# SANTA CRUZ COUNTY PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS

## SOUTH COUNTY PARK

\$2,600,000 for site acquisition, design, permitting and other needed services for a new South County park facility. Options for the possible park include outdoor nature trails, watershed protection, outdoor recreational options, agricultural heritage demonstrations, examples of climate resilient agriculture, improvement of natural areas/resources, habitat restoration, neighborhood connectivity, and more.

# SLV WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS

\$2,000,000 for design and planning services, permitting, site acquisition and other needed services for new wastewater system to serve neighborhoods impacted by the CZU Lightning Complex fire, the largest wildfire in recorded history for Santa Cruz County. As part of the fire recovery process, the County seeks federal funding for a watershed improvement project supported by local environmentalists, business organizations and state Senator John Laird because it addresses three priority objectives: the project would replace aging septic systems with a new wastewater system serving the Boulder Creek community, with a total project cost estimated at \$25 million.

## SANCTUARY SCENIC TRAIL, SEGMENTS 10-11

\$4,000,000 to complete final design for Scenic Trail Segments 10 & 11. Project would include 4.7 miles of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail spine between 17th Avenue and State Park Drive, including several major riparian crossings. Project is part of partially completed regional trail system and would reduce carbon emissions, improve safety and mobility of nonmotorized users, and provide high-quality connections to schools, parks, and community facilities.

## INPATIENT TREATMENT FACILITY

\$2,000,000 for design and architectural services, permitting, site preparation and other preconstruction costs for a 16-32 bed inpatient treatment facility for individuals experiencing behavioral health issues. Flexible space would help fill a critical service gap for individuals needing immediate crisis intervention services, who currently have limited residential treatment options and are often turned away with minimal intervention. The Program would also deliver a 14-chair crisis stabilization program for youth and adults who are assessed with a disposition plan developed within 24-hours of admission. Project development is underway and would be located on County-owned property. Full project cost expected to exceed \$11,000,000.

# DAVENPORT DOMESTIC WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

\$2,500,000 for design and planning services, permitting, site acquisition, and other needed services to develop construction plans for an independent and resilient domestic water system for the town of Davenport. The current water system consists of surface water intakes and an above ground pipeline (owned by CEMEX) susceptible to damage from natural disasters and fire. The

Davenport County Sanitation District seeks funding to perfect the town's water rights, study alternative water sources (i.e. ground water), obtain permits, and design an independent system. The community is an economically disadvantaged community (DAC), with high water and sewer service charges; this project would require 100% grant funding.

## MORAN LAKE RESTORATION

\$1,607,000 for Moran Lake County Park improvements, including completion of the CEQA process, updated habitat management plan, and implementation of park improvements such as habitat restoration, hazard mitigation, removal of non-native trees, restroom and trail improvements, parking lot replacement, correction of stream flows to diminish erosion, interpretative/educational panels and Monarch Butterfly habitat protection.

## HOLOHAN/152 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

\$1,708,000 to fund operational and school safety improvements at one of the busiest intersections in South County, located at Holohan Road and Highway 152. Project would improve safety and reduce congestion by adding turn lanes, extending existing lanes and making bicycle and pedestrian improvement. Total project cost is \$3,910,000, of which \$1,708,000 is unfunded.

## APTOS STORM REPAIRS

\$1,700,000 to make storm-related road repairs, restoring mobility and access for residents impacted by storm-related road damage, including repairs not covered under existing or expected FEMA-declared disasters. Project costs would cover complete repairs along Valencia School Road and White Road. Total project cost is \$1,700,000.

## SOQUEL DRIVE BIKE/PED SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

\$4,700,000 to provide a local match for the Soquel Drive Buffered Bike Lane project, which encourages alternative transportation and healthy lifestyles by making bicycle safety improvements along Soquel Drive, the only major north-south connector in the County other than Highway 1. Project has federal funding and County has identified more than \$4 million of an estimated \$9 million local match. Total project cost to exceed \$20 million.