

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

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AGENDA

Watsonville Council Chambers
250 Main Street
Watsonville, California

January 5, 2007

9:00 a.m.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD
ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC
ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2007

ELECT OFFICERS

6. CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

A. Minutes of the November 3, 2006 Meeting

The minutes of the November 3, 2006 Board meeting are enclosed. **Recommend approval.** (Page 5)

B. Staff Working Group Meeting Notes

Meeting notes from the November 15, 2006 and December 20, 2006 Staff Working Group meetings are enclosed for the Board's **information.** (Page 9)

C. Approval of Payment to RAPS, Inc. for September, October and November 2006 Invoices

Enclosed are the September, October and November 2006 invoices. The Staff Working Group recommended approval. **Recommend approval.** (Page 11)

7. PLANNING ITEMS

A. Pajaro River Watershed IRWMP Implementation Grant INFORMATION

Accept staff report.

B. Lower Pajaro River Project Report INFORMATION

Accept oral report.

8. ADMINISTRATION

A. FY 2005/06 Agency Audit ACCEPT

The audit report has been forwarded to the Board under a different cover. Receive presentation from the Board's independent auditor.

B. Congressional Outreach Effort DISCUSS

Accept staff report regarding proposed outreach to U.S. Congress to secure funds for the lower Pajaro River project.

9. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Oral

B. Written

1. **Enclosed** is the November 19, 2006 letter to Melissa Samet, American Rivers, in response to the "Americas Most Endangered Rivers of 2006" report. (Page 21)

2. **Enclosed** is the December 21, 2006 letter to Lois Robin, Pajaro River Watershed Committee, regarding the "Stuck in the Mud" video. (Page 23)
3. **Enclosed** is a support letter for the Pajaro River Watershed IRWMP Proposition 50 Implementation Grant application. (Page 25)

10. ADJOURN

Next Meetings:

March 2, 2007 – San Benito Co. Board of Supervisors Chambers – Hollister, 9 a.m.
May 4, 2007 – Monterey County Water Resources Agency – Salinas, 9 a.m.
July 6, 2007 – Gilroy City Hall – Gilroy, 9 a.m.
September 7, 2007 – Watsonville Council Chambers – Watsonville, 9 a.m.
November 2, 2007 – San Benito Co. Board of Supervisors Chambers – Hollister, 9 a.m.
January 4, 2008 – Monterey County Water Resources Agency – Salinas, 9 a.m.

Note: Action listed for each Agenda item represents the staff recommendation. The Board of Directors may, at its discretion, take any action on the items listed in the Agenda.

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<p>Mission: The purpose of the Authority is to identify, evaluate, fund and implement environmentally sound flood prevention and control strategies in the Pajaro River Watershed, on an intergovernmental, cooperative basis as required by the Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority Act.</p>
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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority

PRWFPA

November 3, 2006

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of the Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority, Chair Gage presiding, convened at 9:03 a.m. on Wednesday November 3, 2006 at the Gilroy City Council Chambers, Gilroy, CA.

2. ROLL

Members – Board of Directors	Representative	Present	Absent
County of San Benito	Supervisor Don Marcus		X
County of Santa Cruz	Supervisor Tony Campos		X
County of Monterey	Supervisor Louis Calcagno	X	
County of Santa Clara	Supervisor Donald Gage	X	
Monterey County Water Resources Agency	Director Warren Church	X	
San Benito County Water District	Director Kenneth Perry	X	
Santa Clara County Water District	Director Sig Sanchez	X	
Zone 7 Flood Control District	Director Dale Skillicorn	X	
City of Gilroy (Associate Member)	Saeid Vaziry, Sr. Environ. Engineer		X
City of Hollister (Associate Member)	Councilmember Doug Emerson		X
City of Morgan Hill (Associate Member)	Councilmember Mark Grzan		X

Others Present: Steve Homan, County of Santa Clara; Scott Wilson & Marc Klemencic, SCVWD; Jeff Cattaneo, SBCWD; Don Hill, County of Santa Cruz; Kenn Reiller, Pajaro River Watershed Committee; Dave Foote, Schaaft & Wheeler; Nicolas Papadakis and Ana Flores, Regional Analysis and Planning Services, Inc. (RAPS, Inc.).

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Director Skillicorn informed the Board of the emergency appropriations for state levee projects. There is \$50 million in grant money that the PRWFPA could qualify for. Director Skillicorn gave the Executive Coordinator information regarding these grants.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the September 22, 2006 Board Meeting

Minutes for the September, 2006 Board of Directors meeting were enclosed for the Board's approval.

B. September 22, 2006 Meeting Recommendations

The following items were recommended for approval by the Board of Directors, when they met as a committee of the whole on September 22, 2006.

- 5.A Minutes of the May 5, 2006 meeting
- 5.C Approval of Payments to RAPS, Inc., for April, May, June and July 2006 invoices
- 6.A American Rivers Report/"Stuck in the Mud" video
- 7.A FY 2006/07 Budget and Dues
- 7.B FY 2006/07 Contract with Regional Analysis and Planning Services, Inc.
- 7.C Changing Lead Agency from The Nature Conservancy to the Authority for Proposition 50 Grant

C. Staff Working Group Meeting Notes

Meeting notes from the August 16, 2006, September 20, 2006 and October 18, 2006 Staff Working Group meetings were enclosed for the Board's information.

D. Approval of Payment for RAPS, Inc. for August 2006

Invoice for services rendered by Regional Analysis and Planning Services, Inc. in August 2006 was enclosed. The Staff Working Group recommended approval.

E. Rural Special Districts Insurance Renewal

Enclosed for the Board's approval was information regarding the renewal of the annual insurance.

Motion made by Director Church, seconded by Director Skillicorn to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

6. PLAN DEVELOPMENT

A. Pajaro River Watershed IRWMP

The Executive Coordinator reviewed the enclosed staff memorandum and resolution which recommended support for the Pajaro River Watershed IRWMP.

Motion made by Director Church, seconded by Director Calcagno to approve the resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Soap Lake Area Proposed Project

The Executive Coordinator reviewed the enclosed letter to the County of Santa Clara Environmental Resources Agency regarding the proposed expansion of the Z-Best Composting operation into the Soap Lake floodplain.

Motion made by Director Calcagno, seconded by Director Sanchez to authorize sending this letter to the County of Santa Clara Environmental Resources Agency. Motion passed unanimously.

C. American Rivers Report

The Executive Coordinator reviewed the enclosed staff report which gave an overview of the American Rivers report since it was first made public in April, 2006.

Motion made by Director Calcagno, seconded by Director Church to direct staff to send a letter to American Rivers informing them of the work the PRWFPA has been doing in the last year in adopting the RMC Plan and send them a copy of the RMC study. Motion passed unanimously.

7. ADMINISTRATION

A. Budget Amendment No. 1

The Executive Coordinator reviewed the enclosed Budget Amendment No. 1.

Motions made by Director Church, seconded by Director Skillicorn to approve Budget Amendment No. 1. Motion passed unanimously.

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENT

A. Oral

1. Director Skillicorn stated that Charles Morales, City of Gilroy was no longer Associate Member of the PRWFPA.

B. Written

None

9. OTHER

Director Church, Monterey County Water Resources Agency announced that he will be retiring and that this would be his last meeting.

Director Gage, Chair, thanked Director Church for this hard work and dedication to the PRWFPA.

10. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

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MEETING NOTES

Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority
Staff Working Group

Wednesday, November 15, 2006

10:00 a.m.

Watsonville City Hall

Present: Carol Presley, Santa Clara Valley Water District; Don Hill, Santa Cruz County and Jeff Cattaneo, San Benito County Water District

Also Present: Steve Palmisano, City of Watsonville; Craige Edgerton, Silicon Valley Land Conservancy; Kenn Reiller, Ventana Sierra Club; Lidia Gutierrez, RMC, Inc.; Mary Bannister, PVWMA; Nicolas Papadakis, Megan Tolbert and Ana Flores, RAPS, Inc.

Approval of Invoice:

This item was postponed to the next meeting due to lack of a quorum.

Soap Lake Area Proposed Projects Referrals:

None

Pajaro River Watershed IRWMP

Lidia Gutierrez, RMC, Inc. announced that the grant has been fully funded by the State and has an effective date of May 1, 2007. There is a total of \$4.4 Million; \$3.8 Million for land acquisition and \$600,000 for administration purposes. Lidia G. handed out a summary of the grant for the SWG to review. Discussion followed. For the December 20, 2006 meeting Lidia G. will provide the SWG a detailed grant cost estimate.

Nick P. recommended that PRWFPA reiterate their support of the application by resending a letter and resolution to the State.

“Stuck in the Mud” Video

Jeff C. was not able to provide the SWG a draft letter.

American Rivers Report

Nick P. distributed the draft letter addressed to Melissa Samet, American Rivers for the SWG to review and make additions. Discussion followed.

Prop. 84 Grant Opportunities

Lidia G. reviewed the handout for the Prop. 84 grant opportunities.

Board Agenda Items

The SWG reviewed the PRWFPA Board of Directors agenda items.

Other: Budget Amendment

Nick P. announced that we received a refund in the amount of 64,000 from the Rural Special Districts Insurance. This was due to the decrease in premiums for the Authority.

Submitted by Ana Flores, RAPS, Inc.

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MEETING NOTES

Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority
Staff Working Group
Wednesday, December 20, 2006
10:00 a.m.
Watsonville City Hall

Present: Carol Presley and Scott Wilson, Santa Clara Valley Water District; Don Hill, Santa Cruz County; Jeff Cattaneo, San Benito County Water District and Steve Homan, Santa Clara County;

Also Present: Steve Palmisano, City of Watsonville; Craige Edgerton, Silicon Valley Land Conservancy; Lidia Gutierrez, RMC, Inc.; Mary Bannister, PVWMA; Lloyd Wagstaff, TNC; Nicolas Papadakis and Ana Flores, RAPS, Inc.

Pajaro River Watershed IRWMP

Lidia reported on the last stakeholders meeting. It was successful, attendees left with a better understanding of the plans and goals of the IRWMP.

Approval of Invoice:

RAPS, Inc. November 2006 invoice was reviewed and recommended for approval.

Soap Lake Area Proposed Projects Referrals:

None

Implementation Plan Funding

The next Implementation Plan Funding meeting will be January 24, 2007 in Watsonville.

“Stuck in the Mud” Video

SWG reviewed the proposed letter. Suggestions were made and the letter was finalized. Jeff will draft a letter that points out the inaccuracies in the “Stuck in the Mud” video.

Board Agenda Items

The SWG reviewed the PRWFPA Board of Directors agenda items.

Other:

- 1. January SWG Meeting is Rescheduled**
The January 17, 2007 SWG meeting has been rescheduled to **January 24, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. in Watsonville.**
- 2. LAFCO Meeting**
Carol Presley will represent the PRWFPA at the next LAFCO meeting in Santa Clara County.
- 3. Draft Support Letter for the Prop. 50 Implementation Grant Application**
Nick went over the support letter for the Proposition 50 implementation grant application that was sent to Assembly member John Laird. He will send it to the SWG members for review later today.

Submitted by Ana Flores, RAPS, Inc.

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October 11, 2006

Board of Directors
 Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority

RE: Contract for Services Dated July 1, 2000, and amended July 6, 2001, August 9, 2002, July 11, 2003, July 2, 2004, July 1, 2005, and September 22, 2006.

This letter is our billing for services rendered in the period September 1 through September 30, 2006. The services included work under items 1 through 9 of Exhibit A of the referenced contract. The following breakdown of charges is summarized in accordance with Exhibit B of the referenced contract. Data is from the official time records under Work Element No. 530.

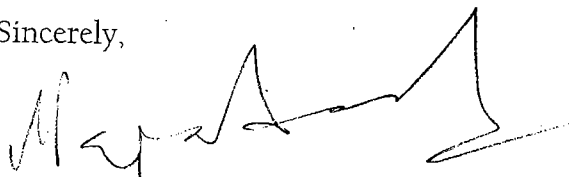
This invoice will be reviewed by the Staff Working Group, and a recommendation will be presented at the Board of Directors Meeting on November 3, 2006.

Work Element 530 - Agency Administration

Executive Coordinator	11 hours @ \$ 240.98	\$ 2,650.78
Administrative Assistant	6 hours @ \$ 62.50	\$ 375.00
	Subtotal	<u>\$ 3,025.78</u>

Total now due: \$ 3,025.78

Sincerely,



Nicolas Papadakis
 Executive Coordinator

Attachments

Regional Analysis and Planning Services
(RAPS)

Invoice for PRWFPA
September 1 to September 30, 2006

Position Title	Rate/hr	Total Hours	Personnel Cost	Overhead Cost	Total Cost
Executive Coordinator			\$131.96	\$109.02	\$240.98
Project 530 Admin		11	\$ 1,451.56	\$ 1,199.22	\$ 2,650.78
Subtotal		11	\$ 1,451.56	\$ 1,199.22	\$ 2,650.78
Administrative Assistant			\$34.70	\$27.80	\$62.50
Project 530 Admin		6	\$ 208.20	\$ 166.80	\$ 375.00
Subtotal		6	\$ 208.20	\$ 166.80	\$ 375.00
Total		17	\$ 1,659.76	\$ 1,366.02	\$ 3,025.78

Tasks Completed:

Executive Coordinator:

WE 530: Preparation for the (9/22/06) Board meeting; SWG agenda preparation, distribution, and meeting attendance (09/20/06).

Administrative Manager:

WE 530: Preparation for the (9/22/06) Board meeting; SWG agenda preparation, distribution, and meeting attendance (09/20/06).

Regional Analysis and Planning Services
Status of WE 530
Year-to-Date vs Budget
FY2006/07

	<u>WE 530 Admin</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Budget*	\$ 18,500.00	\$ 18,500.00
Amount Spent:		
July, 2006	\$ 1,392.40	\$ 1,392.40
August, 2006	\$ 1,454.90	\$ 1,454.90
September, 2006	\$ 3,025.78	\$ 3,025.78
October, 2006	\$ -	\$ -
November, 2006	\$ -	\$ -
December, 2006	\$ -	\$ -
January, 2007	\$ -	\$ -
February, 2007	\$ -	\$ -
March, 2007	\$ -	\$ -
April, 2007	\$ -	\$ -
May, 2007	\$ -	\$ -
June, 2007	\$ -	\$ -
Subtotal	<u>\$ 5,873.08</u>	<u>\$ 5,873.08</u>
Balance Available	<u>\$ 12,626.92</u>	<u>\$ 12,626.92</u>

* Per approved budget effective (7/01/06).

REGIONAL ANALYSIS PLANNING SERVICES, INC.

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November 8, 2006

Board of Directors
Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority

RE: Contract for Services Dated July 1, 2000, and amended July 6, 2001, August 9, 2002, July 11, 2003, July 2, 2004, July 1, 2005, and September 22, 2006.

This letter is our billing for services rendered in the period October 1 through October 31, 2006. The services included work under items 1 through 9 of Exhibit A of the referenced contract. The following breakdown of charges is summarized in accordance with Exhibit B of the referenced contract. Data is from the official time records under Work Element No. 530.

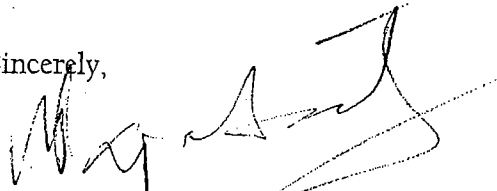
This invoice will be reviewed by the Staff Working Group, and a recommendation will be presented at the Board of Directors Meeting on January 5, 2007.

Work Element 530 - Agency Administration

Executive Coordinator	5 hours @ \$ 240.98	\$ 1,204.90
Associate Planner	15.25 hours @ \$ 71.03	\$ 1,083.21
Administrative Assistant	6 hours @ \$ 62.50	\$ 375.00
	Subtotal	<u>\$ 2,663.11</u>

Total now due: \$ 2,663.11

Sincerely,



Nicolas Papadakis
Executive Coordinator

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Regional Analysis and Planning Services
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Invoice for PRWFPA
October 1 to October 31, 2006

Position Title	Total Hours	Personnel Cost	Overhead Cost	Total Cost
Executive Coordinator Rate/hr		\$131.96	\$109.02	\$240.98
Project 530 Admin	5	\$ 659.80	\$ 545.10	\$ 1,204.90
Subtotal	5	\$ 659.80	\$ 545.10	\$ 1,204.90
Associate Planner Rate/hr		\$39.52	\$31.51	\$71.03
Project 530 Admin	15.25	\$ 602.68	\$ 480.53	\$ 1,083.21
Subtotal	15.25	\$ 602.68	\$ 480.53	\$ 1,083.21
Administrative Assistant Rate/hr		\$34.70	\$27.80	\$62.50
Project 530 Admin	6	\$ 208.20	\$ 166.80	\$ 375.00
Subtotal	6	\$ 208.20	\$ 166.80	\$ 375.00
Total	26.25	1,470.68	1,192.43	2,663.11

Tasks Completed:

Executive Coordinator:

WE 530: SWG agenda preparation, distribution, and meeting attendance (10/18/06)

Associate Planner:

WE 530: SWG meeting attendance (10/18/06), meeting notes, and grant research.

Administrative Manager:

WE 530: SWG agenda preparation, distribution, and meeting attendance (10/18/06).

Regional Analysis and Planning Services
Status of WE 530
Year-to-Date vs Budget
FY2006/07

	<u>WE 530 Admin</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Budget*	\$ 18,500.00	\$ 18,500.00
Amount Spent:		
July, 2006	\$ 1,392.40	\$ 1,392.40
August, 2006	\$ 1,454.90	\$ 1,454.90
September, 2006	\$ 3,025.78	\$ 3,025.78
October, 2006	\$ 2,663.11	\$ 2,663.11
November, 2006	\$ -	\$ -
December, 2006	\$ -	\$ -
January, 2007	\$ -	\$ -
February, 2007	\$ -	\$ -
March, 2007	\$ -	\$ -
April, 2007	\$ -	\$ -
May, 2007	\$ -	\$ -
June, 2007	\$ -	\$ -
Subtotal	<u>\$ 8,536.19</u>	<u>\$ 8,536.19</u>
Balance Available	<u>\$ 9,963.81</u>	<u>\$ 9,963.81</u>

* Per approved budget effective (7/01/06).

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December 13, 2006

Board of Directors
 Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority

RE: Contract for Services Dated July 1, 2000, and amended July 6, 2001, August 9, 2002, July 11, 2003, July 2, 2004, July 1, 2005, and September 22, 2006.

This letter is our billing for services rendered in the period November 1 through November 30, 2006. The services included work under items 1 through 9 of Exhibit A of the referenced contract. The following breakdown of charges is summarized in accordance with Exhibit B of the referenced contract. Data is from the official time records under Work Element No. 530.

This invoice will be reviewed by the Staff Working Group, and a recommendation will be presented at the Board of Directors Meeting on January 5, 2007.

Work Element 530 - Agency Administration

Executive Coordinator	3 hours @ \$ 240.98	\$ 722.94
Associate Planner	4.25 hours @ \$ 71.03	\$ 301.88
Administrative Assistant	6.5 hours @ \$ 62.50	\$ 406.25
	Subtotal	<u>\$ 1,431.07</u>

Total now due: \$ 1,431.07

Sincerely,

Nicolas Papadakis
 Executive Coordinator

Attachments

Regional Analysis and Planning Services
(RAPS)

Invoice for PRWFPA
November 1 to November 30, 2006

Position Title	Rate/hr	Total Hours	Personnel Cost	Overhead Cost	Total Cost
Executive Coordinator			\$131.96	\$109.02	\$240.98
Project 530 Admin		3	\$ 395.88	\$ 327.06	\$ 722.94
Subtotal		3	\$ 395.88	\$ 327.06	\$ 722.94
Associate Planner			\$39.52	\$31.51	\$71.03
Project 530 Admin		4.25	\$ 167.96	\$ 133.92	\$ 301.88
Subtotal		4.25	\$ 167.96	\$ 133.92	\$ 301.88
Administrative Assistant			\$34.70	\$27.80	\$62.50
Project 530 Admin		6.5	\$ 225.55	\$ 180.70	\$ 406.25
Subtotal		6.5	\$ 225.55	\$ 180.70	\$ 406.25
Total		13.75	789.39	641.68	1,431.07

Tasks Completed:

Executive Coordinator:

WE 530: Preparation and attendance for the (11/03/06) Board meeting; SWG agenda preparation, distribution, and meeting attendance (11/15/06).

Associate Planner:

WE 530: Preparation and attendance for the SWG meeting (11/15/06) and Stakeholders meeting (11/30/06).

Administrative Manager:

WE 530: Preparation and attendance for the (11/03/06) Board meeting; SWG agenda preparation, distribution, and meeting attendance (11/15/06).

Regional Analysis and Planning Services
Status of WE 530
Year-to-Date vs Budget
FY2006/07

	<u>WE 530 Admin</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Budget*	\$ 35,185.00	\$ 35,185.00
Amount Spent:		
July, 2006	\$ 1,392.40	\$ 1,392.40
August, 2006	\$ 1,454.90	\$ 1,454.90
September, 2006	\$ 3,025.78	\$ 3,025.78
October, 2006	\$ 2,663.11	\$ 2,663.11
November, 2006	\$ 1,431.07	\$ 1,431.07
December, 2006	\$ -	\$ -
January, 2007	\$ -	\$ -
February, 2007	\$ -	\$ -
March, 2007	\$ -	\$ -
April, 2007	\$ -	\$ -
May, 2007	\$ -	\$ -
June, 2007	\$ -	\$ -
Subtotal	<u>\$ 9,967.26</u>	<u>\$ 9,967.26</u>
Balance Available	<u>\$ 25,217.75</u>	<u>\$ 25,217.75</u>

* Per approved budget effective (11/03/06).

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PO Box 809, Marina, CA 93933 ♦ 831.883.3750

November 19, 2006

Melissa Samet
American Rivers
6 School Street, Suite 200
Fairfax, CA 94930

Dear Ms. Samet,

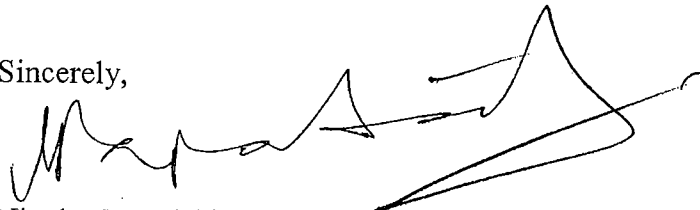
At its November 3, 2006 meeting the Board of Directors of the Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority directed me to send a letter in response to the "America's Most Endangered Rivers of 2006" report.

Our Board of Directors believe that when you assembled the background information for your report you did not have the full benefit and understanding of our "Pajaro River Watershed" study report prepared by the consulting firm of RMC, Inc. A copy of that report is enclosed for your information.

Over the past three years, the Authority has taken some important steps in developing sound technical analyses of the Pajaro River Watershed and has adopted as its top priority the protection of Soap Lake.

We believe that the Board of Directors is moving in the right direction in studying and adopting measures that together with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Lower Pajaro River proposed project, would provide the necessary flood protection in the Pajaro watershed.

Sincerely,



Nicolas Papadakis
Executive Coordinator

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December 21, 2006

Lois Robin
Pajaro River Watershed Committee
4701 Nova Drive
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Dear Ms. Robin:

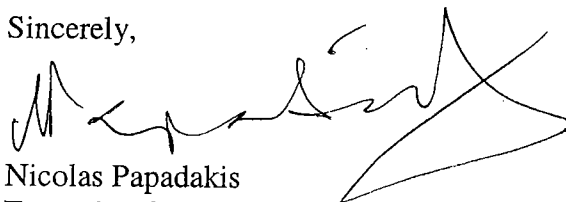
On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority, I would like to thank you for interest and dedication in the Pajaro River Watershed.

On September 22, 2006 the Board of Directors accepted our staff report, as well as your September 18, 2006 letter to them.

The Board directed that staff send a letter to you and Dr. Curry regarding some inaccuracies contained in the "Stuck in the Mud" video. That letter will be forthcoming.

Again, thank you for your support of the Authority's present efforts in the upper Pajaro River Watershed.

Sincerely,



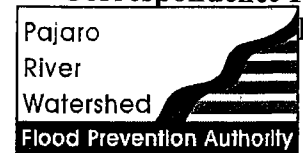
Nicolas Papadakis
Executive Coordinator

cc. Dr. Bob Curry
PRWFPA Board of Directors

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December 27, 2006

Celeste Cantu, Executive Director
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Ms. Cantu,

The Board of Directors of the Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority (Authority) would like to express its support for the Proposition 50 implementation grant application for \$25,000,000 submitted by the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency, San Benito County Water District and Santa Clara Valley Water District.

The purpose of the grant is consistent with the Governor's stated priority to prepare California for potential flooding, property damage and forced evacuations.

The Authority was formed in 2000 by the California Legislature for the purpose of identifying, evaluating, funding and implementing environmentally sound flood prevention and control strategies in the Pajaro River Watershed, on an intergovernmental, cooperative basis as required by the Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority Act. Its Board of Directors comprises one county supervisor, each from the counties of Monterey, San Benito, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz and one Board Director from each county's water management agency.

Of the requested \$25,000,000, \$4,425,300 is earmarked for this Authority for the purpose of land purchases and easement acquisitions in the Soap Lake area. The project, the Soap Lake Floodplain Preservation Project, will add to the over \$12,000,000 in land purchases and related activities in that area undertaken by the Authority and non-for-profit organizations.

We appreciate your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicolas Papadakis', written over a horizontal line.

Nicolas Papadakis
Executive Coordinator

cc: Assemblymember John Laird