MEASURE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS

DISTRICT

FLOOD CONTROL ZONE NO. 7 SPECIAL TAX MEASURE F

Shall a special tax in the amount of \$265.00 per living unit per year for improved residential parcels, \$300.00 per acre per year for improved commercial parcels, and \$97.00 per acre per year for unimproved parcels, be levied within Flood Control Zone No. 7 for a period of six years to provide funds for the construction of Pump Station Number 1 Improvements, related facilities and to replenish the capital improvement and emergency reserves?

FLOOD CONTROL ZONE NO. 7 SPECIAL TAX IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL MEASURE F

If this measure is approved by a two-thirds vote, a special tax will be levied in Flood Control Zone No. 7 of the Marin County Flood Control & Water Conservation District in the amount of Two Hundred Sixty Five Dollars (\$265.00) per living unit per year for improved residential parcels, Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per year for improved commercial parcels, and Ninety Seven Dollars (\$97.00) per acre per year for unimproved parcels for a period of six years to provide funds for the purposes stated in the measure.

Dated: August 14, 2003

PATRICK K. FAULKNER County Counsel

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE F

Much of Santa Venetia lies below higher tide levels. Water drainage from storms and high tides needs to be pumped over levees into Gallinas Creek. A well-functioning system of pumps and levees (Santa Venetia Flood Control Master Plan) is critical to keeping these waters out of our homes. This system is funded by Flood Zone 7 taxes.

The Flood Control portion of our regular property taxes currently provides only enough for minimal maintenance and repair of this vital system. Additional funds are urgently needed to replace Pump Station One. This measure proposes to re-establish a supplemental tax to fund construction of a larger, more reliable and efficient Pump Station.

Pump Station One is located on Vendola Drive between La Pasada and La Brea. This station serves the largest drainage area in the Flood Zone but is capable of handling only one third of the runoff from a 25-year storm. For the past few winters a temporary yellow pump has supplemented the station's capacity because the existing station is unreliable. A complete replacement of Pump Station One is necessary. Estimated costs well exceed the \$1 million that our Flood Zone 7 has accumulated in past years through careful management of our capital reserve in preparation for this project.

Flood Zone 7 has pursued alternative funding from State, Federal and County Government. While we've received some funding, other possible sources have dried up in the current budget crisis. Passing this tax measure is the most practical and reliable source of funds for rebuilding Pump Station One. It also increases our chances of obtaining government assistance in the future.

Without a reliable flood control system, our homes become vulnerable to flooding.

PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY VALUES.

VOTE YES ON MEASURE F.

KEEP THE HOMES OF SANTA VENETIA SAFE AND DRY.

- s/ Jeffrey Krupnick, Chairman Zone 7 Advisory Board
- s/ Art Reichert Advisory Board Member
- s/ Evan Marks Advisory Board Member
- s/ John B. Rubke Advisory Board Member
- s/ Marie Jean Zerrudo, President Santa Venetia Neighborhood Association

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS MEASURE
WAS SUBMITTED

END OF MEASURE F

