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PRESS RELEASE

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ADVISORY: FLOOD PREVENTION AUTHORITY MEETING

The public and members of the press are invited to the 2019 Flood Prevention Authority Legislative Conference, which will include critical information about the status of the Pajaro River Flood Risk Reduction Project.

Congressman Jimmy Panetta will be in attendance, along with staff from various elected officials and federal, state and local agencies. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been working on a Director's Report for the Flood Risk Reduction Project, which would open up state funding and pivot the project from the planning phase into the design phase.

The goal of the Pajaro River Levee Project is to increase flood protection by rebuilding existing levees, or adding new setback levees or floodwalls in such a way that much larger flood flows can be contained within the Pajaro River channel. In addition to added flood protections, potential benefits include decreased maintenance requirements, improved habitat for endangered species, increased groundwater recharge to improve our local water supplies, and additional recreational opportunities.

WHAT: Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority Meeting

WHEN: Friday, December 13, 2019, 1 p.m.

WHERE: Civic Center Community Room, 275 Main St. 4th Floor, Watsonville