

Attachment 3



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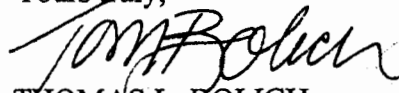
SUBJECT: STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – AMESTI ROAD
RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Dear Mr. Dondero:

As you may know, over the past 10 years the County of Santa Cruz Department of Public Works has been actively working toward the reconstruction of a 1,200-foot section of Amesti Road between Varni Road and Browns Valley Road that was destroyed in the 1995 storm disaster and further damaged in the 1998 El Niño Storm event. This section of roadway is considered a critical connection for the Corralitos community and its loss has created significant transportation problems for county residents over the past 11 years. The County, however, has been unable to move forward with the reconstruction project due to complications with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). At this time, we do not believe that we can resolve our difficulties with FEMA and that Amesti Road will remain closed permanently. We are requesting that the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission give full consideration to reprogramming the State Transportation Improvement Program funding to the Corralitos area in fiscal year 2008 to mitigate the significant traffic impacts created by this permanent closure of Amesti Road.

The County of Santa Cruz and the Corralitos community greatly appreciate your consideration on this matter.

Yours truly,


THOMAS L. BOLICH
Director of Public Works

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