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# County of Santa Cruz

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AGENDA: OCTOBER 17, 2000

October 4, 2000

### SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

701 Ocean Street  
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SUBJECT: GRAHAM HILL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, ROARING CAMP  
ROAD TO 0.64 SOUTH, DESIGN SERVICES BY CONSULTANT

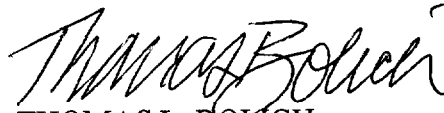
Members of the Board:

On June 13, 2000, Public Works requested your Board's authorization to initiate the Statement of Qualifications process to hire a civil design firm for the subject property and services. This request was made so we could employ firms who could provide both the final engineering of the Board-approved plan line for the Graham Hill Road Improvement Project and have the skills necessary to develop a consensus for the project during the community meeting process. Our department interviewed three firms on August 25 and 28, 2000, and the selection committee determined that Sandis Humber Jones of Salinas and their subconsultants have the qualifications for the engineering design and the extensive public relations experience that will be necessary for the project. As your Board is aware, the Graham Hill Road Improvement Project is proposed to greatly improve the operation of the roadway and enhance motorists' safety along the corridor. It will, however, be critical that the consultant work with the community, your Board, and the Public Works Department in a constructive manner to establish appropriate engineering design parameters as well as meeting critical goals for the project, including building a community consensus for the project.

At this time final negotiations with Sandis Humber Jones are underway by the County, and a pre-award audit is being conducted by the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS). We expect that both the negotiations and the audit process will be completed by the end of this calendar year, so that we can then return to your Board on or before December 12, 2000, with a contract with Sandis Humber Jones. This would then allow us to proceed with the next phase of the design process in January of 2001, and to prepare for the community meeting process on the proposed project.

It is therefore recommended that the Board of Supervisors direct Public Works to return to the Board on or before December 12, 2000, with an engineering contract agreement and tentative public meeting schedule for the proposed project.

Yours truly,

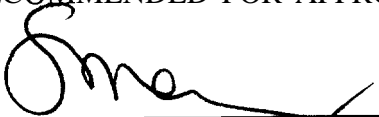


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RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:



County Administrative Officer

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