



# County of Santa Cruz

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### HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY ADMINISTRATION

October 19, 2009

**AGENDA: October 27, 2009**

Board of Supervisors  
 County of Santa Cruz  
 701 Ocean Street  
 Santa Cruz, CA 95060

### **SUBJECT: Status of Groundwater Management Efforts in the Pajaro Basin**

Dear Members of the Board:

On April 21, 2009, your Board considered a report on efforts to mitigate groundwater overdraft in the Pajaro Groundwater Basin and directed the Water Resources Division Director to provide a follow up report in October 2009 on the status of these efforts and whether the Board should further consider declaring a groundwater emergency in the Pajaro Groundwater Basin. The Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency (PVWMA) has made progress in creating a funding mechanism to support their efforts for managing the basin and is expected to taking further steps later this month. Considerable work still needs to be done, and staff will be able to provide a more extensive report on December 15, 2009. Environmental Health is working with key stakeholders to support a positive resolution of the overdraft problem.

It is, therefore, **RECOMMENDED** that your Board accept this report on efforts to mitigate groundwater overdraft in the Pajaro Groundwater Basin; and direct the Water Resources Division Director to provide a report by December 15, 2009.

Sincerely,

Rama Khalsa, Ph.D.  
 Health Services Agency Director

RECOMMENDED:

SUSAN A. MAURIELLO  
 County Administrative Officer

cc: County Administrative Office  
 County Counsel  
 Planning Director  
 HSA Administration  
 Water Resources Division/EH  
 Water Advisory Commission  
 PVWMA  
 City of Watsonville

## CBD BOSMAIL

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**From:** CBD BOSMAIL  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2009 7:07 AM  
**To:** CBD BOSMAIL  
**Subject:** Agenda Comments

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**Meeting Date :** 10/27/2009

**Item Number :** 38

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### Comments :

Dear Supervisors,  
Please declare a county wide ground water emergency immediately.

Apparently, as the 12/08/08 email interchange between me and GARY PATTON relative to continued ag well pumping/mining and berry land rental on the recent SC Land Trust acquisition indicates (which you all support), you are all not understanding the impossible and incredible claims and "details" of the Pajaro BMP SINCE 1993!

It's a Water/Berry Ponzi Scheme, pure and simple.  
please also see:  
[www.begentlewiththeearth.com](http://www.begentlewiththeearth.com)

[http://pogonip.org/WaterDocs/WaterBerryPonziScheme\\_web.pdf](http://pogonip.org/WaterDocs/WaterBerryPonziScheme_web.pdf)

Email exchange between Gary Patton/Doug Deitch 12/08/08 Re: SC Land Trust  
"Doug:

I did know about the acquisition, which sounds like good news to me. However, I was not aware of the ag wells issue. I don't know anything about the BMP, or its regulatory effect, but presumably the District has NOT seen fit actually to regulate ag water extraction (as they probably should). I'm not a bit surprised to find that the land trust is like any other property owner, wanting to profit from their land. What I think is that it is unrealistic to ask the land trust to do something that other similarly situated owners are not required to do, but it may well be appropriate for the district to regulate (or for the county to regulate, if the district goes out of existence) to achieve what's necessary to slow down intrusion. All these are heavily fact-based matters, about which I know virtually nothing, at the level of detail.

Best to you for the Holidays.

Gary Patton

-----Original Message-----

From: Douglas Deitch [mailto:ddeitch@got.net]

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Sent: Thu 12/18/2008 11:32 AM  
To: Gary Patton  
Subject: SC Land Trust Watsonville Wetlands Deal

Gary,  
As you may be aware, the SC Land Trust is acquiring 486 acres (like Pogonip acquisition in many ways but property is not given to Watsonville, like Pogonip was given to Santa Cruz) on Watsonville wetlands.

Despite the PVWMA BMP requiring, since 1993, that all ag wells be shut down in this area to address/stop new salt water intrusion, but even more importantly, to effectively double the basin sustainable yield (ie "gaining" 25k/a/f/yr of new local supply) by shifting any pumping elsewhere. they call it "optimizing", Gary.

In any event, the SC Land Trust's plans are to continue ag production in this area, to derive rental revenue to save these wetlands and pay their expenses to do so...and continue the ag well pumping necessary to rent the land.

Que piensas, Profesor?

Your friend,  
Doug"

CONCLUSION:

I hope you supervisors are not like Gary...20 years as supervisor...and 15 years or so as head of LandWatch and PCL...and he writes me...

"I don't know anything about the BMP, or its regulatory effect"?  
(Gary authored/wrote the "Well Ordinance"!!!!)

Res ipso loquitur.  
Are you doing your job any better.  
I know at least Ellen tried...voted down 4-1 last year.  
Thank you, Ellen!

Respectfully submitted,  
Douglas Deitch  
ED/MBC

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