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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

701 Ocean Street

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SUBJECT: AMESTI ROAD LANDSLIDE DEWATERING PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Members of the Board:

On June 27, 2000, your Board received a status report on the ongoing efforts being made by the Planning Department, Environmental Health, and the Public Works Department to seek **funding** sources for the stabilization and reconstruction of the Amesti Road landslide. Your Board directed the three departments to continue their joint efforts toward securing **funds** for stabilizing the landslide and mitigating the ongoing damage to the roadway and the surrounding area, including improvements to the County's road drainage system, and promoting the public's awareness of their sanitation discharge impacts as related to the project area. This report describes our combined progress to date and provides suggestions for the continuation of our efforts for the future stabilization of the slide and reconstruction of the roadway and when it may actually take place.

The Planning Department recently made an appeal to both the State Office of Emergency Services (OES) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (**FEMA**) for reconsidering the 1995 Damage Survey Report (DSR) written for the stabilization and repair of the damage site. Unfortunately, Planning's latest effort to reopen their 1995 DSR (**FEMA** event #1046) was rejected by FEMA as they now consider that event as closed. Planning continues to explore hazard mitigation funding from FEMA to offset future potential landslide impacts to the Crow Avenue homeowners.

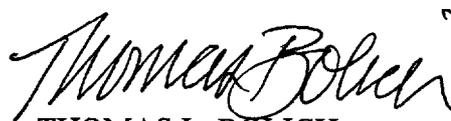
Environmental Health is now in the process of submitting information to area residents which will explain how they can reduce their household water use and their resulting septage discharge to the landslide mass. Environmental Health's public awareness document will be available for your Board's review by September 29, 2000.

As directed by your Board, Public Works is currently using the remaining \$120,000 in funds approved in the 2000/01 Road Program to begin improving localized drainage facilities along the damaged portion of Amesti Road. The properties recently acquired through the FEMA Hazard Mitigation program by Planning should facilitate these efforts. In addition, we are seeking additional funding for the stabilization of the landslide, now estimated at approximately \$1,500,000 by our consultant, IT/EMCON, through state and federal grant funding programs. It is our intent to submit an application for State Transportation Improvement Program monies during the next funding cycle for the Amesti Road stabilization and a portion of the road reconstruction work. Our department proposes to update your Board on the STIP application process in April 2001. This funding would augment the \$100,000 previously approved by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission to offset local match costs for our DSR (which remains suspended by FEMA until such time as the landslide is stabilized). As your Board is aware, once we have stabilized the landslide, this DSR, which was then estimated and written for nearly \$470,000, should fund most of the remaining reconstruction work on Amesti Road.

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

1. Accept and file the progress report on the Amesti Road Landslide Dewatering Project.
2. Direct Planning and Public Works to return to your Board on or before the last meeting in April 2001, to report on their progress toward funding stabilization and repair of the Amesti Road landslide.

Yours truly,



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Attachments

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:



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