

## Marin Stream Ordinance

# Development Code Amendments Planning Commission Hearing May 13, 2013









## Overview

- Stream Conservation Area (SCA) and SCA Permit.
  - Development activity not prohibited but must avoid stream and riparian impacts.

## Today:

- Consider revised ordinance and public testimony
- Make a recommendation on proposed ordinance





## Project Schedule

✓ February: Outreach to community organizations and County agencies.

✓ March 14: SCA Open House

✓ April 1: PC Workshop

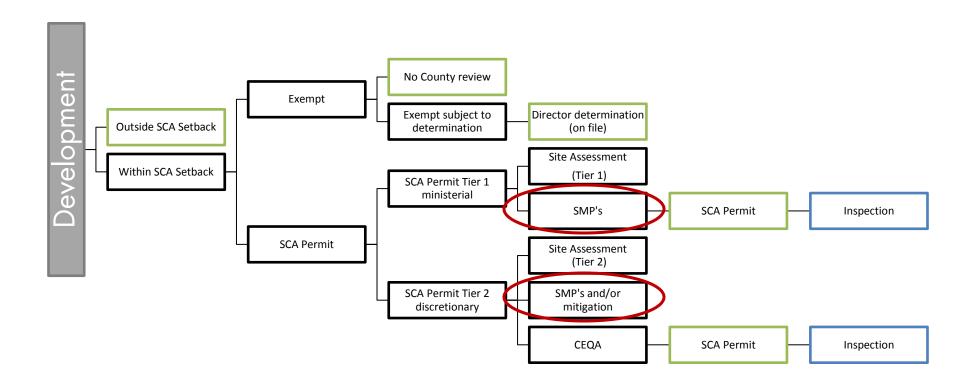
May 13: PC Hearing

June 18: Board Hearing





## Standard Management Practices



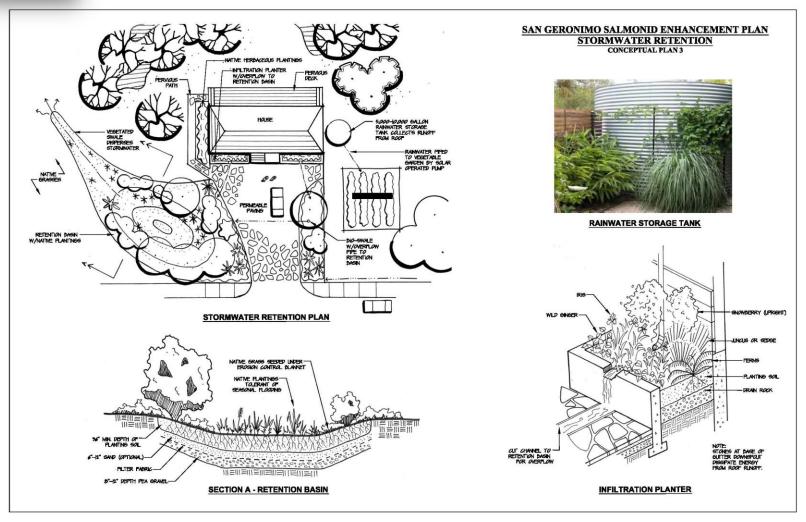


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Function	Management Practices (Summary)
Riparian/bank stability/stream temperature	<ul> <li>Limit vegetation removal 15-35' of stream bank.</li> <li>Replace riparian vegetation that is removed.</li> <li>No removal of trees &amp; shrubs whose height exceeds closest distance from stream bank (e.g., 25' tall tree).</li> </ul>
Water conveyance & flood control/water quality	<ul> <li>MCSTOPPP Erosion &amp; Sediment Control         Measures/Pollution Prevention.</li> <li>2:1 dispersal of runoff or bioretention (e.g., rain garden)</li> </ul>
Riparian Habitat/Food Web Integrity	<ul> <li>Avoid tree removal in avian breeding survey.</li> <li>Use downcast lighting fixtures</li> <li>Avoid heavy equipment for initial site clearing.</li> <li>Limit clearing to construction, staging &amp; stockpiling areas</li> <li>Use native species (to be specified in SCA Toolkit)</li> </ul>

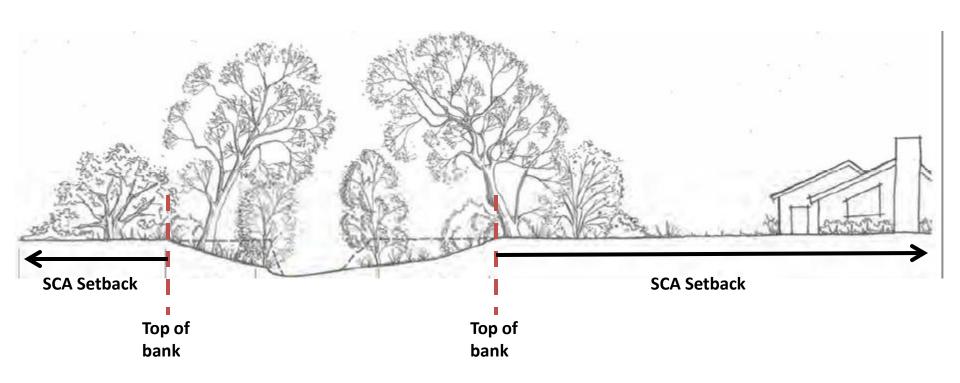


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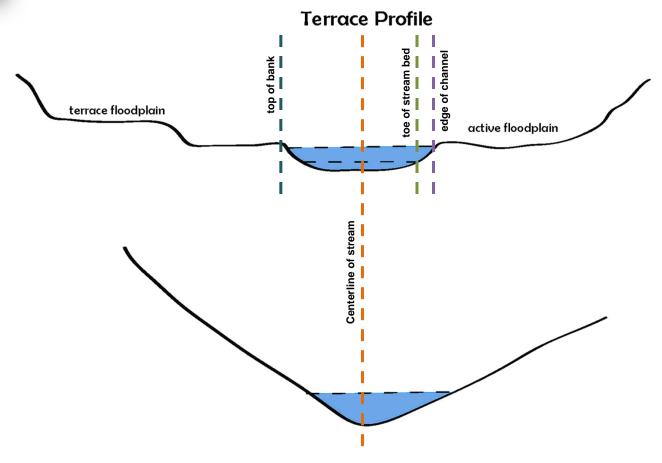


# Top of Bank





# Top of Bank – Stream Types



V-Shape or Canyon Profile



## Riparian Vegetation

**Riparian Vegetation:** Vegetation associated with a watercourse and relying on the higher level of water provided by the watercourse. Riparian vegetation can include trees, shrubs and/or herbaceous plants. *Woody riparian vegetation* includes plants that have tough, fibrous stems and branches covered with bark and composed largely of cellulose and lignin. *Herbaceous riparian vegetation* includes grasses, sedges, rushes and forbs – broad-leaved plants that lack a woody skeleton."

CWP Definition:	Alternative Approach
Consistency with CWP	<ul> <li>Build upon CWP to include "facultative" species.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Individual species can be identified using picture guides</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Plant communities include riparian species and other distinct characteristics.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Narrow scope definition has limited applicability to ephemerals.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Would encompass more ephemeral streams &amp; expanded SCA setbacks .</li> </ul>



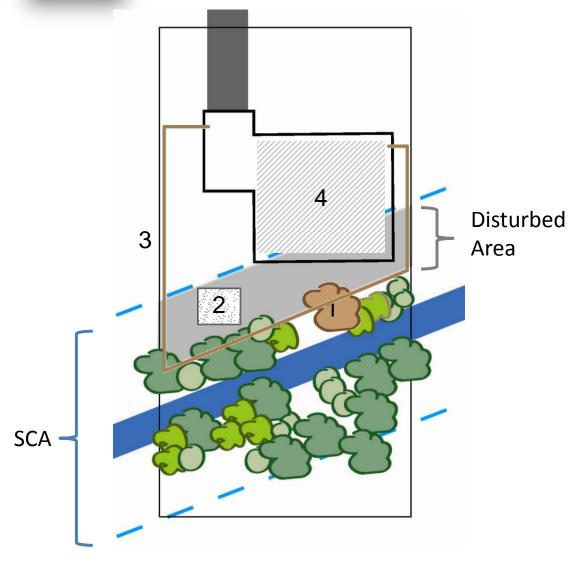
# Animal Keeping

## **CWP:** No animal confinement in SCA (agriculture)

Existing Facilities	New/Expanded Facilities
<b>Use:</b> Exempt as "Disturbed Area" and/or permitted or legal non-conforming structure	<ul> <li>May be exempt if located within "disturbed area" with maximum 120 square feet impervious surface;</li> <li>or</li> <li>Subject to SCA Permit (Tier 1 or Tier 2)</li> <li>Review criteria &amp; requirements of SCA Ordinance.</li> <li>SMPs and/or mitigations would apply.</li> <li>No special exemption for horses.</li> </ul>
<b>Facilities:</b> Maintain, repair, replace shelters, structures, landscaping & fences.	
Subject to other applicable requirements already in place.	



## Exemptions

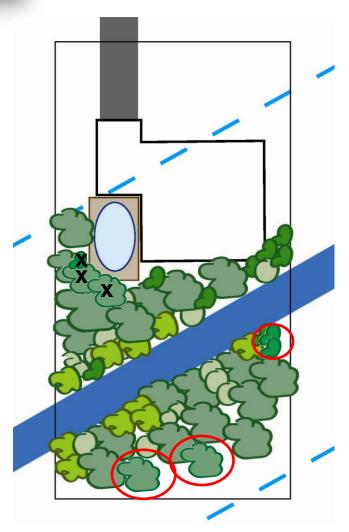


#### **Example Exemptions**

- Remove dead/ diseased tree.
- 2. Accessory structure <120 s.f.
- 3. Perimeter fence (enclosing disturbed area)
- 4. 2<sup>nd</sup> story addition



## Tier 1 SCA Permit

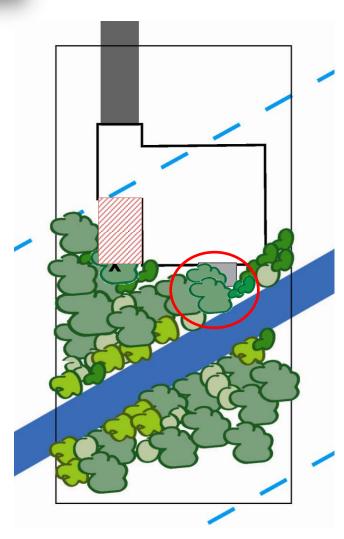


### **Example Tier 1 Project**

- 1. Remove existing trees
- 2. Replace vegetation on-site



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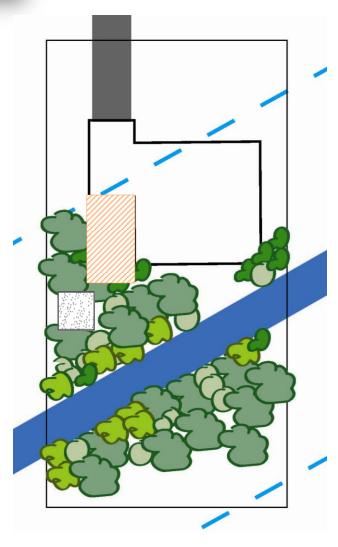


#### **Example Tier 1 Project**

- Remove existing 250 s.f. patio (+250 s.f. credit)
- 2. Remove two existing trees (non-disturbed area).
- 3. New addition
  - Not closer to stream than existing structure
  - Cumulative 500 s.f. addition to footprint (500 s.f. Tier 1 limitation + credit for patio removal)
- 4. Replace vegetation on-site



## Tier 2 SCA Permit



#### **Example Tier 2 Project**

- Detached accessory structure
   >120 s.f., not in disturbed area.
- 2. Building addition >500 s.f. and/or closer to stream than existing home.



## Recommendation

- 1. Conduct the public hearing; and
- Approve the Resolution recommending approval of the Stream Conservation Area Development Code Amendments.