

**PAJARO RIVER BASIN STUDY
GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS**

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: This project is a watershed study centering on the Pajaro River, and includes the California counties of Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Benito. The study will focus on flood protection, ecosystem restoration solutions and other purposes such as recreation and water supply for the entire 12,000-square-mile watershed.

TOTAL FUNDING:

TOTAL COST:	\$ 2,125,000
FEDERAL COST:	\$ 1,125,000
NON-FEDERAL COST:	\$ 1,000,000
TOTAL FEDERAL COST THROUGH FY 2007:	\$ 119,000
FY 2008 BUDGET:	\$ 0
COST TO COMPLETE:	\$ 1,006,000

FY 07 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The Corps is supporting the Pajaro Flood Prevention Authority efforts to complete a Watershed Management Plan and will continue to pursue each of the four counties to sign a Feasibility Cost Share Agreement for a comprehensive study.

FY 08 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: If a project sponsor is identified and funding becomes available, the Corps will continue it's study efforts to define the existing conditions of the entire watershed and address the planning problems and opportunities afforded for flood damage reduction, ecosystem restoration and recreation.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: A Reconnaissance Study was completed in January 2002, indicating a strong Federal interest in developing a watershed Feasibility Study. The Pajaro Flood Prevention Authority (FPA), a technical committee representing the four counties affected by the study, submitted a Letter of Intent to support the Feasibility study. However, the FPA also contracted for its own watershed management plan, focusing only on flood damage reduction, and chose not to execute a Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement to initiate the Corps' Feasibility study.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: 14th District, Rep. Anna Eshoo; 15th District, Rep. Mike Honda; 16th District, Rep. Zoe Lofgren; 17th District, Rep. Sam Farr

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