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Stinson Beach Community Meeting on April 19 to Address Flood Protection and Habitat Improvements

San Rafael – A public meeting will be held on April 19th from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Stinson Beach Community Center to introduce the County’s Stinson Beach Flood Protection and Watershed Program. The purpose of the program is to develop a suite of integrated projects that reduce flooding impacts and improve creek habitat for steelhead and other wildlife.

O’Connor Environmental has been retained by the County to model watershed and creek flow and to report how sediment affects flooding in Easkoot Creek. A draft computer model of the creek and watershed with a focus on flood-prone areas has been developed to show where and when flooding occurs. Preliminary results will be presented at this meeting and the model will be used to assess the effectiveness of potential solutions for increased flood protection.

The local community has provided input through a technical working group that includes residents, community groups, County, state, and federal resource agency staff, and landowners in the watershed. The technical work group has volunteered their time over the past three years to provide local knowledge, technical input, and feedback on the direction, approach, and solutions to reduce flooding.

Flooding in the low-lying areas of Stinson Beach has been an ongoing problem for the community. Supervisor Kinsey endorses the watershed program because *“it relies on a community-based approach to develop solutions that work for people, the environment, and will help us with securing grant funds.”*

A final report summarizing the flood scenarios and proposed solutions will be completed by the end of 2012. More information is available at the Marin County Watershed Program website www.marinwatersheds.org.

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