

**PAJARO RIVER AT WATSONVILLE
GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS**

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The existing flood damage reduction project, located in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties, California, consists of levees and channel improvements on the Pajaro River and Corralitos and Salsipuedes Creeks constructed in 1949 to provide 50-year flood protection to the Watsonville area. While the project remains capable of successfully passing the flow rate it was originally designed for, the current level of flood protection is about 8-15 years. This study will develop a locally acceptable plan for flood protection features along the Pajaro River and Corralitos and Salsipuedes Creeks in order to increase the level of flood protection afforded by the project.

TOTAL FUNDING:

TOTAL COST:	\$13,260,000
FEDERAL COST:	\$0
NON-FEDERAL COST:	\$ 13,260,000
TOTAL FEDERAL COST THROUGH FY 2007:	\$ 8,304,000
FY 2008 BUDGET:	\$ 0
COST TO COMPLETE:	\$4,956,000

FY 07 AND FY08 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: A General Re-evaluation Report addressing new flood protection measures for the Pajaro River and the Corralitos and Salsipuedes Creeks is scheduled for public review in FY08. Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties, with the strong support of Congressman Farr, have completed a lengthy public involvement process to identify a plan acceptable to both the agricultural and environmental communities.

FY 08 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Subject to adequate funding, the Corps will prepare final designs and prepare a Project Cooperation Agreement for signature by FY08.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: In FY2006, the Corps ran out of appropriated funds in May and were unable to reprogram funds to continue study efforts towards completing the General Re-evaluation Report (GRR). This project is not proposed in the FY07 President's budget and there is a need for \$1,300,000 in FY07 to complete the GRR. Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties and the City of Watsonville are considering requesting permission from the Corps and Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works to enter into negotiations in order to sign a Memorandum of Agreement allowing them to advance their share of the Total Project Costs in FY07 to keep the Corps team working on finishing the GRR in order to have it ready for public review in FY08.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: 17th District, Rep. Sam Farr

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