimously.

9. STATUS REPORT ON STATE FUNDING EFFORTS

Kay Whitlock, Assistant General Manager of the Santa Clara County Water District, presented an oral report and an enclosed staff memorandum on the status of the efforts to secure all or part of the \$2 million Water Bond funds into the 2000-2001 state budget, stating that on June 15, 2000, the State Water Resources Control Board considered and passed a resolution to fund some Water Bond projects, including the \$2 million Pajaro River Watershed Hydrologic Study; however, guidelines and/or parameters have not been established by the State Water Resources Control Board.

Discussion followed with Directors Rochester, Campos and Gage suggesting that the Executive Coordinator develop a plan to present to the State regarding the needed studies, costs of the studies, how the funds may be used (i.e. for administrative costs) and negotiate the establishment of guidelines to serve the Authority's needs and best interests.

Motion made by Director Gage, seconded by Director Bobeda to accept the report and to authorize the Executive Coordinator to (1) develop a plan in the best interest of the Authority which includes recommendations for needed studies, estimates of the cost of the studies, and guidelines for expenditure of the funding; and (2) present the plan and negotiate with the State for acceptance of the plan. Motion passed unanimously.

10. FORMULATE A FUNDING FRAMEWORK REPORT

Director Campos requested that RAPS, Inc. begin this work immediately.

Motion made by Director Gage, seconded by Director Bobeda to direct the Executive Coordinator to work with the combined staff to formulate a funding framework report to present to the Authority Board at the September 2000 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

11. REVIEW LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING THE AUTHORITY

Director Gage expressed concern that members of the San Benito County Water District have not responded to invitations to attend Board meetings and staff working group meetings of the Authority. A brief discussion followed. Chair Campos stated that he would write a letter, and ask Assemblymember Keeley to write a letter regarding the District's legal obligation to participate.

Motion made by Director Gage, seconded by Director Bobeda to direct the Executive Coordinator to review the legislation establishing the Authority and to report back on consistency and implementation of the law. Motion passed unanimously.

12. NEXT MEETING

Chair Campos reminded the Board that the next meeting will **be held on Friday**, September 15, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. at the Watsonville City Council Chambers.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Signattire:

Tony Campos, Chair

Date

Agenda

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PRWFPA Staff Working Group Meeting
Wednesday, August 16, 2000 ~ 1:30 p.m - 3:30 p.m.
Engineering Conference Room ~ Gilroy City Hall
735 1 Rosanna Street
Gilroy, CA 95020

1. Minutes of Authority's July 21,2000 meeting

Minutes enclosed. Review and comment on format.

2. Staff Working Group Membership and Procedures

Consider establishing agency representation (number of reps, alternates, etc.) voting procedures, chair/vice-chair, meeting schedule, other.

3. Legal Counsel to Authority

A preference for independent counsel (not an Authority member's staff) has been expressed. Please submit names prior to or at the meeting. Formulate recommendation for further Board consideration.

4. Authority By-Laws

A draft is attached for review and discussion at the meeting.

5. Develop Plan

See item #9 in minutes of Authority's July 21, 2000 meeting.

6. Funding Framework Report

See item #10 in minutes of Authority's July 21, 2000 meeting. This item relates to #3 above.

7. Review of legislation – Report on consistency and implementation of the law.

See Section 5 of draft By-Laws regarding Authority's directors term of office.

8. Mailing Lists

Review and update various mailing lists (attached).

9. Next Meeting Dates of Working Group

Schedule the next 2-3 meeting times, dates and locations for the Working Group meetings.



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AGENDA: SEPTEMBER 19, 2000

September 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 LEVEE SYSTEM RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Members of the Board:

On June 20, 2000, your Board received the last status report on the Army Corps Pajaro River Levee System Reconstruction Project (Attachment 1) and directed that a further report be presented today.

PROJECT STATUS

Zone 7 staff last met with Army Corps representatives on August 29, 2000. At that meeting the Corps indicated that they are on target with the project schedule transmitted to your Board with the last status report, which calls for a late 2004 construction start. In particular, they are currently evaluating project baseline economic conditions that will form the basis of future project benefit to cost (b/c) ratios. As your Board is aware, Army Corps projects require a b/c ratio greater than 1.0 in order to be recommended for federal funding. In addition, the baseline economic conditions calculations will be a critical component in identifying the level of flood protection that the Corps will ultimately recommend funding. Pursuant to previous direction from your Board, Zone 7 staff continues to pursue a level of protection consistent with the original Congressional authorization, **100-year** protection in urbanized areas and **50-year** in rural areas. A report from the Army Corps, which will review project alternatives and identify the highest level of protection that can be fully cost shared based on b/c ratios, is due in March of 2001.

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While the Army Corps indicates that the schedule as a whole is on track, they indicate that the "F-3" milestone in the project schedule (the time when the "future without project condition" is reviewed and approved, which includes economic analysis), may be delayed until November 2000 due to new procedures that require that Army Corps Headquarters (Washington, D.C.) review this analysis prior to the next study phase, which is formulation and selection of a potential solution to flooding. The San Francisco District appears to be aggressively pursuing quantification of all potential project benefits, which is definitely in our local interest. In addition, Zone 7 staff and HDR Engineering, our advocates on this project, are carefully reviewing the economic analysis as it progresses to insure the most favorable outcome possible consistent with federal criteria.

The Army Corps also indicated that borings have now been completed along the existing levee system and along Corralitos Creek between Highway 129 and Green Valley Road where new levees are proposed. Analysis of this data, which will be used in project design, is now under way. The results should be available for inclusion in our next status report to your Board in January 2001.

Finally, the Army Corps indicates that they now have a working, up-to-date, hydraulic computer model of the lower Pajaro River with which to evaluate project alternatives. As with the economic modeling discussed above, Zone 7 staff and HDR Engineering are reviewing the hydraulic model parameters and assumptions to insure the most accurate flood flow modeling possible.

STEERING COMMITTEE

There have now been two meetings of the Design Review Steering Committee. The agendas and minutes from these meetings are included as Attachment 2.

Committee members have expressed strong concern over the flood wall approach, currently the primary alternative being analyzed by the Army Corps. These concerns echo many of the issues raised during your March 1999 Board hearing to consider what level of protection to support for Salsipuedes/Corralitos Creek levee reconstruction, before consolidation of that project with the Pajaro River mainstem work: increased risk of catastrophic failure, visual impacts, biotic impacts, possible interference with police enforcement activities and high maintenance requirements.

As a result of these issues, the Steering Committee has expressed a strong desire to carefully evaluate viable alternatives to flood walls with the assistance of appropriate consultants. Because only two meetings have been held thus far, no formal requests or recommendations have been forwarded by the Steering Committee to your Board; however, Zone 7 staff anticipates such action in the near future. The next meeting of the Steering Committee is scheduled for September 28, 2000.


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STATUS OF APPROPRIATIONS

As indicated in the last report, the Administration's 2001 budget only recommends \$600,000 for continuing the Army Corps' design work on the project. This amount is also contained in the House version of 2001 appropriations; however, the Senate committee has recommended \$1.2 million. This amount is now also contained in the Senate version of the proposed 2001 budget. As your Board is aware, approximately \$1.9 million is needed to prevent delay of the design process. Congressman Sam Farr and his staff are continuing to work toward increasing project appropriations in upcoming Conference Committee hearings. Our Washington D.C. advocate also continues to provide valuable support for additional funding. There is currently optimism that appropriations will be increased in the final budget. We will update your Board at your next scheduled meeting in January.

It is therefore recommended that your Board accept and file this report on the Pajaro River Levee System Reconstruction Project and direct Zone 7 staff to provide a further status report on January 23, 2001.

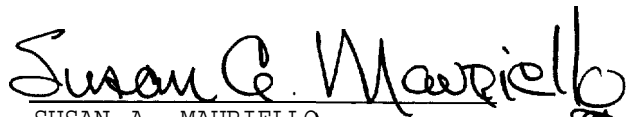
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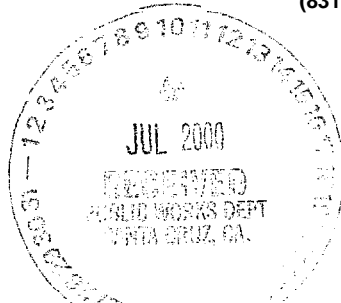


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AGENDA: JUNE 20, 2000

June 6, 2000

APPROVED

ZONE 7

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

**Santa Cruz County Flood Control
and Water Conservation District**

By Sharon Mitchell Date 6/6/00
Deputy Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: PAJARO RIVER LEVEE SYSTEM RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Members of the Board:

On March 21, 2000 your Board received the last status report on the Army Corps Pajaro River Levee System Reconstruction Project (Attachment 1) and directed that a further report be presented today.

PROJECT STATUS

Staff last met with Army Corps representatives on April 6, 2000. At that meeting we received revised detailed project schedules (Attachment 2) which still call for project construction to begin in late 2004. In conformance with that schedule, borings are currently being made at numerous locations along the levees to facilitate geotechnical review of the integrity of the current levees and their suitability for use as part of the proposed reconstruction project. The results of this work will be used in the detailed design process which is also now beginning.

As part of the last meeting, staff also met with the Army Corps' Project Review Board (PRB) members to emphasize the importance of keeping project design and implementation on schedule. The PRB is made up of the Army Corps section heads whose staff will be responsible for carrying out the many parts of the design process including hydraulics, economics, environmental and other functions.

Staff has also initiated discussions with Monterey County to facilitate coordination and agreement on project design parameters, implementation and local cost match funding. A regular meeting schedule between the Army Corps, Monterey County and Santa Cruz County is being developed to allow careful monitoring of the project progress, to facilitate input of local concerns and to insure timely implementation. The next meeting with the Army Corps is scheduled for June 8, 2000.

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STEERING COMMITTEE

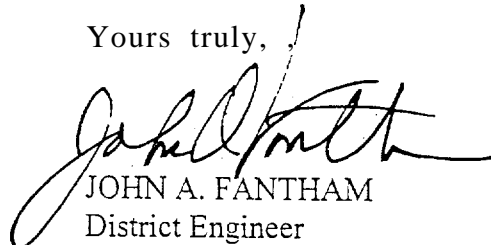
All agencies and organizations identified by your Board have now appointed representatives to the Pajaro River Levee System Reconstruction Project Design Review Steering Committee, with the exception of the Army Corps. However, Army Corps representatives have expressed a willingness to participate in the design review process. As directed by your Board, a list of Steering Committee members is included as Attachment 3. Since the Army Corps is now beginning more comprehensive 'design work, it is appropriate for the committee to begin meeting. The first meeting has been scheduled for June 29, 2000 in Watsonville.

STATUS OF APPROPRIATIONS

As indicated in the last report, the Administration's Budget for fiscal year 2000/2001 only contains \$600,000 for continuing the Army Corps' design work on the project. The San Francisco District has indicated that they have the capability to utilize \$1.9 million. Unless funding in this amount is made available, progress on the design process will be delayed. Consequently staff is continuing to work closely with Congress Member Farr, Senator Boxer's staff and our Washington advocate to seek the necessary budget augmentation.

It is therefore recommended that your Board accept and file this report and direct that a further status report be presented at your next meeting on September 19, 2000.

Yours truly,


JOHN A. FANTHAM
District Engineer

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Attachments

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:

County Administrative Officer

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PAJARO RIVER LEVEE SYSTEM RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT DESIGN REVIEW STEERING COMMITTEE

*City of Watsonville Department Of Public Works and Utilities/ Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency/
CA Dept. Of Fish and Game, Region 3 / Watsonville Wetlands Watch/ Santa Cruz County Farm
Bureau/ Monterey County Water Resources Agency/ County of Santa Cruz Planning Department*

Date: Thursday, June 29, 2000

Location: City of Watsonville
City Hall Administration Building, 215 Union Street, 2nd Floor
City Manger's Office Conference Room
Time: 10:00 a.m - 12:00 p.m.

1. Introductions

- Self introductions by each member of committee
- Overview and opening comments by support staff from County of Santa Cruz Department of Public Works

2. General Discussion, Questions and Other Issues

- Agenda For Next Meeting

3. Establish Future Meeting Schedule

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**PAJARO RIVER LEVEE SYSTEM RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT
DESIGN REVIEW STEERING COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

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- ◆ AB 807 Process (Zone 7 Staff person Cota-Robles announced that the Four-County Flood Protection Authority BOD meets this Friday at 10:00 AM at Gilroy City Hall.)

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As an informational item, Zone 7 Staff Member Cota-Robles distributed a one-page hand-out entitled "Pajaro River Flood Control Project - A Chronology-" which listed the series of events from 1936 through 1999 for the evolution of the levee project for the USACE levee.

5. Introduction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

A background and status report on the 'Feasibility- Level Study' for the levee reconstruction project was presented by the Steering Committee's member from the USACE, Jim Howells. Committee Member Howells is the Planning Team Leader for the levee reconstructions project's Feasibility Study.

Committee Member Howells gave background summary of the project's feasibility analysis. He reported that the 1994 Reconnaissance Report recommended that a Floodwall project be taken to the feasibility level for NEPA/CEQA review (F4-level), and that the cost /benefit ration for that project is 1: 1.2. The USACE needs a cost/benefit ration of 1: 1 before proceeding with a project.

Committee Member Howells distributed a nine-page information packet entitled: "Feasibility-Level Study Update, July 19, 2000, PAJARO RIVER GRR, Pajaro River Mainstem

& Salsipuedes/Corralitos Creeks Floodwall Project”. Highlights from his report are as follows:

Levee Borings: The Geotech Subsurface Investigation is almost complete with boring site drilling and sampling done for 25 out of 28 boring site locations. Rights-of-entry are being pursued for the three remaining sites. Initial assessment of the boring samples indicated variable soil layer compositions at some locations.

Modeling: F3-level HEC-RAS model for Pajaro River Mainstem is complete.

Economic Analysis: Analysis of economic damages is in process for the Without-project (F3-Level) project (base) condition for the Pajaro River Mainstem and Salsipuedes/Corralitos Creeks tributaries. F3-level (w/o-project condition) H&H Analysis was completed May 29, 2000.

R&U flood damage analysis is in process.

Environmental Analysis: For the F3-level's existing conditions, a current species list for the Pajaro River Mainstem and Salsipuedes/Corralitos Creeks was completed on June 6, 2000. The contacts for the USACE's Environmental Planning section are : Linda Nim, and Peter Lasveeda.

Environmental analysis of the of the With-Project condition (F4-level conference) for the USACE's preferred alternative of floodwalls is expected to be released in March 2001. This F4-level report will include an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) review and an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review. The EIS and EIR will be combined in order to reduce duplication and paperwork. The EIS/EIR document might be 100% federally financed in Pre-construction Engineering and Design (PED) phase and cost-shared in the construction phase (need to confirm Joint EIS/EIR financing). Committee Member Howells reported that consultations from US Fish & Wildlife and the National Marine Fisheries Service is planned to be incorporated into the planning process at the F4-level conference (estimated as March 200 1).

Construction: Assuming: (1) unconstrained budget from GRR to construction, (2) best case schedule from GRR to construction, and (3) two construction phases), the construction time line is listed below. One phase will apply to the mainstem and the other phase will apply to the tributary stem, but it is undecided whether the mainstem or the tributaries' stem will be constructed first.

1 st Construction Phase

start	MAR 2004
Finish	JUN 2006

2nd Construction Phase

Start	DEC 2005
Finish	FEB 2008

In the ensuing discussion, Committee Members Geyer and Theriot noted that species loss was not calculated into the cost/benefit ratio for the economic analysis of the feasibility of the levee reconstruction project. General Committee members noted that if species loss were included in the economic analysis, then the cost/benefit ratio would likely weigh more heavily in the local sponsors' favor to justify a flood control project with a high level of flood protection.

Committee Alternate Van Houten requested a glossary of definitions for USACE's terms and acronyms used in the project's feasibility study.

6. Introduction of HDR Engineering Inc.

The Senior Project Engineer from HDR Engineering Inc., Ken Myers, was introduced to the Steering Committee and gave an overview of his services to the Zone 7 BOD for this project. Ken Myers reported that his position is as a local sponsor advocate and liaison to the USACE. He reported that as part of his contract, HDR Engineering Inc. is looking at alternatives to the 50-year level of protection project for the mainstem and the 70-year level of protection project for the tributaries. He will work with the Steering Committee to analyze the flood wall project and its alternatives and to be an advisory resource as the Steering Committee develops recommendations to the Zone 7 BOD.

Ken Meyers distributed copies of two items developed by HDR Engineering Inc. for the Steering Committee's review of project alternatives.

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7. Other Issues

As the meeting was running late, no other issues were identified by the Committee.

8. **Next Meeting**

Zone 7 Staff Member Wolcott had prepared a proposed meeting schedule based on input at the previous meeting from Committee members about their availability. A proposed meeting schedule was distributed to the Committee for their review, as follows:

Every meeting is: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Meeting #3 Thursday, Sept 7 (canceled), Meeting #3 Thursday, Sept 28

Meeting #4 Thursday, Oct 26

Meeting #5 Thursday, Nov 16

Meeting #6 Thursday, Dec 14

9. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM. until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on September 7, 2000. (This meeting date was subsequently canceled and deferred until the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 28, 2000.)

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PAJARO RIVER LEVEE SYSTEM RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT DESIGN REVIEW STEERING COMMITTEE

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DESIGN REVIEW STEERING COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

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THOMAS L. BOLICH
DISTRICT ENGINEER

AGENDA: SEPTEMBER 19, 2000

September 8, 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 June 20, 2000, your Board received the last status report on impervious area fees on new construction (Attachment 1) and directed that a **further** report be presented today.

The City of Watsonville considered the fees on June 13, 2000. A copy of the staff report and minutes are included as Attachment 2. As you can see from the minutes, the City Council was supportive of establishing impervious area fees for new development at a rate of \$0.35 per square foot. While this is less than the \$0.70 (increased **from** \$0.65 on July 1, 2000) currently charged in other zones of the Santa Cruz County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, this fee would still be of significant benefit in helping to address the local funding needs associated with the Army Corps Pajaro River Levee System Reconstruction Project.

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While in theory separate ordinances might be legally feasible, Zone 7 staff strongly believes that a Zone 7 fee applied consistently in both the city and county would be preferable. A Zone 7 fee would guarantee that the fees were applied equally and equitably in both the city and county, it would insure that the funds would be made available to the Pajaro River Levee System Reconstruction Project (rather than potentially being redirected by the City or County to other area flooding problems) and it would reduce any possible nexus issues within the county.

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It may be possible to address the City Manager's concerns about the possible impact of the fees on special projects through **careful** crafting of a Zone 7 Impervious 'Area Fee Resolution, which would clearly specify projects where fees would be waived or reduced. Staff recommends that a meeting be convened between the City Manager, Director Campos, Director Bobeda, the City Public Works Director and Zone 7 staff to reach a consensus on how to best resolve this issue.

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

1. Accept and file this report.
2. **Affirm** your Board's support for a Zone 7 impervious area fee covering both the City and County.
3. Direct Zone 7 staff to schedule a meeting with City representatives and Board liaisons as described above.
4. Direct that a **further** status report be presented at your next meeting on January 23, 2001.


Yours truly,


THOMAS L. BOLICH
District Engineer

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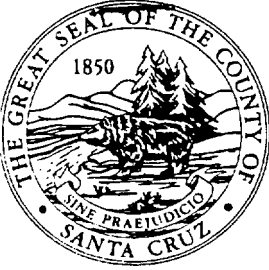
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AGENDA: JUNE 20, 2000

June 6, 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 March 21, 2000, your Board received the last status report on impervious area fees on new construction (copy attached) and directed that a further report be presented on this date.

The City of Watsonville City Council will be considering a report on impervious area fees on June 13, 2000. The Zone 7 staff plans to attend the meeting to hear the Council's reaction to the proposal and to respond to questions if so requested. As your Board will recall, impervious area fees are applied to new construction that increases impervious surfaces (areas that are covered by roofs, pavement, or are otherwise surfaced in a manner that prevents natural percolation of rain water, thereby increasing runoff). Such fees are currently applied to projects within Zones 5, 6, and 8 of the Santa Cruz County Flood Control and Water Conservation District at a rate of \$0.65 per square foot.

As your Board is aware, the Pajaro River System Levee Reconstruction Project, currently being designed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will require substantial local match funds, currently estimated at \$25 million. The proposed impervious area fees are anticipated to generate approximately \$250,000 per year and could potentially be leveraged through bonding. While staff is pursuing other state and federal sources to reduce local match requirements, it is critical that reasonable local funding options be maximized.

ZONE 7 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

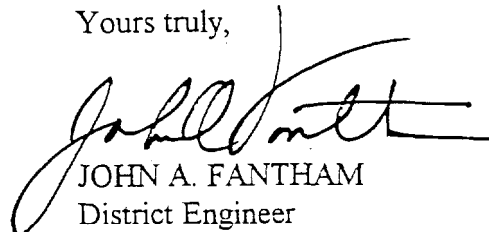
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The support of the Watsonville City Council and the Board of Supervisors will be required prior to enactment by your Board of our ordinance establishing impervious area fees. The assistance and participation of city staff will be required for the efficient calculation and collection of the fee at the time of building permit issuance for projects within the city. County Public Works Drainage staff would calculate the fee for projects within the unincorporated portions of Zone 7. An oral report of the City Council's actions will be presented to your Board on June 20, 2000, when you consider this item. If the Council is supportive, it will be recommended that your Board direct staff to present the matter to the Board of Supervisors for consideration and return at your next meeting on September 19, 2000, with the necessary ordinances to implement the fees.

It is therefore recommended that your Board accept and file this report and direct that a further status report on the impervious area fees on new construction be presented at your next meeting on September 19, 2000.

Yours truly,



JOHN A. FANTHAM
District Engineer

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RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:


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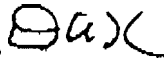
MEMORANDUM

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Elected Representation
to the City Council
City Manager

Date: June 2, 2000

To: Carlos 3. Palacios, City Manager

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

Subject: Consideration of Impervious Area Stormwater Impact Fee for New Development

Agenda Item: June 13, 2000 City Council

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council provide staff with direction regarding the implementation of an impervious area stormwater impact fee for new development.

Discussion:

One of the key problems facing the County Zone 7 Flood Control and Water Conservation District (Zone 7) in pursuing the major flood control improvements needed along the Pajaro River, Salsipuedes/Corralitos Creeks is a lack of an adequate source of local funds to finance the local share of project costs. Zone 7 is currently the only drainage zone in the county which does not have an impervious area impact fee for new construction. County staff has estimated that institution of such a fee within Zone 7 could generate more than \$200,000 per year (fluctuating with the amount of new construction) which could be applied toward the local share of stormwater and flood control projects

The Zone 7 Board has recently discussed the possibility of implementing an impervious area fee and directed County staff to work with City staff to place the issue of impervious area fees before the City Council. As a practical matter, City Council support would be necessary in order to implement an impervious area fee within Zone 7.

The current impervious area fee within other County flood control zones is \$0.65 per square foot of impervious surface. The fee is charged for new building roof areas, concrete driveways and patios, and other new impervious surfaces. City staff has estimated that the implementation of a \$0.65 per square foot impervious area fee would add approximately \$2000 to the cost of a typical new home in Watsonville. This amount is based on an assumption of a total of approximately 3000 square feet of roof, driveway, sidewalk and street area per single family dwelling.

Financial impact: Implementation of an impervious area fee for new development would increase the cost of development and provide a new source of local funds for flood control projects. The additional cost of development and the amount of funds generated for project financing would depend on the amount of the implemented fee. It is estimated that a fee of \$0.65

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per square foot would increase the cost of a typical home by approximately \$2000 and increase Zone 7 revenue for local flood control projects by approximately \$200,000 or more per year, depending on the amount of development in any given year.

Alternatives: The City Council could decide not to implement an impervious area fee or could support a different rate than that currently existing in other County flood control districts. The City could also implement its own impervious area fee, separate from Zone 7, to fund local stormwater projects and contribute to Zone 7 flood control projects.

Exhibits and **Attachments:** None

cc: City Attorney

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MINUTES REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 13, 2000
4:05 P.M.

City of **Watsonville**
Council Chambers
250 Main Street

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Computer Svcs</p> <p>4.5 Reso 148-00 Award Contr/Moss, Levy
& Hartzheim/Prof Auditing Svcs</p> <p>4.5 Reso 149-00 Membership/Library/
Golden Gateway Library Network</p> <p>4.7 Reso 150-00 File Eng Rpt/Gonzales
St Alleyway Assmt Dist</p> <p>4.8 7th, 8th, & 9th St Assmt Dist</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(a) Reso 151-00 Prelim Eng Rpt</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(b) Reso 152-00 Est Prevailing
Wage/Plans/Specs/Call Bids</p> <p>4.9 Watson St Assmt Dist</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(a) Reso 153-00 Prelim Eng Rpt</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(b) Reso 154-00 Est Prevailing
Wage/Plans/Specs/Call Bids</p> <p>4.10 Reso 155-00 E I Paj CDC/Forgive
CDBG Loan</p> <p>4.11 Reso 156-00 Restruct Meas E Loan/
E I Paj CDC/Defer Pmts</p> <p>4.12 See Item 5.0</p> <p>4.13 Reso 157-00 Temp St Closure/
Criterium Bike Race/July 22</p> <p>4.14 Reso 158-00 Temp Closure/Alisa Cir/
July 4th Block Party</p> <p>4.15 Cancel 8/8/00 Meeting</p> <p>5.0 Items Remv'd Fr Consent Agenda</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">4.12 Reso 159-00 Proposed Zone
7 Budget</p> <p>7.1 Rpt/Impact/Cisco Sys Coyote Proj/
Other Hi Tech Projs</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(a) Staff Report</p> | <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(b) Disc & Public Input</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(c) Motion</p> <p>8.1 City Policy/Provide Utility Svcs Outside
City Limits</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(a) Staff Rpt</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(b) Disc & Public Input</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(c) Motion</p> <p>8.2 SCrz Co Zone 7 Flood Control &
Water Conservation Dist/Consider
Impervious Area Stormwater impact
Fee/New Dev</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(a) Staff Rpt</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(b) Disc & Public Input</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(c) Motion</p> <p>10.1 Closed Session</p> <p><u>7.30 P.M. Session</u></p> <p>2.0 Pledge of Allegiance</p> <p>3.2 Certif of Recog/Fly-In</p> <p>3.3 Youth Recognition Awards</p> <p>3.4 Oral Communications</p> <p>6.1 Use Permit/SCrz Yachts/276 West
Riverside Dr</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(a) Staff Rpt</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(b) Public Hearing</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(c) Reso 160-00 Use Permit</p> <p>6.2 Designate Council Dist/Freedom-
Carey Annex</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(a) Staff Rpt</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(b) Public Hearing</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(c) Ord Intro</p> <p><u>Joint City Council/Agency Meeting</u></p> <p>1.0 Roll Call</p> <p>6.3 Proposed 2000 Redev Plan/Final EIR</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(a) Introductory Statement</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(b) Presentations & Response to
Written Objections</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(c) Public Input</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(d) Deliberations</p> |
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- (c) MOTION: It was moved by Member Lopez and seconded by Member Phares to place a moratorium on new water connections outside the City limits and direct staff to work with the County Planning Department related to a policy prohibiting new water connections.

Member Phares commented that she felt the City is supporting the County's policy of no-growth, but she calls it slow-growth, by allowing the water connections.

Member Doering-Nielsen agreed. She suggested the last line be removed from staff recommended Alternative Policy 1 stating, "except under certain specific criteria regarding affordability and City-centered growth criteria." She said she would like a moratorium on everything, and Council would look at everything.

Member Lopez agreed, but said staff would bring a policy back to Council. In working County staff, City staff would look at some specific criteria around affordability in projects that border the City. He said all projects would come to the Council.

Mr. Palacios said staff could develop a policy stating that all projects would be approved by Council. The policy would give people the message of the kind of growth the Council would encourage and the kind they would not.

MOTION WITHDRAWN: Member Lopez withdrew the above motion

MOTION; It was moved by Member Lopez and seconded by Member Bobeda that Council place a moratorium on all new water connections outside the City limits, direct staff to enter into discussions with Santa Cruz County Planning staff, and return to Council with a policy prohibiting new water connections; and all connections be brought back to Council. The motion carried, with Member Gomez dissenting.

8.2 **COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ ZONE 7 FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF AN IMPERVIOUS AREA STORMWATER IMPACT FEE FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT (#2-422)**

(a) **Staff Report**

The staff report was given by Public Works & Utilities Director Koch.

(b) **Discussion & Public Input**

Member Doering-Nielsen felt the fee was high.

Member Bobeda said Zone 7 needs additional funds, but she felt the formula should be reduced from the 65 cents; and possibly raised at another time.

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Member Gomez asked what implications this would have on the Franich development. Mr. Koch said it would raise the cost of a single-family detached home by \$2,000, but did not know the impact on apartments and townhouses.

Referring to the Four-County Task Force, Member Phares asked if Zone 7 is paying more than the other counties and asked what the other cities are paying. Mr. Koch said Watsonville is in the location where most of the flooding occurs, and there has been a suggestion that there be an impervious fee in all four counties.

Assistant City Manager Tavantzis commented that she estimated the impact on the Franich development to be about \$1 million.

Peter Cota Robles, County Public Works Department, said the fee could be set lower than 65 cents, and noted the additional funding will allow generation of local match funding. He said they are working with the four counties to generate other fees and this will push them.

Member Phares asked if farmers and growers are paying any part of this fee. Mr. Koch said anything with a permanent foundation will pay the fee.

- (c) MOTION: It was moved by Member Lopez and seconded by Mayor Rios that staff recommendation be approved.

City Manager Palacios said the City has a need to create more affordable housing and to fix the flooding situation. This fee will make the affordable housing on the Franich property more difficult and it will have to be subsidized. He agreed with Member Phares that the fee be established at a lower level.

Member Doering-Nielsen suggested 32½ cents

Member Gomez said it is critical that Council consider the impacts on affordable housing, and said there is already an 18-cent fee.

MOTION AMENDMENT: Member Lopez amended his above motion to implement a 35-cent impervious area stormwater impact fee for new development. The motion was seconded by Member Doering-Nielsen, and carried.

THE MEETING RECESSED TO A CLOSED SESSION AT 6:18 P.M.

10.1 CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

--Firefighters Association

--Clerical/Technical Unit (SEIU)

THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 7:30 P.M.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE