

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

This notice is to advise responsible and trustee agencies as well as interested parties and those potentially affected by the project that the Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority (Authority) has prepared an Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND) for the project identified below. The Authority has determined that the project will not result in significant environmental impacts.

Project Description: The proposed project would preserve the Soap Lake floodplain in Santa Clara County and San Benito County to allow it to continue to act as a natural detention basin. No structural facilities would be built; instead the proposed project would restrict future development by purchasing land or obtaining flood easements for the land within the Soap Lake floodplain.

Availability of Documents: The IS/ND is available for review at:

- The Santa Clara County Public Library Branch, located at 7387 Rosanna Street, Gilroy
- The San Benito County Free Library, located at 470 5th Street, Hollister
- Watsonville Public Library, 310 Union Street, Watsonville
- RAPS office at 445 Reservation Road, Suite G, Marina
- The project website at www.PajaroRiverWatershed.org

Comment Period: The comment period for this IS/ND starts on September 27, 2004 and closes on October 27, 2004. You are encouraged to submit comments regarding the proposed IS/ND and/or the merits of the proposed project. You may do so by submitting written comments or attending and speaking at the meeting. Comments should be sent to the address below and should be received or postmarked no later than October 27th, 2004.

Public Meeting: A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 13th at 6:30 pm to consider the IS/ND. The meeting will be held at: Gilroy City Hall, Council Chambers, 7351 Rosanna Street, Gilroy.

The Authority's Board of Directors is tentatively scheduled to consider adoption of the Negative Declaration at its meeting on January 7, 2005 to be held at 9:00 am in Hollister.

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