

Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Implementation Proposal Disadvantaged Community Assistance

The Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Implementation Proposal includes the Critical Water Supply System Improvements Project for the Disadvantaged Community (DAC) of Pajaro and, therefore, Attachment 10 is required. This attachment consists of documentation adequate for DWR to determine whether the community of Pajaro meets the definitions of Exhibit E of the IRWM Proposition 84 Round 2 Proposal Solicitation Package and Appendix G of the 2012 IRWM Guidelines.

Disadvantaged Community Location

The Pajaro Sunny Mesa Community Services District (PSMCS D) provides water service to 453 connections in the disadvantaged community (DAC) of Pajaro. The Pajaro service area is shown on the attached Figure 10.1 along with the DAC areas identified by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) from the 2006 through 2010 American Community Survey (ACS) data. According to DWR's identified DAC mapping the Pajaro service area is a DAC, with the exception of the sparsely populated agricultural area in the east of the service area.

Critical Water Supply Need

The Community of Pajaro relies on a single well and one 600,000-gallon storage tank. The lack of operational flexibility of this system represents a severe threat to the health and safety of the Pajaro community.

PSMCS D needs to increase the storage capacity for the Pajaro community water system. For the Pajaro system, the California Department of Public Health and California Water Code require a minimum water supply storage capacity equal to or greater than 540,000 gallons. In addition, the California Fire Code requires a minimum fire flow storage that amounts to 180,000 gallons for the Pajaro system. These two storage requirements must *both* be met *at all times* in order for the system to function without failure during emergencies. This means that the minimum volume of storage that should be maintained at all times for the Pajaro system is 720,000 gallons. PSMCS D currently only has the capacity to store 600,000 gallons. Accordingly, it needs more storage in order to ensure the continued reliability of its water supply and to maintain adequate fire protection.

Moreover, the existing tank needs repair and rehabilitation. It is over 30 years old and adversely impacted by corrosion. A renovation project would require that the entire tank be emptied, sandblasted and recoated, the structural steel repaired, and the degraded appurtenances repaired or replaced. This project would require that the existing tank be offline for a period of six to twelve weeks when repairs are underway. Without a second, new tank, this needed repair would leave the Pajaro community with no water supply storage for the duration of the repairs.

The community is geographically isolated, has no interconnections to other water systems, and is operated solely from its own infrastructure. Alternatives have been considered, but are inadequate. For example, rented temporary storage capacity would be insufficient to meet maximum day demand, fire flow requirements, or emergency needs.

The proposed project would provide for the construction of a second 600,000-gallon tank. This would increase system storage capacity to a total of 1.2 million gallons, and thereby meet the public health, water code and fire code requirements for a public water supply system. Construction of a second, new tank also would allow for the subsequent rehabilitation and repair of the existing tank. This proposed project provides benefits for water supply reliability, public health and safety, overall system resilience and more robust infrastructure.

Letter of Support for PSMCSD

As required in Exhibit E of the PSP, a letter of support from the PSMCSD General Manager and State Assembly member Luis Allejo are included in Exhibit 10.1.

Figure 10.1 PSMCSD Service Area Congruent with DAC Boundary

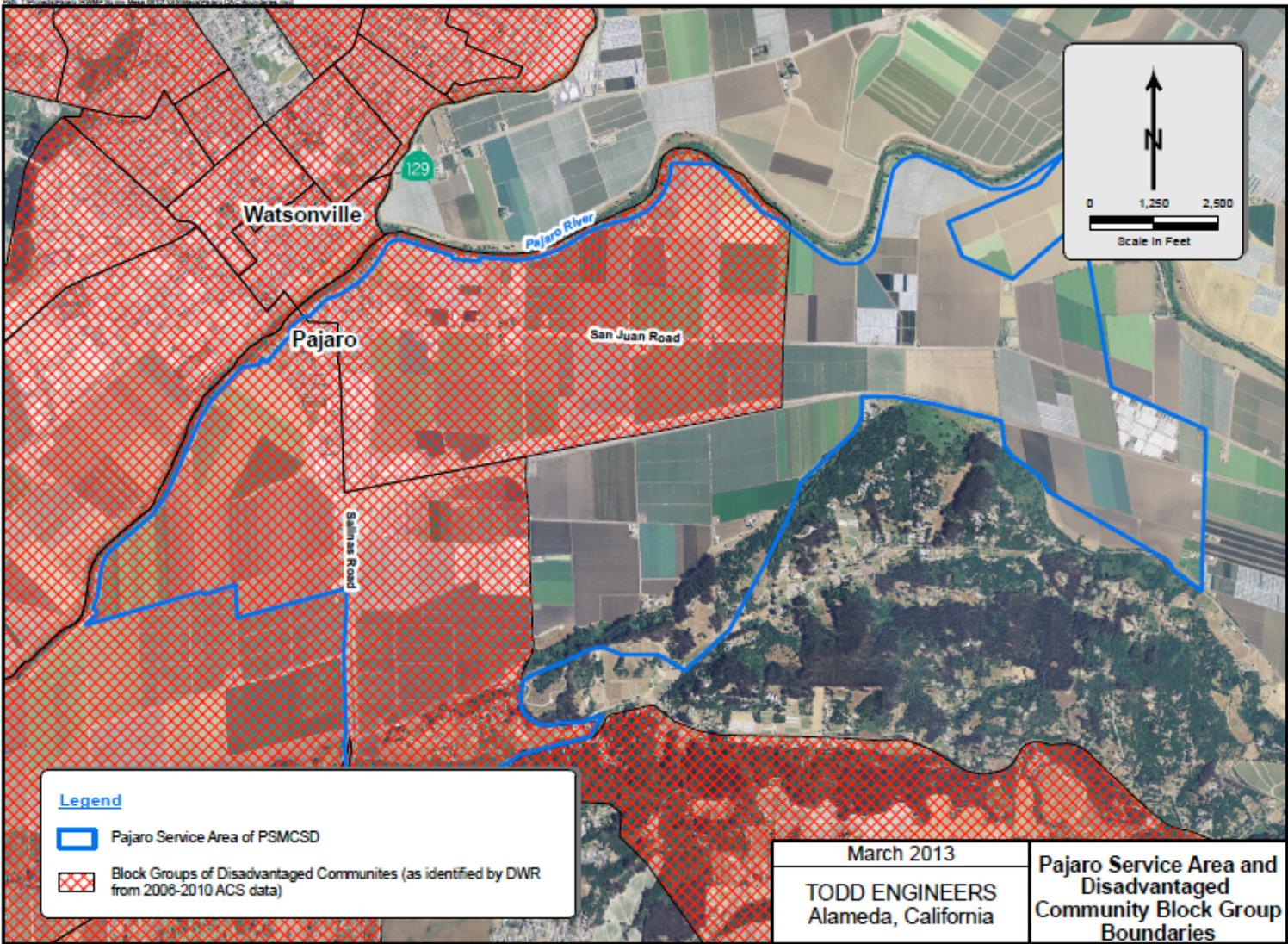


EXHIBIT 10.1

PSMCSD LETTERS OF SUPPORT

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Dear Ms. Billington:

This letter expresses my strong support for the Pajaro River Watershed Regional Water Management Group's application for Implementation Grant funds under the Proposition 84 IRWM Grant Program, Round 2. I respectfully urge the Department of Water Resources to approve the Implementation Grant request for the projects included in this grant application.

The projects included in the Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Implementation Proposal will provide important water resource benefits for the region including important progress toward resolution of the highest priority critical water need for the disadvantaged community of Pajaro.

The proposed Critical Water Supply System Improvements for Pajaro addresses a critical water resource management need in the Disadvantaged Community of Pajaro. The project will provide much needed additional water storage capacity, allowing us to meet our emergency and peak demand requirements. This proposal is critical to the goal of providing reliable water supply and emergency fire protection to the Pajaro community.

As General Manager of the Pajaro Sunny Mesa Community Services District, I appreciate this opportunity to express my support for the grant proposal being submitted by the Pajaro River Watershed IRWM region. I respectfully urge the Department of Water Resources to consider funding the full amount of this budget request.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Don Rosa, General Manager

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The projects included in the Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Implementation Proposal will provide important water resource benefits for the region and will address one of the highest priorities for the region, the critical water need for the disadvantaged community of Pajaro.

The proposed Critical Water Supply System Improvements for Pajaro, involving the provision of a required water supply storage tank, will address an existing severe threat to the health and safety of the Disadvantaged Community of Pajaro. This proposed storage tank is critical to the goal of providing reliable water supply and emergency fire protection to the Pajaro community.

I appreciate this opportunity to express my support for the grant proposal being submitted by the Pajaro River Watershed IRWM region. I respectfully urge the Department of Water Resources to consider funding the full amount of this budget request.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Luis A. Alejo". The signature is stylized and cursive.

LUIS A. ALEJO
Assemblymember
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