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AGENDA: MAY 22, 2001

May 10, 2001

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, California 95060

SUBJECT: PAJARO RIVER WATERSHED FLOOD PREVENTION AUTHORITY

Members of the Board:

As your Board is aware, the Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority (FPA) which was established by Assembly Bill 807 (Keeley) has been moving forward with its mission to conduct a Pajaro River Watershed Basin Study. The current status of these efforts was detailed in a report to the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz County Flood Control and Water Conservation District - Zone 7 on February 6, 2001 (Attachment 1).

As indicated in the Zone 7 report, the FPA has requested a \$2,000 contribution from each member agency for legal services. A contribution in this amount was approved by the Zone 7 Board; however, in accordance with the Zone 7 bylaws, the County and the City of Watsonville must also independently approve this Zone 7 expenditure. In addition, the County of Santa Cruz as a separate FPA member is also being requested to contribute a like amount. Sufficient funds for this purpose are available in the Pajaro Storm Drain Maintenance District budget in the Litigation Work line item.

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

1. Ratify a contribution of \$2000.00 in Zone 7 funds to the Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority, as approved by the Zone 7 Board of Directors.
2. Authorize a contribution of \$2000.00 from the Pajaro Storm Drain Maintenance District to the Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority.

3. Approve the payment of two invoices included as Attachment II.

Yours truly,

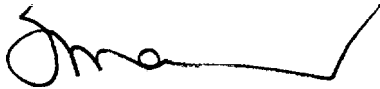


THOMAS L. BOLICH
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Attachments

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:



County Administrative Officer

copy to: County Administrative Office
Auditor-Controller
Public Works

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THOMAS L. BOLICH
DISTRICT ENGINEER

County of Santa Cruz

FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT -ZONE 7

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AGENDA: FEBRUARY 6, 2001

APPROVED

ZONE 7

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 Ysvenber 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 Ju

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

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

PCR: bbs

Attachments

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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***Pajaro River Watershed
Flood Prevention Authority***

do RAPS, Inc.
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Attachment II a

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April 6, 2000

Peter Cota-Robles
Santa Cruz County
701 Ocean Street Rm 420
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Dear Mr. Cota-Robles:

Re: Reminder of contributions due for Legal Counsel

If your member agency 'has not already made its remittance, this is a reminder that your Legal Counsel contribution in the amount of \$2,000.00 is now due.

Please make payment to the Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority (PRWFPA), c/o RAPS, Inc., P.O. Box 809, Marina, CA 93933.

Sincerely,



Nicolas Papadakis
Executive Coordinator

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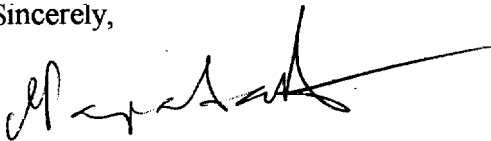
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