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## **County of Santa Cruz**

## REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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December 28, 2000

Agenda: January 9, 2001

Board of Directors County of Santa Cruz Redevelopment Agency 701 Ocean Street Santa Cruz, CA 95060

## FINANCING OF EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS ON BARGETTO-SOQUEL DRIVE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Dear Members of the Board:

In a separate letter on today's agenda, the Director of the Department of Public Works is recommending that your Board, as the Board of Supervisors, take certain actions relating to eminent domain proceedings for the acquisition of right-of-way necessary for the reconstruction of the Bargetto-Soquel Drive Bridge and related road improvements on Soquel Drive in Soquel Village.

The Bargetto-Soquel Drive Bridge Replacement and Road Improvement Project includes the replacement of the bridge over Soquel Creek as well as the construction of a new right turn lane from westbound Soquel Drive to northbound Porter Street, sidewalks, bikelanes, and streetscape improvements between Main Street and Porter Street, and streetscape improvements on the south side of Soquel Drive between Porter Street and Daubenbiss Avenue.

The funding for two of the acquisitions associated with the right turn lane and road improvements, Tuosto and Central Fire Protection District, is being provided by the Redevelopment Agency. The Redevelopment Agency's cost for the acquisition of these two properties is \$89,700. Funds for the acquisitions are appropriated within the current year budget. However, it is necessary for your Board, as the Board of Directors of the Redevelopment Agency, to authorize the expenditure of these funds. Redevelopment Agency staff has determined that the project is of benefit to the Project Area, that no other reasonable means of financing the improvements are available to the community, that the project will assist in the elimination of blight, and that the project is consistent with the Redevelopment Agency's Five Year Implementation Plan.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board, as the Board of Directors for the

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## Redevelopment Agency, take the following actions:

- 1. Approve Agency funds totaling \$89,700 for the acquisition of right-of-way at Tuosto and Central Fire Protection District for the Bargetto-Soquel Drive Bridge Replacement and Road Improvement Project;
- 2. Concur with and adopt the associated findings; and
- 3. Authorize the Redevelopment Agency Administrator to take related actions as necessary to transfer to the Court Deposit Trust Fund such funds as are required by the County as security for immediate possession.

√ery truly yours,

Tom Buras

Redevelopment Agency Administrator

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**RECOMMENDED:** 

Susan A. Mauriello

Redevelopment Agency Director

Attachments

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Public Works Auditor-Controller

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