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PAPER FOR "THE LAGUNA" PROGRAM 8/25/88

By Supervisors Ernie Carpenter

A variety of meetings and worksessions have occurred that address acquisition, preservation, and restoration of the Laguna de Santa Rosa. I should add that the Board of Supervisors has not considered these issues but I intend to agendaize an item on August 30, 1988 requesting to make the County Fish and Wildlife Advisory Board the lead agency in this endeavor (See below, #3). Many of the issues are embryonic and require no Board policy direction at this time.

Below you will find listed topics that are currently being discussed:

- 1) FEMA: The County Water Agency is currently working with FEMA to develop new 75' contour maps in the Laguna Area. There will presumably be no development or fill at or below this contour when the maps are adopted in late 1989. I believe this will offer finite protection to the flood-way and flood plain to that elevation.
- 2) PLANNING DEPARTMENT is currently reviewing all existing regulations effecting the Laguna to see what overlaps or gaps might occur. This will be used as a basis to determine if additional landuse regulations or enducements are needed for preservation.
- 3) An Ad Hoc Committee has been meeting to develop a strategic approach to coordinating the various approaches to Laguna Preservation. See the attached draft goal and objectives which were developed by the Ad Hoc group and modified by the Fish and Wildlife Advisory Board.
- 4) An Ad Hoc Committee has been meeting to discuss Proposition 70 (PAWS Initiative) and help formulate consensus decision on State Fish and Game and Coastal Conservancy expenditure of their respective 4,000,000 acquisition monies (city reps, water agency, conservation Groups, Coastal Conservancy, Land Trust, Park Director, Fish and Game, 2 Supervisors, RR Basin Comm., etc.)

We came to a consensus that the Leonard Property on the San Pablo Bay and unspecified lands in the Laguna Area were priority candidates for acquisition. (There are other marsh and coastal properties being considered as well).

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- 5) The Laguna Advisory Report from Sebastopol: Each Board member has a copy and a request from the City of Sebastopol to "implement" certain requests - e.g., Riparian Ordinance, streamside fencing, etc. The report will be agendized in the near future.
- 6) Other activities:
 - a) Coordinating with Congressman Bosco's Wildlife Refuge Committee
 - b) Trying to figure out how to resolve CALTRANS dispute on Highway 12 alignment through the Laguna
 - c) Trying to make sense out of all the Laguna activity
 - d) Watching the 'reclaimed water' issue develop in Santa Rosa
 - e) Liason with Sebastopol over FEMA, Laguna Advisory Committee Report and Highway 12 issue
 - f) Waiting for Vernal Pool Report and wondering how much political support will be generated

Best Wishes!

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