



# County of Santa Cruz

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AGENDA: October 17, 2000

Board of Supervisors  
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### **DEFER PROGRESS REPORT ON ONGOING ACTIVITIES TO MITIGATE OVERDRAFT IN THE PAJARO VALLEY**

Members of the Board:

On May 23, 2000 your Board directed staff to provide a comprehensive progress report on activities to mitigate overdraft in the Pajaro Valley. Staffs assessment of the Basin Management Plan has been completed and transmitted to the PVWMA. A draft copy of the State of the Basin Report has not yet been released for public review. More importantly, recent activities initiated by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors and the Watsonville City Council are pertinent to the substance of this progress report and are noteworthy for your Board. The recent activities of these two governing bodies involve linking the inadequacy of the existing water supply to imposed limitations on present and future land uses in the Pajaro Valley.

Monterey County Board of Supervisors enacted an 18 month moratorium limiting development in North Monterey County (Pajaro Basin) on September 26, 2000. Watsonville City Council will meet again on October 10, 2000 to consider policies limiting water connections in areas outside of the City but within their service area. Staff is evaluating Monterey County's interim ordinance and is closely tracking discussion regarding the City of Watsonville's water service policies. Staff requests more time to bring the detail of these actions and appropriate recommendations to your Board in a comprehensive report. Staff therefore recommends deferring this progress report until November 7, 2000.

Sincerely,

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 Planning Director

RECOMMENDED

SUSAN A. MAURIELLO  
 County Administrative Officer