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Referral 22.7 and 22.3 - Pajaro River Levee Improvements, 2010 General Plan Priority Community Plan Updates and Development Evaluation System

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION

On June 26, 2024, the Planning Commission received the third Referral report No. 22.7 (PC24-070) including a status update on Pajaro River Levee improvement plans and an update on the proposed approach for community plans envisioned in the 2010 General Plan (Pajaro and Chualar as first priorities). The Planning Commission had questions regarding timeline for the Pajaro levee Improvements and requested for staff to get timeline from the Pajaro Regional Flood Management Agency (PRFMA) which would be provided to the Planning commission under response to referrals on next Agenda (7/9/24). Staff has reached out to the Pajaro Regional flood management agency and Mark Strudley provided the following update regarding project construction timeline.

Reach 6:

Breaking ground has yet to be determined for Reach 6, although construction related activities will start by September of this year. This could be considered breaking ground, although it will start with utility relocations and tree trimming for the project.

Construction of Reaches boarding Monterey County:

A construction date has not been established for the other reaches (Monterey County/Watsonville Boarder), as those have yet to be designed (design and construction moves through the project iteratively, reach by reach).

Further questions can be directed to PRFMA staff, PRFMA's board meetings, and PRFMA's public meetings. There will be a large public meeting with USACE on July 11th at 6:30 p.m. at the Portuguese Hall in Watsonville (124 Atkinson Lane).

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