

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL  
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT – ZONE 7  
2021/2022 PROPOSED BUDGET  
BUDGET NARRATIVE INFORMATION**

Maintenance and Operations on Levee System - \$530,450

This line item funds crew time, equipment time and supplies for performing maintenance work on the Federal Pajaro River Levee Project. It also provides funds for emergency work during high winter flows. A summary of last year's maintenance efforts is attached (Attachment C).

County Counsel Services - \$30,000

This line item funds costs associated with County Counsel services provided for ongoing Zone 7 operations.

Public Safety Cleanup - \$15,000

This funding provides for cleanup of debris and refuse associated with illegal encampments with the Federal Pajaro River Levee Project.

Permitting and Environmental Studies - \$50,000

This line item funds application preparation, submittal, processing and related costs associated with various permits that are required by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, and other permitting agencies in order to conduct District maintenance activities. Project monitoring requirements are also funded under this item.

General Engineering and Public Service - \$250,000

This line item funds engineering staff time to perform the duties and responsibilities of Zone 7.

ALERT Monitoring/Maintenance Requirements - \$50,000

This line item funds ALERT monitoring and maintenance activity within Zone 7.

Storm Monitoring and EOC Functions - \$20,000

This line item funds staff time for monitoring storm systems, flood prediction, and emergency operations coordination including EOC activation responsibilities.

Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority - \$30,000

The Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority (FPA) was established

in July 2000 by Assembly Bill 807 (Keeley). This line item provides funding for required member contributions to the FPA as well as funding for staff time to participate in the FPA.

Army Corps Flood Control Projects (Prop 1E) - \$1,036,159

Staff have been working with the United States Army Corps of Engineers and with the Monterey County Water Resources Agency to develop a flood control project to reconstruct the Federal Pajaro River Levee Project system. This line item provides funds for staff to participate in this reconstruction project as well as to provide the necessary local share costs for environmental impact analysis, and other costs associated with the project.

Contributions to Army Corps - \$1,813,000

This line item provides local cost share funds for the initiation of the design phase for the ongoing United States Army Corps of Engineers Pajaro River Flood Risk Management Project. The proposed contribution would be matched against Federal Work Plan funds for the PED, or design, phase, which is expected to begin upon signage of a Design Agreement in 2021. This funding assumes a 50% share of the required Non-Federal Sponsor match to Federal funding for the Project. This line item also includes costs associated with our Program Management consultant and right-of-way costs.

Flood Control Project Advocacy - \$100,000

This line item funds advocacy efforts in Washington, D.C., Sacramento and within the United States Army Corps of Engineers in support of funding and project authorizations for the Pajaro River Flood Risk Management Project.

Levee Restoration and Revegetation - \$90,000

This line item funds final phases of the Pajaro Levee Restoration and Habitat Restoration components of the Bench Excavation Project.

Stream Maintenance Plan Development - \$100,000

This line item funds the development of a stream maintenance plan and long-term permitting to support operations in the District.

Pajaro Raptor Program - \$5,000

This line item funds a grant-supported pilot project to investigate the efficacy of encouraging native raptor populations to control rodents and pests on the levee system. The project is supported by financial assistance from the County Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission, UCSC, and the Santa Cruz Predatory Bird Research Group.

Ops Transfer out to Equipment - \$50,000

This line item provides funds for the District to procure its own vehicle for staff usage activities, including maintenance, inspections, field work, meetings, and travel.