

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ
FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7 MEETING
WATSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
250 MAIN STREET

7:30 P.M.

March 20, 2001

- 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 February 6, 2001
- 1.1 AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7, accept and file Zone 7 non-voting members report
- 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 impervious area fees and new construction and direct a further status report be provided on June 19, 2001
- 1.3 AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7, accept and file Pajaro River Watershed Flood Protection Authority report: direct Public Works to return with a further status report on June 19, 2001
- 1.4 AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR 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; direct Public Works to return with a further status report on June 19, 2001 and take related action
- 1.5 AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7, consider adopting resolutions confirming the previously established 2000/2001 assessment rates for Zone 7; set a public hearing on Tuesday, June 19, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. on the proposed 2001/2002 Assessment Rates and Overruling Protests and Confirming Written Report on drainage rates: direct the Clerk of the Board to publish the notice of public hearing on or before May 4, 2001 and take related action

FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7 MEETING - (continued)

1. 6 WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE AGENDA - The Zone 7 Board of Directors acknowledges receipt of the following items of correspondence which are on file with the Zone 7 Secretary. Copies of all items listed on this Written Correspondence Agenda have been circulated to all members of the Zone 7 Board.
- I. The Board of Directors has received the following items of correspondence:
- a. Letter of George Jammal, Genevieve Piraino, Sam Eamshaw and Coral Whitehill of February 16, 2001
- b. Letter of Sara Bhakti, Ph.D. of February 24, 2001
1. 7 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.

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES
COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ
FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7
FEBRUARY 6, 2001

- A. Roll Call
Voting Members Present: Directors Beautz, Pirie, Wormhoudt, Almquist, Bobeda, Carroll and Campos
Voting Members Absent: None
Non-Voting Members Present: Rider
Non-Voting Members Absent: Cooley
- B. Consideration of Late Additions - See Item No. 1.5a
- 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 September 19, 2000

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

Ayes: Beautz, Pirie, Wormhoudt, Almquist, Bobeda, Carroll and 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, CONSIDERED nominations for the Zone 7 Board of Directors Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for 2001

Motion made by Director Almquist, duly seconded by Director Beautz to elect Director Campos as Chairperson:

Ayes: Beautz, Pirie, Wormhoudt, Almquist, Bobeda,
Carroll and Campos
Noes : None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Motion made by Director Almquist, duly seconded by Director Beautz to elect Director Bobeda as Vice-Chairperson:

Ayes: Beautz, Pirie, Wormhoudt, Almquist, Bobeda,
Carroll and 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, APPROVED the 2001 Zone 7 meeting schedule

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

Ayes: Beautz, Pirie, Wormhoudt, Almquist, Bobeda,
Carroll and 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 Fees on New Construction for Zone 7; directed that a further status report be presented on March 20, 2001; and approved related actions

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

Ayes: Beautz, Pirie, Wormhoudt, Almquist, Bobeda,
Carroll and 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, ACCEPTED AND FILED report on the Pajaro River Watershed Flood Protection Authority and directed that a further report be presented on March 20, 2001; approved the transfer of funds from the Army Corps Flood Control Project and authorized a contribution of \$2,000 to the Pajaro River Watershed Flood Protection Agency for legal services

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

Ayes: Beautz, Pirie, Wormhoudt, Almqvist, Bobeda,
Carroll and Campos
Noes : None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

- 1.5 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 Levee System Reconstruction Project; directed that a further status report be presented on March 20, 2001; and approved related actions: with an additional direction to add the following language to the end of recommendation No. 4: "Requested that the Army Corps of Engineers be a full partner in the process to achieve community consensus starting with the aforementioned meeting, and that all the alternative and options identified through the consensus building process be considered and studied fully in the NED (National Economic Development) Plan formulation. Further directed, that up-river representatives of the Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority (AB890 JPA) also be invited and included completely in this process."

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

Ayes: Beautz, Pirie, Wormhoudt, Almqvist, Bobeda,
Carroll and Campos
Noes : None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

- 1.5a considered and approved request of Director Bobeda to add late item to the agenda according to criteria as specified, that a need to take action to avoid injury or detriment to the public or employees arose subsequent to the printed agenda being posted:

AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7, CONTINUED TO MARCH 20, 2001 review of Zone 7 By-Laws regarding appointments of non-voting members

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

Ayes: Beautz, Pirie, Wormhoudt, Almquist, Bobeda,
Carroll and Campos
Noes : None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

- 1.6 WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE AGENDA - The Zone 7 Board of Directors acknowledges receipt of the following items of correspondence which are on file with the Zone 7 Secretary. Copies of all items listed on this Written Correspondence Agenda have been circulated to all members of the Zone 7 Board.

- I. The Board of Directors has received the following items of correspondence:
 - a. Letter of Carlos J. Palacios, Watsonville City Manager, of January 25, 2001
 - b. Letter of Lorraine Washington, Watsonville City Clerk, of January 16, 2001, with attached resolution

- 1.7 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - No one addressed the Board

Approved: _____
Chair. Zone 7 Board

Attest: _____
Clerk of the Board

Date: _____



THOMAS L. BOLICH
DISTRICT ENGINEER

County of Santa Cruz

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AGENDA: MARCH 20, 2001

March 6, 2001

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

SUBJECT: NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Members of the Board:

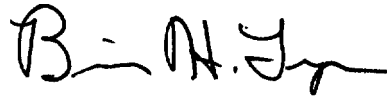
On February 6, 2001, your Board directed Public Works to report back at this time regarding Zone 7 non-voting members. The Zone 7 Board of Directors is made up of seven voting members and four non-voting members. The appointment process and role of the non-voting members are defined by section 1.9(j) of Resolution 2-Z7, Establishing the Rules and Regulations for Operation of the Zone 7 Board of Directors. A copy of this section is included as Attachment I for your Board's information.

As provided in the resolution, two non-voting members are appointed by the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors and two by the Watsonville City Council. The Board of Supervisors appointees are currently Director Jim Rider and Director Donald Cooley. A letter previously sent to the City of Watsonville, at your Board's direction, providing their appointee's attendance records for appropriate action is included as Attachment II. Subsequent to sending the letter, staff was verbally informed that the City of Watsonville's appointees had resigned. Although no written confirmation was received, these appointees have not attended Board meetings since the time the letter was sent. Consequently, the appointments are currently believed to be vacant.

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It is therefore recommended that your Board accept and file this Zone 7 non-voting member's report.

Yours truly,



W THOMAS L. BOLICH
District Engineer

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Attachments

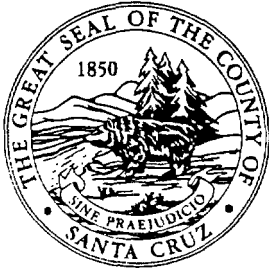
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County Administrative Officer 

copy to: City of Watsonville, Public Works Department
Zone 7 Board of Directors
Public Works

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(j) Non Voting Board Members: There shall be ^{four} four non-voting members who **may** attend all public meetings. All four of these members shall live within the boundaries of the zone. **Two** of these **members shall** be appointed by the Watsonville City Council. One member shall be nominated by the incumbent District 4 County Supervisor and appointed by the County Board of Supervisors. The last additional member shall be nominated by the incumbent District 2 County Supervisor and appointed by the County Board of Supervisors. Non voting board members can initiate and participate in board items and discussions in an **advisory capacity**. Non voting members may not initiate motions, second motions or vote on motions. Non voting members may not participate or attend closed Board sessions including litigation matters.



JOHN A. FANTHAM
DISTRICT ENGINEER

Refer Case - 10000
Attachment II
County of Santa Cruz 0273

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LORRAINE WASHINGTON
CITY CLERK
City of Watsonville
P.O. Box 50000
Watsonville, CA 95077

SUBJECT: FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ZONE 7
NON-VOTING BOARD MEMBERS

Dear Ms. Washington:

As you may be aware, the City of Watsonville has three representatives on the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Zone 7. One Director (Ms. Betty Bobeda), is a voting member and two (Andre Meschi and Mark Clifton) are non-voting members. At the last meeting of the Board of Directors on March 21, 2000, Director Bobeda noted that certain non-voting members had not attended in some time. She asked that the appointing agencies be notified to allow appropriate action.

As directed, the attendance record for the past two years of the City's non-voting members is attached. The City of Watsonville's Non-Voting Zone 7 Board Members are appointed by the City Council in conformance with Section 1.9 (j) of the Zone 7 Rules and Regulations (copy attached). Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.

Yours truly, .


JOHN A. FANTHAM
District Engineer

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Attachment

copy to: Director Betty Bobeda
David Koch, City of Watsonville Public Works Director

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AGENDA: MARCH 20, 2001

March 16, 2001

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 February 6, 2001, your Board received the last status report on impervious area fees on new construction (Attachment I) and directed that a further report be presented today.

In response to your Board's direction, a letter was transmitted to the Watsonville City Council and Mayor requesting that they clarify their previous action authorizing impervious area fees. In particular, they were asked if their action was intended to support a uniform Zone 7 impervious area fee to be applied to projects within the city and the unincorporated portions of Zone 7, as opposed to separate fees independently implemented by the City and County. The merits of a uniform Zone 7 fee were articulated and the City was requested to also reconsider supporting a \$0.70 fee, as is currently charged in other zones of the Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

At your last meeting it was believed that the City could adopt a resolution supporting impervious area fees for new construction in general, while withholding approval of those fees on low income or similar projects, to address the City's expressed concern over increasing the cost of low income housing. Unfortunately, since that time and as indicated in the letter to the City, after discussions with the City Attorney, District Counsel has indicated that he cannot support this approach due to the fact that Zone 7 is considered a single purpose (flood control) district. However, the City as a multipurpose agency could still offset impervious area fees if they so desire, by waiving other City administered fees. There has not been sufficient time for this item to be reconsidered by the City Council, however, it is anticipated that this item will be scheduled in the near future.

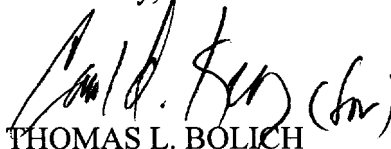
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It is therefore recommended that your Board accept and file this report and direct that a further status report be provided at your next meeting on June 20,200 1.

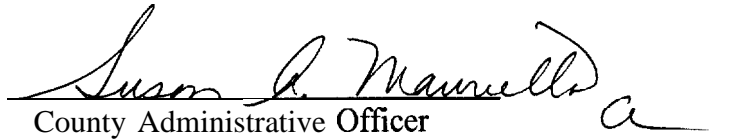
Yours truly,


THOMAS L. BOLICH
District Engineer

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Attachment

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:


County Administrative Officer

copy to: Board of Directors, Zone 7
Carlos J. Palacios, Watsonville City Manager
City of Watsonville Public Works
County Counsel
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AGENDA: FEBRUARY 6, 2001

February 2, 2001

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 September 19, 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.

On June 13, 2000, Zone 7 staff appeared before the Watsonville City Council to request authorization to levy a \$0.70 per square foot impervious area fee on new development within the city. This revenue would be used to help address local funding needs associated with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Pajaro River Levee System Reconstruction Project.

During the Council's consideration of Zone 7's request, the Council expressed concern that such a fee would adversely affect potential low-income housing development in the city. Accordingly, the council approved a lower \$0.35 per square foot impervious area fee on new development.

Since the City's approval, City staff and Zone 7 staff have discussed whether the Council approved a City fee or a Zone 7 fee. The purpose of Zone 7 staffs appearance on June 13, 2000, was to request the City's authorization required for Zone 7 to levy a fee within the city. In our discussions with City staff to resolve this issue, City staff expressed an overriding interest in retaining authority to waive all such fees on low-income housing development. Zone 7 staff believes this concern can be best addressed if the City, authorizes Zone 7 to levy an impervious area fee on new development within the city, with the exception of low-income housing development. Staff feels that such an explicit authorization would clarify the issue of whether the fee is a City or Zone 7 fee, and would meet the City's expressed concern regarding low-income housing,

Should the City grant this specific authority, it would be appropriate for the City to reconsider the proper fee level. As you know, Zone 7 staff is recommending that this fee be set at

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\$0.70 per square foot, the fee currently charged in all other Santa Cruz County Flood Control and Water Conservation Districts. Once these are resolved, staff requests that your Board direct staff to approach the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors for similar authority to levy the impervious area fee on new development within the unincorporated area of the county within Zone 7

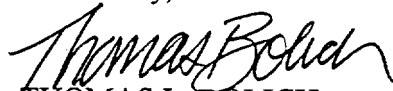
Under the Zone 7 regulations, an impervious area fee cannot be established without the independent approval of both the City and the County. While this proposed fee will not be nearly sufficient to address the local funding needs associated with the Army Corps Pajaro River Levee System Reconstruction Project, it would be an important step. In particular, the fee could become critical to allowing the next phases of project development to proceed, such as implementing a public information/consensus building process to address the City's goals for the Army Corps Project, as discussed in a separate report on today's agenda.

Because of the importance of this funding source to the Zone 7 efforts to make the Pajaro River Levee System Reconstruction Project a reality, staff believes it is advisable to present the matter directly to the City Council for their position on the matter,

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

1. Accept and file this report,
2. Direct the Zone 7 Chair to write to the Watsonville City Council and Mayor requesting that they expeditiously reconsider and clarify their previous approval as supporting a Zone 7 impervious area fee to be applied within the entire Zone, as discussed in this report including the City of Watsonville and the unincorporated county, so as to provide a portion of the local funds needed to implement the Army Corps Pajaro River Levee System Reconstruction Project.
3. Direct that a **further** status report on the establishment of separate impervious area fees be presented at your next meeting on March 20, 200 1.

Yours truly,



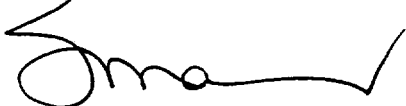
THOMAS L. BOLICH

District Engineer

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Attachment

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:



County Administrative Officer

copy to: Board of Directors, Zone 7
Carlos J. Palacios, Watsonville City Manager
City of Watsonville Public Works
County Counsel
Public Works

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TO: Watsonville City Council and Mayor

Subject: IMPERVIOUS AREA FEE ON NEW CONSTRUCTION

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Dear Mayor xxx and Council Members,

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On June 13, 2000 the City Council considered supporting establishment of an impervious area fee on new construction within Zone 7 of the Santa Cruz County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, which includes the City of Watsonville. A copy of the minutes are included as Attachment 1.

The proposed impervious area fee is intended to be assessed on new construction as an impact fee for the additional runoff generated. The fee was proposed at \$0.65 per square foot, but was approved by your Council at \$0.35 due largely to concern over the impact of the fee on the cost of new low income housing. (The amount of this fee in other drainage zones throughout the county increased to \$0.70 per square foot on July 1, 2001.) This fee is essential to augment existing Zone 7 revenues to support local costs associated with the proposed Army Corps Pajaro River Levee System Reconstruction Project. As your Council is aware, these local costs will far exceed the current funding capability of Zone 7. Your Council annually considers and approves the Zone 7 Budget, including any contributions toward this project. In addition, your Council has a representative on the Zone 7 Board.

Since your Council's action, staff level discussions have been held between the City Manager, City Public Works Director, City Attorney, Zone 7 Staff and myself concerning how best to implement the impervious area fee. When the Zone 7 Board first asked your Council to support establishing this fee, it was with the intent that there be a Zone 7 fee, collected by City and County staff at the time of building permit issuance, then transmitted to the Zone 7 revenue fund. This is consistent with the manner in which such fees are applied in other drainage zones throughout the County. However, during discussions with City staff, they indicated that the City wished to pursue implementing the fee independent of Zone 7 and to retain revenues in a City administered fund for future contribution toward the Army Corps Project.

On February 6, 2001 the Zone 7 Board considered a status report on the impervious area fee (Attachment 2) and directed me to write to your Council requesting formal clarification of the City's position. The Zone 7 Board believes that it is important that this fee be established uniformly through Zone 7 and that it accrue as Zone 7 revenue. This will insure that the funds are readily available when needed (as approved by your Council, the Zone 7 Board and the Board of Supervisors) and that these revenues can be used to support possible future bonding which may be required to generate local match funds. It is important to note that since the City will be a prime beneficiary of the Army Corps flood control project, having a uniform Zone 7 fee will afford the City the opportunity to leverage funds generated within the City with those collected from the unincorporated County. Also, Zone 7 is concerned that if independent fees are established, revenues generated could be redirected by the City or County to drainage needs other than levee reconstruction.

Given your Council's expressed concern over any adverse impacts an impervious area fee might have on the development of low-income housing, the Zone 7 Board instructed staff to specifically request that your Council grant authority to Zone 7 to collect an

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impervious area fee in an amount consistent with such fees in other zones, currently \$0.70 per square foot, for all development within the City ~~except~~ designated low-income housing development. Subsequent to this direction, the City Attorney and County Counsel have indicated that such a withholding of authority may not be legally appropriate, given that Zone 7 status as a single-purpose flood control agency. Accordingly, for the reasons outlined in this letter, I am requesting that your Council indicate: 0279

1) Whether your Council's June 13, 2000 action authorized Zone 7 to collect a reduced \$0.35 per square foot impervious area fee on new development in the City, as requested; and

2) Whether your Council would re-consider the amount of the impervious area fee to bring it in line with such fees elsewhere in the County, currently at \$0.70 per square foot, and, in the case of low-income housing development, consider offsetting this fee to the extent the City deems appropriate by waiving other fees within the City's authority. This request would avoid any uncertainties related to a partial grant of impervious area fee levying authority, and would maximize your Council's ability to mitigate the affect of fees upon low-income housing development.

In conclusion, the Zone 7 Board requests that your ^aCouncil expeditiously reconsider and clarify your previous action approving impervious are~~fe~~es. Furthermore, the Zone 7 Board strongly urges your Council to support implementing a \$0.70 per square foot Zone 7 impervious area fee, while addressing low income housing cost issues by the mechanism suggested in this letter. Please feel free to contact myself at 831-454-2200 or Peter Cota-Robles, Zone 7 Staff, at 831-454-2816 if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Tony Campos
Chair

cc: Zone 7 Board
Watsonville City Manager
Watsonville Public Works Director
County Public Works

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THOMAS L. BOLICH
DISTRICT ENGINEER

County of Santa Cruz

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AGENDA: MARCH 20, 2001

March 6, 2001

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 February 6, 2001, your Board received the last status report (Attachment I) on the Pajaro River Watershed Flood Protection Authority (PRWFPA) and directed that a further status report be presented today.

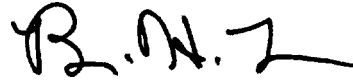
Since the last report, staff of the eight participating agencies met on February 28, 2001, to interview prospective consulting firms for conducting a Pajaro River basin study. In addition to sponsoring legislation establishing the PRWFPA, Assembly Member Fred Keeley was instrumental in including \$2.0 million in the State Water Bond to support the activities of the PRWFPA in general and to allow the authority to conduct a study of the Pajaro River basin to analyze a number of key issues of concern to participating agencies.

In particular, the study is intended to address the question of the extent that upstream development, agricultural activities, rangeland practices, and flood **control/channelization** activities may impact downstream peak flows in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties. Clearly this is a critical question which could impact the long-term success of current efforts to provide high-level flood protection for the City of Watsonville, town of Pajaro, and surrounding agricultural areas. This basin study will also establish a basis for future analysis to determine if upstream mitigation measures can be implemented to address identified downstream impacts or if financial assistance **from** our upstream neighbors to offset costs of constructing higher-level downstream flood protection is appropriate. The PRWFPA Board of Directors will convene on March 16, 2001, in the city of **Gilroy** to consider selecting a consulting firm to conduct the basin study.

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

1. Accept and file the Pajaro River Watershed Flood Protection Authority report.
2. Direct Public Works to return with a **further** status report on June 19, 2001.

Yours truly,

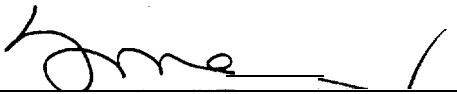


for THOMAS L. BOLICH
District Engineer

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Attachment

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:



County Administrative Officer

copy to: Zone 7 Board of Directors
Senator Bruce McPherson
Assemblymember Fred Keeley
Assemblymember Simon Salinas
City of Watsonville, Public Works Department
Carlos J. Palacios, Watsonville City Manager
County Counsel,
Public Works Department



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AGENDA: FEBRUARY 6, 2001

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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 [Signature] Date 2/6/01
Deputy Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: PAJARO RIVER WATERSHED FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY

Members of the Board:

On September 19, 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 be presented today. Since the last report, the Pajaro River Watershed Flood Protection Authority (PRWFPA) held meetings on September 15, 2000, in Watsonville and on November 17, 2000, in Salinas. Their most recent meeting was held on January 19, 2001, in Hollister. (Copies of the meeting agendas and the minutes are included as Attachment 2).

As indicated in the agendas, the PRWFPA Board of Directors has continued to implement a number of administrative actions essential to the operation of the agency. In particular, it has adopted draft by-laws, determined the terms of the directors, established a bank account and acquired insurance. It has also directed the Executive Coordinator to work with the staff of the member agencies to conduct a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process for legal services and for consultant services for a Pajaro River Watershed Basin Study. In conjunction with the legal services, the PRWFPA is asking that each member agency contribute \$2,000.00 toward the anticipated cost of these services over the coming year. As discussed below, it is anticipated that these and other agency costs will be funded by Water Bond funding in future years. Sufficient funds for this purpose are available in the Zone 7 Army Corps Flood Control Project Local Match account.

Staff working group meetings have been held monthly in response to the directions of the PRWFPA Board. Copies of the agendas from these meetings are included as Attachment 3. Staff has interviewed eight law firms and presented their recommendations for legal counsel at the January 2001 meeting of the PRWFPA Board. The PRWFPA Board unanimously selected the Sacramento law firm of Downey, Brand, Seymour, and Rohwer as its general counsel due to its expertise in water law, reasonable rates, and overall strength as a full service law firm. The Board approved payment for services rendered by Regional Analysis and Planning Services, Inc., from July

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1, 2000 through December 31, 2000. In addition, the Board approved the fiscal year 2000/01 budget and directed staff to return with additional details.

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Staff has also interviewed a number of consulting firms which have responded to the RFQ for the Pajaro River Basin Study. Several excellent firms have submitted their qualifications and expressed interest in the study. Staff is currently working with the Executive Coordinator to finalize a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the study. It is anticipated that the RFP will be transmitted to the highest ranked firms in the coming month. A recommended consulting firm is planned to be presented to the PRWFPA Board of Directors at the March meeting.

As previously reported, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) will administer the \$2.0 million in state Water Bond funds earmarked for the PRWFPA. While the (SWRCB) has passed a resolution to fund a number of projects including the Basin Study, guidelines for disbursement and use of these funds are yet to be developed. The Executive Coordinator has been directed by the PRWFPA Board to continue working with the State to secure this funding. It is expected that guidelines will be issued in the near future.

Zone 7 Staff propose to continue to attend the PRWFPA Board and staff level 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 the city of Watsonville, town of Pajaro and surrounding areas,

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

1. 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 March 20, 2001.
2. Approve the attached AUD-74 transferring funds from the Army Corps Flood Control Project and authorize a contribution of \$2,000.00 to the Pajaro River Watershed Flood Protection Agency for legal services as described in this report.

Yours truly,


THOMAS L. BOLICH

District Engineer

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County of Santa Cruz

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AGENDA: MARCH 20, 2001

March 6, 2001

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 February 6, 2001, your Board accepted the last status report (Attachment I) on the Army Corps Pajaro River Levee System Reconstruction Project and directed that a further status report be presented today.

In response to the last report, your Board took a number of actions to initiate a public information and consensus building process to develop a common vision on how best to implement flood protection for the city of Watsonville, the town of Pajaro and the surrounding agricultural areas. In particular, your Board directed that letters be written to Congress Member Farr requesting that he assist by convening a meeting of key stakeholders to begin this process. Letters were also to be sent to the Army Corps of Engineers (Army Corps) and the Chair of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors requesting support for and participation in this process. Copies of the letters sent to date are included as Attachment II, for your Board's information.

As directed, on February 22, 2001, principal Santa Cruz County staff met with Congress Member Sam Farr, Monterey County staff, and Monterey County Water Resources Agency staff to discuss how best to initiate public meetings. In separate meetings, staff from both counties have also met with Assembly Member Keeley's office to discuss possible grant options for funding hiring of a facilitation consultant and a hydrologic consultant to conduct the public process. Finally, staff has also met with the Army Corps to discuss integration of the public process with the Army Corps' process, as well as the Army Corps' participation in the public process. The Army Corps has been positive in this regard. Staff proposes to continue working over the coming months to further implement your Board's direction.

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A number of written correspondence items have been received relative to this agenda item. They are included, together with responses when applicable, as Attachment III for your Board's information.

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

- 1 Accept and file this report.
2. Direct staff to continue working with Congress Member Sam Farr, Assembly Member Keeley, Monterey County, Monterey County Water Resources Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers to implement your Board's previous directions to expeditiously pursue flood protection along the Pajaro River and its tributaries.
3. Direct that a further staff report be presented at your next meeting on June 19, 2001.

Yours truly,

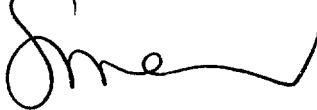


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AGENDA: FEBRUARY 6, 2001

February 1, 2001

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 September 19, 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.

As your Board will recall, in 1993 the Army Corps prepared a Reconnaissance Report that concluded that there was federal interest in pursuing a flood control project along Salsipuedes/Corralitos Creeks, but not the Pajaro River. Two years ago, the Army Corps updated their benefit/cost information in an Initial Appraisal which determined that based on new damage estimates, a federally supported flood control project could now also be pursued on the Pajaro River mainstem. At the request of your Board, the Salsipuedes Corralitos Project was combined with the Pajaro River Project. Through the successful efforts of Congress Member Sam Farr, federal funding has continued to be made available for the Army Corps to conduct a General Reevaluation Report (GRR) to pursue a comprehensive Pajaro River Levee System Reconstruction Project. At the time of the Initial Appraisal, the only project alternatives which appeared to meet federal benefit/cost requirements were floodwalls providing less than 100-year protection. As part of the current phase of the GRR, in late November 2000 the Army Corps completed a new comprehensive economic analysis of potential flood damages which indicates that a broader range of project alternatives including 100-year protection would meet federal criteria. It will be extremely important at this stage to insure that the Army Corps fully analyzes viable project alternatives before a locally preferred or federally preferred (NED) project can be identified.

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It is important to note that the purpose of the existing federal Congressional Authorization for the Pajaro River Levee System Reconstruction Project is flood protection. Under federal criteria, recreational facilities, water supply, and environmental mitigation are allowed under the definition of flood protection. Environmental enhancement/restoration is not eligible for federal funding under this authorization, unless it is also a required mitigation for the project,

There is currently a diversity of local opinion on the best way to implement flood protection; however, we urge the community to resist attempts to select any alternative until adequate factual data is available which would allow us to meaningfully evaluate the advantage/disadvantage of the options available. There remains strong agreement that high level flood protection must be achieved. The stakes are high. Your Board has previously indicated support for 100-year protection in urban areas and 50 year in rural areas. Our Monterey partners are supporting 100-year protection for all areas. As indicated on page 22 of the Army Corps' "F-3" documents discussed in more detail below, the Army Corps now calculates that the probability of flooding in the next 10 years is between 49 percent and 82 percent depending on location.

ARMY CORPS PROCESS STATUS

Zone 7 staff has continued to meet regularly with the Army Corps since our last report. Our most recent meetings were on December 13, 2000, and January 12, 2001. At that time the Army Corps held their "F3 Milestone-Feasibility Scoping Meeting." This is the culmination of one of several key phases in the Army Corps Project development process.

During the period leading to this "F3" meeting, the Army Corps had been focusing its efforts primarily on an economic analysis to determine the dollar amount of the annual expected damages within the lower Pajaro River Watershed if a new flood control project is not constructed (these are termed the "Without-Project Flood Damages"). A very basic and introductory preliminary project analysis has also been completed by the Corps, including a very preliminary environmental analysis to identify current baseline habitat conditions, geotechnical investigation of the current levee stability, and hydraulic analysis to fully define the current areas of flooding and flood water depths. The results of these investigations were presented at the December 13, 2000, meeting and are summarized in an Army Corps report entitled "Pre-Conference Materials for the F3 Milestone-Feasibility Scoping Meeting" included as Attachment 2. Staff has drafted specific comments in response to the F3 materials (Attachment 3).

The baseline analysis completed in the "F3" phase lays the ground work for the additional Army Corps preliminary design work and evaluation of alternative plans currently under way in the "F4" phase. This evaluation is expected to provide a cursory re-review of approximately 23 alternatives identified in previous Army Corps reports. The Army Corps identifies one or more alternatives for a detailed "Optimization Analysis" which entails developing preliminary cost estimates for different levels of protection (example: 50, 70, 100 and 500 year storms) of the selected alternative. While so far the Army Corps has focused on flood walls as its primary alternative, staff is requesting that they also optimize alternatives including levee raising, set back levees, and alternatives combining elements of all these options. The Army Corps will conduct benefit/cost analysis of the optimized alternatives to identify the level of protection that provides the highest net economic benefit. This alternative, which the Army Corps calls the National Economic Development (NED) Plan, will be presented at the F4 Conference currently scheduled for March 2001. The NED Plan must be a feasible alternative which adequately addresses environmental, hydraulic and other considerations.

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At the F4 Conference, the Army Corps will ask the local sponsors (the counties of Monterey and Santa Cruz) which alternative to pursue. If local jurisdictions select an alternative different from the NED Plan, the Army Corps will evaluate this Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) and may pursue it if it meets federal criteria; however, federal funding contributions are capped at the amounts allowed under the NED Plan. Environmental review (NEPA/CEQA analysis) and design of the selected project will then be initiated by the Army Corps.

FEDERAL FUNDING STATUS

As indicated in our last status report, while the Army Corps had indicated the capability to use approximately \$1.9 million, the original recommended fiscal year 2001 federal budget only included \$0.6 million for the Pajaro River. Through the successful efforts of Congress Member Sam Farr, as well as our Washington, D.C. and Sacramento advocates, the final budget included \$1.2 million. While this is not as much funding as may ultimately be needed, the Army Corps indicates that they intend to address the shortfall through internal re-appropriations if and when necessary.

Staff, together with our consultants, is now beginning the long process to ensure that adequate federal funds are requested in the federal fiscal year 2002 budget. The California Water Commission will be initiating State of California efforts to support needed Federal 2002 funds at a hearing on February 23, 2001, and staff plans to attend this hearing. When your Board approved the Zone 7 fiscal year 2000/2001 budget, \$90,000 was included to continue our much needed advocacy and associated engineering assistance through the current fiscal year. A contract amendment to add these appropriations to the HDR contract is included as Attachment 4.

LOCAL PROCESS STATUS

As directed by your Board, Zone 7 staff has Continued to participate in the Army Corps process to move the Pajaro River Levee System Reconstruction Project expeditiously forward through a variety of means, including holding monthly status meetings with the Army Corps, pursuing funding and coordinating with other agencies, as well as providing necessary technical support and review.

As also directed by your Board, Zone 7 staff has continued to facilitate the ongoing work of the Zone 7 Design Review Committee. As your Board will recall, this committee was originally established to advise your Board concerning the Salsipuedes/Corralitos Creek Flood Control Project. A member from the Monterey County Water Resources Agency was added in July 2000 when the Pajaro River mainstem was incorporated into the project. A report summarizing their work to date is included as Attachment 5.

As part of the ongoing process of informing Santa Cruz County Watsonville area residents of the status of the Pajaro River Levee System Reconstruction Project, 4th District. Supervisor Tony Campos held a community meeting November 2000. Subsequently, the Watsonville City Council held a public meeting in November 2000 to hear the status of flood control efforts. A copy of their comments is provided in Attachment 6. Several other meetings have also been held in Monterey County since the City's action. While there continues to be a variety of opinions expressed as to which alternative best serves the needs of each community, much work is clearly needed before any alternative should be selected and that additional public participation is necessary to meaningfully discuss options based on facts rather than assumptions,

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DISCUSSION

In order for a project to ultimately be implemented, there will need to be broad-based community support to overcome the many hurdles, generate the necessary political will, and achieve the voters' approval that will likely be necessary for local match funding.

Recent community questions and concerns over the status and possible alternative flood protection approaches clearly points to the need for a better factual basis of information and bi-county process of identifying the preferred flood control alternative. Preliminary discussions with Congress Member Sam Far-r's office indicate a willingness to sponsor a bi-county public information/consensus building process. Such a process will likely take several months and will require the services of a consultant specializing in this work. In addition, the process will require accurate and impartial technical (hydraulic, hydrologic, and design) support in order to fully evaluate the concepts and options raised. Speaker pro Tern Fred Keeley's office has indicated an interest in assisting our efforts to secure financing for these purposes. Staff would envision this group replacing the current steering committee structure which was originally formulated to address the project when it was limited to the Salsipuedes/Corralitos Creek branch. A preliminary list of stakeholders to be invited to participate in the public process is included as Attachment 7 to provide an overview of what this type of process might entail.

It will also be necessary for other key agencies such as the Monterey County Water Resources Agency and the City of Watsonville to provide adequate staff resources to successfully carry out their duties.

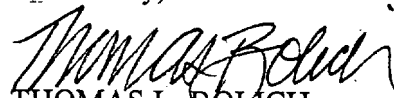
In conclusion, staff believes that it is important to reserve judgment on what alternative approach to support until the public process is undertaken and a thorough analysis of alternatives is completed.

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

1. Accept and file this report and direct that an additional status report be provided at your next meeting on March 20, 2001.
- ✓ 2. Direct the Chairperson of the Board to write to the Army Corps supporting the **staff** response to the F3 Milestone report and urging their participation in the public meetings which may be convened by Congress Member Sam Farr.
3. Approve contract amendment with HDR Engineering (Attachment 4) for advocacy and related services, increasing the contract amount by \$84,000 to a total not-to-exceed cost of \$169,000, and extending the term.
- ✓ 4. Direct the Chairperson of the Board to send a letter to Congress Member Sam Farr requesting that he convene a meeting including those identified in Attachment 7 to begin the public information and consensus building process.

5. Direct the Chairperson of the Board to send a letter to the Chair of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors asking them to join in our request to Congress Member Sam Farr to begin the public information and consensus building process.
6. Direct staff to work with Congress Mamber Sam Farr's office and the representatives of the County of Monterey to undertake a public consensus building process and provide associated technical support.
7. Authorize staff to work with Monterey County staff and the offices of speaker pro Tern to submit grant applications for the public consensus building process and associated technical support.
- ✓ 8. Direct the Chairperson of the Board to send letters to the members of the steering committee thanking them for their work to date and advising them of our plans to initiate a public planning process as described.
9. Approve the attached AUD 74 (Attachment 9) transferring \$30,000 from the Army Corps Flood Control Projects line item to General Engineering and Public Service to cover anticipated costs for activity for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Yours truly,



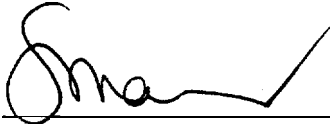
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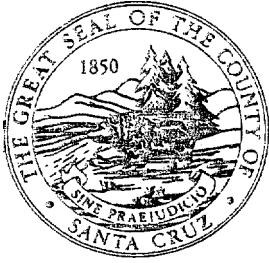


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February 22, 2001

David Koch, Director
City of Watsonville
Department of Public Works
and Utilities
250 Main Street
Watsonville, CA 95076

RE: PAJARO RIVER LEVEE SYSTEM RECONSTRUCTION
PROJECT DESIGN REVIEW STEERING COMMITTEE

Dear *David* David:

At the February 6, 2001, meeting of the Zone 7 Board of Directors, a status report was received on the Pajaro River Levee System Reconstruction Project. This status report included the report of the Pajaro River Levee System Reconstruction Project Design Review Steering Committee of which you were-a member.

As recommended by your Committee and by Zone 7 staff, the Zone 7 Board concluded that the initiation of a broad-based public consensus building process is necessary to identify a locally acceptable flood protection alternative. The Zone 7 Board has requested Congress Member Sam Farr to sponsor this process with staff assistance from both Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties. It is anticipated that representatives from your agency, as well as a broad range of other bi-county agencies and interest groups, will be invited to attend, as summarized on the attached sheet.

In view of this broader effort, the existing Steering Committee has concluded its work.. The Zone 7 Board wishes to thank each of the members of the Steering Committee for your hard work and participation in moving the Pajaro River Levee System Reconstruction Project forward to this point. Your work was essential to laying the groundwork for the consensus building

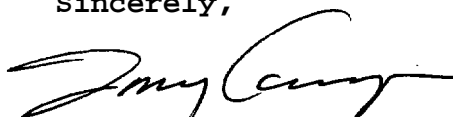
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process now beginning. We hope that you will continue to participate in this ongoing effort to provide flood protection to the City of Watsonville, the town of Pajaro, and surrounding areas. Please feel free to contact me or Peter Cota-Robles, the Pajaro River Coordinator, at 831-454-2816 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



TONY CAMPOS, Chairman
Santa Cruz County Flood Control
and Water Conservation District,
Zone 7 Board of Directors

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Attachment

cc: ✓ Board of Directors of Santa Cruz County Flood Control &
Water Conservation District - Zone 7
County Administrative Officer, County of Santa Cruz
Director of Public Works, County of Santa Cruz

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**Pajaro River Committee
List of Primary Stakeholders**

US Army Corps of Engineers

Elected Representatives

Congressman Sam Farr
 Senator Bruce McPherson
 Speaker Pro Tem Fred Keeley
 Assembly Rep. Simon Salinas
 Supervisor Tony Campos
 Supervisor Lou Calcagno

County Staff

Santa Cruz CAO
 Monterey CAO
 Santa Cruz Public Works
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 Santa Cruz Planning Department
 Monterey County Planning Department
 Santa Cruz Zone 7 Staff
 Monterey Water Res. Agency Staff

City/Town Representatives

Watsonville City Council
 Watsonville City Manager
 Watsonville Public Works
 Town of Pajaro (3 representatives)

Regulatory Agencies

Coastal Commission
 California Fish and Game
 US Fish and Wildlife Service
 National Marine Fisheries
 Monterey Bay Nat'l Marine Sanctuary

**Farm Representatives with Property in the
Flood Plain**

Santa Cruz - 2 Representatives
 Monterey - 2 Representatives

**Business Representatives with business
interests in the Flood Plain**

Santa Cruz - 2 representatives
 Monterey - 2 representatives

Local Environmental Groups

Santa Cruz - 2 representatives
 Monterey - 2 Representatives

Residents within the flood plain

Santa Cruz - 2 representatives
 Monterey - 2 representatives

Total : 42

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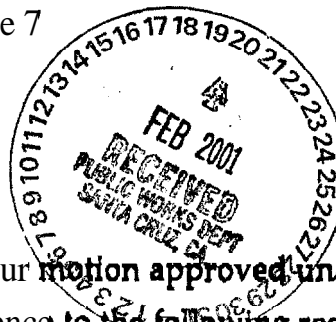
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Board of Directors
Santa Cruz County Flood Control and
Water Conservation District, Zone 7
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

February 16, 2001

Dear Zone 7 Board:



We are writing in **reference** to your **motion approved unanimously** by your board on Feb 6. In particular we write in reference to the following recommendation of the adopted motion: "Requested that **the** Army Corps of **Engineers** be a **full** partner in the process to achieve community **consensus starting** with the aforementioned meeting (March 20), and that **all** the alternatives and options identified through the consensus building process **be** considered and studied fully in the NED (National Economic Development) Plan formulation,..."

We believe that it is important that flood protection be implemented in the most expedient **manner**, one that will incorporate the community **consensus** planning effort (to be convened by Congressman **Farr**) into the **Army Corps** of Engineers' planning efforts. If we do not integrate these two efforts, we are likely to lose time and **resources** that could be used to achieve our goal more effectively. We were informed by your Chairperson, Tony Campos, that the Army Corps would benefit from hearing from the community,

At least 70 people came to the February 6 **Zone 7 Board** meeting, many to voice the opinion **that** community input to the process was essential. Tom Bolich began by reading a statement **that the** process was going to be opened up to the community to develop a plan. Tony Campos said that Sam **Farr**, Bruce McPherson and Fred **Keeley** would be actively involved in this community input process that would take **approximately** six months. Tom stated that the process with the Army Corps was going to be slowed down. Then, Jim **VanHouten** from the audience made the **statement** that if the F4 process is not slowed down, the Army will choose **its** preferred plan of **floodwalls** and this **will** result in narrowing Federal funding to only be spent on **fl oodwalls**. Tom responded, repeating that the Army Corps' process will be slowed down.

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As a result of these statements, very few of us spoke, although many of us had intended to speak. A majority of the public were **wearing** yellow badges that **said** "Community Input", and we **submitted a** petition **signed** by 135 people **encouraging** community input and opposed **to floodwalls**. We **thought** Zone 7 was approving **both** 1) to have **a** broad community planning process including Monterey County, and **2) to urge the** Army Corps to not release their **F4 report** until our community plan could be included.

We **are** writing to ask that you put in writing to the Army Corps of **Engineers** the motion adopted by the board in reference to "all the alternatives and options identified through the consensus building process **be** considered **and** studied **fully** in the NED **Plan** formulation." Without this action, the Army Corps will proceed to its **F4** conference and **NED toward** building **flood walls**.

We are concerned that the proposed **floodwall** plan will not provide 100 year flood protection, and has the potential for catastrophic failure. **Floodwalls will** also severely reduce the recreational, environmental **and** aesthetic resources of the area, and will provide a surface for graffiti and **a** potential security risk for adjacent neighborhoods.

We support you in your leadership towards flood protection that benefits all of **the** residents and the community of the **Pajaro** Valley.

We look forward to your prompt response to this request.

George Jammal
George Jammal
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Jacqueline Frazee
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Feb. 16, 2001 Letter to Zone 7
Flood Control Board

Cc:

Sam **Farr**, Congressman

Bruce McPherson, Senator

Fred Keeley, Assemblymember**Simone Salinas**, Assemblymember✓ Chuck Carter, Mayor, City of **Watsonville**Tom **Bolich**, Director, Santa **Cruz** County Public Works

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February 26, 2001

The Honorable Tony Campos, Chair
and Board of Directors
Santa Cruz County Flood Control and
Water Conservation District, Zone 7
701 Ocean Street, Room 410
Santa Cruz, CA 95060-4070

Dear Chairperson Campos:

We received notice of your February 6, 2001, meeting action. Congratulations on this step forward on Pajaro Valley flood control planning. The City looks forward to working with you to achieve the actions outlines in the Motion by Director Bobeda.

I'm interested in knowing what communication has been extended to the Army Corps of Engineers in response to the end of Resolution #4: "Requested that the Army 'Corps of Engineers be a full partner in the process to achieve community consensus...and that all the alternatives and options identified through the consensus building process be considered and studied fully in the NED (National Economic Development) plan formulation."

We are particularly interested in the Army Corps of Engineer's response regarding the inclusion of the community in the process. I would also appreciate copies of the correspondence between Zone 7 and Army Corps on this matter.

Sincerely,

Chuck Carter
Mayor

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Sierra Club Water Resources Committee

c/o 1214 King St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Zone 7 Board
c/o Clerk of the Board
701 Ocean St., Fifth Floor
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Re: Flood Wall Proposal

Dear Board Members:

We are writing on behalf of the Sierra Club Water Resources Committee, which has reviewed the proposal for flood control for the Pajaro River and Salsipuedes and Corralitos Creeks. We have two basic concerns: First, we support an alternative approach to flood control for the Pajaro River and Salsipuedes and Corralitos Creeks; and second, we would recommend a participatory community process to address the issue of flood control in these areas that considers the views of all interested parties.

On the issue of the proposed flood walls, we believe that the flood walls will negatively impact the environment. The complex of terrestrial animal life would be restricted, and if the flood walls were to break, a catastrophic flood would adversely effect both people and the environment.

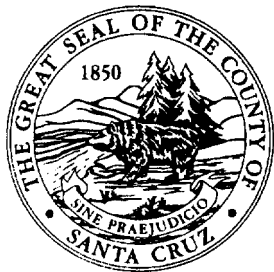
Additionally, the flood walls would not allow the replacement of habitat that was taken out after the '95 flood that decimated bird populations along a five mile stretch of the Pajaro River. Flood walls cannot offer 100-year protection and would require high maintenance costs. The walls would also hamper police, have negative aesthetic impact, and reduce existing recreational activities.

We believe that flood protection needs to incorporate a blend of ecology and engineering. The Pajaro Valley can have a living river system just as Napa County does after the agreement on similar issues there. The Pajaro River should be allowed to naturally meander, to speed up and slow down, and spread out into new marshes and wetlands along its banks. The need for channel dredging would be minimized, and natural fish and wildlife habitat could be provided for with a continuous riparian corridor along the river.

We believe that set back levees should be incorporated where feasible and farmers should be more than adequately compensated for the land between the two sets of levies. Historically, this land has been undervalued. Creative solutions that use easements and tax deductions or crop insurance for farmers need to be incorporated into the cost of flood protection.

With an alternative plan, opportunities for economic development with Eco-tourism would be available, recreation and the human environment would be improved, farm' activities could be maintained, and flood protection could be maximized.

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THOMAS L. BOLICH
DISTRICT ENGINEER

County of Santa Cruz

FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT -ZONE 7

701 OCEAN STREET, ROOM 410, SANTA CRUZ, CA 95060-4070
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AGENDA: MARCH 20, 2001

March 13, 2000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS-ZONE 7

Santa Cruz County Flood Control
and Water Conservation District
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, California 95060

SUBJECT: 2001/02 ZONE 7 ASSESSMENT RATES

Members of the Board:

Government Code Section 25210 requires that your Board take annual actions related to Zone 7 assessments. The rates for Zone 7, set in the Santa Cruz County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Engineer's Report adopted by your Board on April 2, 1991, are based on parcel size and land use. The District's 1991 Engineer's Report allows for an annual CPI adjustment of the benefit assessment, up to a maximum of 4 percent. Accordingly, the recommended fiscal year 2001/02 rate is \$53.01 per single-family residence. This rate reflects a 4 percent increase over the prior year.

Once today's action has been approved by your Board, Public Works will place an assessment rate report on file with the Clerk of the Board. This report containing the Assessor's parcel number, use code, the owner's name and the amount of the assessment will be available on or before May 4, 2001. As in previous years, the rate report must be approved by your Board and forwarded to the Auditor-Controller by August 10, 2001.

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

1. Adopt the attached resolution confirming the previously established 2001/2002 assessment rates for Zone 7.
2. Adopt the attached resolution setting Tuesday, June 19, 2001, at 7:30 p.m. as the date and time for a public hearing on the 2001/2002 benefit assessment rate report.

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3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to publish the attached notice of public hearing on or before May 4, 2001, and then again once a week for two weeks prior to the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation.

Yours truly,



THOMAS L. BOLICH

District Engineer

TAH:bbs

Attachments

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:



County Administrative Officer

copy to: Zone 7 Board of Directors
Carlos J. Palacios, Watsonville City Manager
Public Works Department

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BEFORE THE ZONE 7 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ FLOOD CONTROL AND
WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

On the motion of Director
duly seconded by Director
the following resolution is
adopted:

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED ASSESSMENT RATES
FOR THE 2001/2002 FISCAL YEAR FOR ZONE 7,
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz County Flood Control
and Water Conservation District as follows:

Section 1. Assessment rates for parcels within Zone 7 for the 2001/2002 fiscal year are as
follows:

| <u>LAND USE</u> | <u>2001/2002 RATE PER YEAR</u> | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Residential Property | \$ 53.01 | per SFRU* per year |
| Agricultural Acreage | \$ 7.35 | per acre per year |
| Unimproved Acreage | \$ 0.74 | per acre per year |
| Commercial/Industrial Acreage | \$ 353.38 | per acre per year |
| Churches/Schools | \$ 88.35 | per acre per year |

*Single Family Residence Unit (SFRU) is defined below:

| | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Single Family Residence | 1 unit |
| 2 SFR's on a single parcel | 2 units |
| 3-4 SFR's on a single parcel | 3 units |
| Mobile Home Parks | 0.67 units per space |
| Duplex | 1.4 units |
| Triplex | 1.7 units |
| Fourplex | 2 units |

Structures greater than four units are apartments and are charged as commercial acreage.

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Section 2. Assessment Rate Exemptions: Assessments will not be levied on parcels in the following categories:

1. Parcels in the agricultural or unimproved land use category with total assessed valuation of \$5,000.00 or less.
2. Common Areas with no structures.
3. Mobile homes on rented park space.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect July 1, 2001.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7, State of California, this day of _____, 2001, by the following vote:

AYES : DIRECTORS

NOES: DIRECTORS

ABSENT: DIRECTORS

Chairperson of said Board

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of said Board

Approved as to form:



Chief Assistant County Counsel

Distribution: County Counsel
Public Works

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BEFORE THE ZONE 7 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ FLOOD CONTROL
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

On the motion of Director
duly seconded by Director
the following resolution is adopted:

RESOLUTION SETTING HEARING
ON ASSESSMENT RATE REPORT FOR ZONE 7

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined the nature, extent, and cost of the services to be provided within Zone 7 for the 2001/2002 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, on or before May 4, 2001, said assessment rate report will be placed on file with the Clerk of the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors that Tuesday, June 19, 2001, at the hour of 7:30 P.M. in the Watsonville City Council Chambers, 250 Main Street, Watsonville, California, the Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing on the report of proposed assessment rates for Zone 7 for the 2001/2002 fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that at the time, date, and place above, the Board of Directors shall hear all objections or protests, if any, to the report.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Clerk of the Board of Directors shall cause notice of the filing of the reports and the time, date, and place of hearing, to be published on or before May 4, 2001, and once a week for two successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing, in a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in Santa Cruz County, pursuant to Government Code Section 6066.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7, State of California, this ____ day of _____ 2001, by the following vote:

AYES: DIRECTORS
NOES: DIRECTORS
ABSENT: DIRECTORS

Chairperson of said Board

ATTEST: _____

Clerk of said Board

Approved as to form:


Chief Assistant County Counsel

Distribution: County Counsel, Public Works

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 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ASSESSMENT RATE REPORT
 FOR ZONE 7

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, June 19, 2001, at the hour of 7:30 P.M., in the Watsonville City Council Chambers, 250 Main Street, Watsonville, California, the Zone 7 Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz County Flood Control and Water Conservation District will consider adoption of a resolution confirming the assessment report for the 2001/2002 fiscal year for the Zone 7 Flood Control and Water Conservation District. Zone 7 2001/2002 rates are as follows:

| <u>LAND USE</u> | <u>2000/2001 RATE PER YEAR</u> | <u>2001/2002 RATE PER YEAR</u> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Residential Property | \$ 50.97 per SFRU* per year | \$ 53.01 per SFRU* per year |
| Agricultural Acreage | \$ 7.07 per acre per year | \$ 7.35 per acre per year |
| Unimproved Acreage | \$ 0.71 per acre per year | \$ 0.74 per acre per year |
| Commercial/ Industrial Acreage | \$ 339.79 per acre per year | \$353.38 per acre per year |
| Churches/Schools Acreage | \$ 84.95 per acre per year | \$ 88.35 per acre per year |

 The assessment report will be available for public inspection on or before May 4, 2001, at the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, 701 Ocean Street, Room 500, Santa Cruz, California.

Upon the conclusion of the Public Hearing on the assessment report, the Board of Directors may adopt, revise, change, reduce, or modify any of the assessments as needed.

Notice is further given that at the time, date and place stated above, the Board of Directors shall hear and consider all objections or protests, if any, to the assessment report. For questions related to the proposed assessment report, please contact the Santa Cruz County Flood Control and Water Conservation District staff, Public Works at (831) 454-2160.

The City of Watsonville does not discriminate on the basis of disability, and no person shall, by reason of a disability, be denied the benefits of its service, programs or activities. The Watsonville City Council Chambers is located in an accessible facility. If you wish to attend this meeting and you will require assistance in order to participate, please contact the Watsonville City Clerk's Office at (831) 728-6005 (T.D.D. number (831) 763-4075) at least five days in advance of the meeting to make arrangements.

As a courtesy to those persons affected, please attend the meeting smoke and scent free.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT ZONE 7, SANTA CRUZ COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. _____

On the motion of Director
duly seconded by Director
the following resolution is adopted:

A RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND
WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ZONE 7, OVERRULING PROTESTS AND
CONFIRMING WRITTEN REPORT ON DRAINAGE ASSESSMENT RATES FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR 2001/2002

WHEREAS, a written assessment rate report was filed on or before May 4, 2001, in the Office of the Clerk of the Board containing a description of each parcel of real property receiving services from the District and the amount of the assessment to be collected on the County Tax Roll for each parcel for the 2001/2002 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2001, this Board appointed June 19, 2001, at 7:30 p.m. as the time and place of public hearing on said report and directed notice, which notice was duly given in the manner provided by law as appears by the affidavits of publication on file in the office of the Clerk of the Board; and

WHEREAS, said matter came on regularly for hearing at the time and place fixed and all written protests and other communications were publicly read at said meeting and all persons desiring to be heard were **fully** heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS DETERMINED AND ORDERED, as follows:

1. That objections to, and protests against, said report were not made by the owners of a majority of the separate parcels of property described in the report;
2. That all objections to and protests against said report have been heard by this Board and that said objections and protests be, and each of them is hereby overruled;
3. That said report be, and it is hereby adopted in **full** without revision and modification pursuant to Water Code Appendix Chapter 77, Sections 28, 173 and 19 1, and Zone 7 Rules and Regulations Section 3.5, and that the charges as specified in said report shall be collected on the tax roll of the County of Santa Cruz, in the manner provided by law;

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4. That the Clerk of the Board be, and is hereby directed to file with the County Auditor of Santa Cruz County, on or before the 10th day of August, 2001, a copy of said report, upon which shall be embossed over the Clerk's signature a statement that the report has been finally adopted by the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Zone 7;
5. The County Auditor of Santa Cruz County shall, upon receipt of said report, enter the amounts of the charges against the respective lots or parcels as they appear on the assessment roll for the fiscal year 2001/2002.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7, State of California, this ____ day of _____ 2001, by the following vote:

AYES: DIRECTORS

NOES: DIRECTORS

ABSENT: DIRECTORS

Chairperson of said Board

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of said Board

Approved as to form:

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Chief Assistant County Counsel

Distribution: County Counsel
Public Works

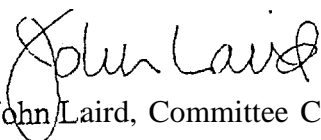
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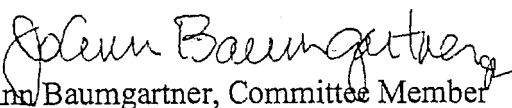
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That is why we support a participatory process to deal with these issues. We feel strongly about the issue, but also recognize no outcome will stick unless there is a group process to include the concerns of the stakeholders in the discussion about the outcome. We support a group to deal with these issues, which should include at least the Farm Bureau, Wetlands Watch, Chambers of Commerce, Santa Cruz Bird Club, Santa Cruz RCD, NRCS, Sierra Club, Agricultural Commission, Army Corps of Engineers, the City of Watsonville and representation for Pajaro.

We recognize that the Army Corps of Engineers is moving ahead and is nearing crucial stages in their project process. Now is the time to consider these concerns and indicate your support for such a process about alternatives. Thank you for hearing our concerns. We will have a representative at your meeting to orally present the themes of this letter and be available for questions.

Sincerely,


John Laird, Committee Chair


JoAnn Baumgartner, Committee Member

Board of Directors
Santa Cruz County Flood Control and
Water Conservation District, Zone 7
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

February 16, 2001

Dear Zone 7 Board:

We are writing in reference to your motion approved unanimously by your board on Feb 6. In particular we write in reference to the following recommendation of the adopted motion: "Requested that the Army Corps of Engineers be a full partner in the process to achieve community consensus starting with the aforementioned meeting (March 20), and that all the alternatives and options identified through the consensus building process be considered and studied fully in the NED (National Economic Development) Plan formulation...."

We believe that it is important that flood protection be implemented in the most expedient manner, one that will incorporate the community consensus planning effort (to be convened by Congressman **Farr**) into the Army Corps of Engineers' planning efforts. If we do not integrate these two efforts, we are likely to lose time and resources that could be used to achieve our goal more effectively. We were informed by your Chairperson, Tony Campos, that the Army Corps would benefit from hearing from the community.

At least 70 people came to the February 6 Zone 7 Board meeting, many to voice the opinion that community input to the process was essential. Tom Bolich began by reading a statement that the process was going to be opened up to the community to develop a plan. Tony Campos said that Sam Farr, Bruce McPherson and Fred Keeley would be actively involved in this community input process that would take approximately six months. Tom stated that the process with the Army Corps was going to be slowed down. Then, Jim **VanHouten** from the audience made the statement that if the F4 process is not slowed down, the Army will choose its preferred plan of floodwalls and this will result in narrowing Federal funding to only be spent on floodwalls. Tom responded, repeating that the Army Corps' process will be slowed down.

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As a result of these statements, very few of us spoke, although many of us had intended to speak. A majority of the public were wearing yellow badges that said "Community Input", and we submitted a petition signed by 135 people encouraging community input and opposed to floodwalls. We thought Zone 7 was approving both 1) to have a broad community planning process including Monterey County, and 2) to urge the Army Corps to not release their F4 report until our community plan could be included.

We are writing to ask that you put in writing to the Army Corps of Engineers the motion adopted by the board in reference to "all the alternatives and options identified through the consensus building process be considered and studied fully in the NED Plan formulation." Without this action, the Army Corps will proceed to its F4 conference and NED toward building flood walls.

We are concerned that the proposed floodwall plan will not provide 100 year flood protection, and has the potential for catastrophic failure. Floodwalls will also severely reduce the recreational, environmental and aesthetic resources of the area, and will provide a surface for graffiti and a potential security risk for adjacent neighborhoods.

We support you in your leadership towards flood protection that benefits all of the residents and the community of the Pajaro Valley.

We look forward to your prompt response to this request.

George Jammal

*George Jammal
Chair, Santa Cruz County Group
Sienna Club 831 426 4453*

*Suzanne Perraino,
Representing Pajaro Valley Women's International League for Peace & Freedom*

*Sam Eamschaw
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Cc:

Sam Farr, Congressman

Bruce McPherson, Senator

Fred Keeley, Assemblymember

Simone Salinas, Assemblymember

Chuck Carter, Mayor, City of Watsonville

Tom Bolich, Director, Santa Cruz County Public Works



Gaea Center
for Healing and Serving the Earth

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February 24, 2001

Santa Cruz County
Board of Supervisors/Zone 7
701 Ocean Street - Fifth Floor
Santa Cruz CA 95060

RE: Pajaro River
Flood Control

Dear Board of Supervisors/Zone 7:

. . It is my understanding that the Army Corps of Engineers is preparing an F4 proposal for a Pajaro River flood control project. I am writing to urge you to engage the public in discussion about a preferred plan for Pajaro River flood control.

*We need more study before adopting a plan.

*We need community involvement in a public consensus-building process to collaborate in the design, and approval of a plan.

*We need the Army Corps of Engineers to be involved in the public community process and to understand what is being proposed.

In my opinion floodwalls alone are unacceptable. Other, multi-objective alternatives should be considered, alternatives that integrate flood protection with other features important to our community. These include - without being limited to - economic development, floodplain agriculture, recreation opportunities; riparian restoration, and water supply.

Sincerely yours,

Sara Bhakti

Sara Bhakti, Ph.D.
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