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SUBJECT: Northern Santa Cruz County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan-Implementation Grant Application

Dear Ms. Billington and Ms. Farahnak,

Action Pajaro Valley staff would like to extend its support of the Northern Santa Cruz County Integrated Regional Watershed Management Implementation grant proposal. We recognize the value and importance of regional coordination and integrated planning and look forward to continuing our collaborative efforts in the process as we have a vested interest in seeing implementation of this water management approach.

Action Pajaro Valley, a non-profit regional land use mediation organization, has committed considerable time and resources in convening the Pajaro River Watershed Integrated Regional Water Management steering committee, of which we are a member and we value the greater regional context that the Northern Santa Cruz County proposal offers.

The Northern Santa Cruz County partners have worked together since 1998 and have provided leadership to develop and prioritize immediate term and integrated programs identified for implementation based on the completed extensive studies, multiple benefits achieved by the programs, and readiness to proceed and they are essential to the overall health of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

Action Pajaro Valley is particularly supportive of the work identified for the Watsonville Sloughs system. The Watsonville Sloughs are located in the Pajaro Valley and serve as a prime location for implementation activities that have wide support of many statewide organizations. For example, the Watsonville Sloughs have been identified by the Coastal Commission and State Water Board as a key pilot project Critical Coastal Area. Action Pajaro Valley is collaborating with that effort.

As a partner on the Pajaro River Watershed Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWMP) implementation grant, the staff at Action Pajaro Valley feels that the Northern Santa Cruz County proposal compliments the Pajaro project and allows for a more holistic Monterey Bay regional watershed approach to critical water needs.

We urge you to award the Proposition 50 grant to this worthy suite of projects that benefit our unique Central Coast region.

Sincerely,

Lisa Dobbins
Executive Director