

From: [RICHARD EHRENBERGER](#)
To: [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: Please vote NO on vtheopressive SPAWN ordinance
Date: Wednesday, July 6, 2022 12:30:11 PM

Dear Boardmember Drumm....we San Geronimo owners feel spot zoned, please Vote No.

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From: [Bob Garrow](#)
To: [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: Home Owner: July 19 BOS meeting San Geronimo Stream Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 10:56:21 AM

Please vote NO on the stream ordinance.

I am the owner of one of the many homes on the creek and to be honest that creek on the property is one of the reasons I bought my home here about a decade ago. I spend a great deal of my time outdoors here. I have watched the creek and taken much effort to care for and leave native. I have been seeing more signs of fish returning. I do listen to the guidelines and appreciate trying to help the habitat.

That being said this is a group that should give guidelines and suggestions for us on the creek. This is not a group that you give the ability to bring judgment and penalty toward residents. This has become a battle in the valley due to giving this power out.

The SPAWN organization should exist and continue to help the community become better stewards but not a group that tells me whether or not I can keep up my home. These homes were summer cabins and now they are million dollar dwellings. There is no way to return this creek to anything resembling its origins without removal of the people entirely. We need to work for something that supports the creek and the community. Not a solution that will create animosity and out right fighting in the County.

I have run a construction company in this County for many many years and the addition of fees and costs has undeniably become obscene. I love where I live but at some point you need to look out for your residents and not the special interest groups. I will always do my best to protect my creek but I will not kindly be forced to do so. More importantly not be given the ability to keep my property in the best shape possible. As for permitting and past permitting being in the guideline this valley has been the wild west for 100 years you can't expect to turn back time especially through a special interest group.

Reading through the proposed guidelines for the creek was interesting considering in the past two winters we have had major water flows and flooding that destroy everything laid out in the guidelines. We need SPAWN to be a guidance group and give thoughtful information and guidance to the people on the creek not to be an unwelcome policing agent that created friction and descent.

Please think carefully of what you are trying to impose on us as homeowners. We are the people living here and appreciating the creek along with caring for our community. In your position I would appreciate you helping special interests to be heard but never be put in a place of judgment and ability to render a penalty. This does in no way make our country a better place.

Please vote NO on the stream ordinance.

Sincerely,

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[Bob Garrow](#)



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From: [Charlotte Anne Burger Troy](#)
To: [BOS](#); [Rodoni, Dennis](#); [Lai, Thomas](#); [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Cc: [ryan.troy](#)
Subject: July 19 BOS meeting -- San Geronimo Stream Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 10:16:56 AM

Dear Supervisors,

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the San Geronimo Stream Ordinance.

With all due respect, we request that all of you unanimously vote NO on San Geronimo Creek ordinance.

We moved to the Valley 2 years ago with our child and in-laws. We are doing our best to create a multi-generational household on regular incomes. This stream ordinance will increase the cost of maintenance on our aging home and negatively impact its value over time.

Please consider the following objections:

The ordinance was written expressly to avoid County litigation, shows no proof of significantly protecting stream and riparian assets in the Valley, and is unfair to homeowners.

1) An ordinance written under duress

This ordinance was written by the County under the duress of threats from a non-profit that has built its business model on litigation. This is evidenced by the "Settlement Framework" or Term Sheet that accompanies the ordinance and outlines the responsibilities of the County and SPAWN with regards to the ordinance and namely that SPAWN agrees to stop suing the County for alleged CEQA violations.

To be clear, no one is advocating for the type of development that was rampant in the Valley in years past as evidenced for example by concrete retaining walls that have literally been built into stream banks and the like. We are advocating for fair and clear policies that are not punitive to homeowners, the majority of whom are acting in good faith to maintain the health of the natural environment *and* their property. *Those that are not, are not asking the County for permits to do site work.*

2) An ordinance that is unfair to homeowners and is likely redundant with current permitting requirements

Unfortunately, this unclear and unfair ordinance passes the buck onto 900 individual homeowners in the Valley to comply with unrealistic and expensive regulations that have no basis or proof for actually improving the health and habitat of fish and streams in the area. Current permitting processes would never allow construction within creek banks and licensed contractors already have significant environmental regulations they must follow.

Basic maintenance of homes should be allowed with no mini-ESI (Environmental Impact Statements) requirements and costly permitting fees

Homeowners should have the right to maintain existing structures and improve the existing footprint of their lands especially when such site work was previously completely exempt from permits – for example building fences under 6 feet, creating small decks etc. or basic home maintenance like exterior painting or residential reroofing projects that are already are required to follow extensive County permitting requirements. **Requiring a mini- EIS for these projects is costly to the homeowner in terms of time and money and likely redundant with existing policy.**

The concept that the County is going to be able to handle the demand in such reviews in a timely manner and at a reasonable cost is highly suspect. ***This ordinance provides no reference to a timely site review process for projects or clear cost guidelines for homeowners.***

3) No basis of proof behind this ordinance to significantly impact Marin County salmon or other fish populations.

Salmon and other fish populations are rebounding without the Stream Conservation Ordinance.

According to the Marin IJ article “**Marin salmon got huge boost from late-2021 rain, researchers say**” published June 13, 2022

“The heavy downpours in late 2021 not only helped relieve Marin County’s drought but also created some of the best conditions in several years for endangered coho salmon, according to local biologists.

On Lagunitas Creek, which has the largest population of coho salmon between Monterey Bay and Mendocino County, fish surveyors saw one of the largest runs of coho in the last decade.”

Salmon and other fish are more acutely affected by rainfall in California which this ordinance has no control over than whether or not one of the 900 homes paints their exterior or builds a small deck on their property. This ordinance as written **does not require Ecological Outcome Verification (EOV)** protocol to show that it is actually doing anything. EOV is a widely accepted methodology among land managers and researchers to test and positively measure ecological outcomes based on changed conditions in an environment. At the least, SPAWN should be required to carry out and pay for these types of verification procedures within the area of the 900 homes that this ordinance affects.

For these reasons, we urge you to vote no on this ordinance.

Sincerely,

Charlotte & Ryan Troy

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From: barneyca2@aol.com
To: [Lai, Thomas](#); [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: July 19 Meeting, Please vote no on the San Geronimo Valley stream ordinance
Date: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 12:24:09 PM

Dear Supervisors,

Please vote no on the July 19 SGV stream ordinance meeting. These rules are far to punitive and restrictive and could lead to people being forced from their homes without compensation during a housing crisis. The rules restricting tree removal poses a great fire hazard and could result in loss of life and property. Ive been a professional firefighter for 31 years and have seen the results of poor land management. As a 52 year resident of Woodacre, Ive seen Millions of dollars poured into the salmon habitat from Federal, State, County, MMWD and to a lesser degree the spawn organization. Yet all these rules and money have failed to bring them back. There is no evidence these new restrictions and burdens on homeowners will bring back a single salmon.

Thankyou

Brent Barnes

From: [linda gomez](#)
To: [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: Fwd: July 19 BOS meeting on SGVSO
Date: Monday, June 27, 2022 6:09:39 PM

Subject: July 19 BOS meeting on SGVSO

Please vote NO!!

My late husband and I moved to the valley from Kentfield in 2004. On the eastern edge of our property on West Nicasio Road an ephemeral stream that hardly or ever has had water in it during the rainy season runs.

The ordinance as it is currently written does not clearly state what I have to provide to a prospective buyer that is different from what is required in disclosure that is already in place through the California Association of Realtors. But then I'm totally unclear why there is such an over reaction to stream conservation in this beautiful valley. There was a dam built, global warming is occurring and we're in the middle of a record breaking drought. On the property we owned in Kentfield where there was an ephemeral stream that very definitely did rage during every big rain we had no such unreasonable requirements or inspection programs.

Please vote NO on this ordinance. It serves no purpose other than to further divide and alienate the folks that live here and have lived here for years.

Linda Gomez

Sent from my iPhone

From: [GERALD TORIUMI](#)
To: [Rodoni, Dennis](#); [BOS](#); [Lai, Thomas](#); [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Cc: [petratoriumi@outlook.com](#); [peggycreeks](#); [Jim Barnes](#); [Tognini, Steve](#); [Linda Gomez](#); [Bretz, Fred](#)
Subject: July 19 BOS meeting on San Geronimo Stream Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 3:42:25 PM

To whom it may concern,

I have lived in, Woodacre since 1972. I have concerns about proposed SCA ordinance language: "***measured set back from top of stream bank***" is arbitrary and completely ignores natural stream bank ***erosion***. Several structures that were built many years ago in close proximity to the stream, were in compliance at the time of construction. Due to creek bank erosion, using "***top of the stream bank***" as a criteria, will over time, eventually place these older structures, out of SCA compliance due to water erosion of the stream bank.

In the past I tried following SPAWNS best practices stream bank management plan, removing non-native erosion-preventing ground cover plants, like English-Ivy; this resulted in the loss of 12 feet or more of stream bank, collapsing the stream bank during heavy storm runoff, and washing away established stream side trees and the land that once held them. The stream on my property is in places, more than 20 feet wider, than it was in 1972. Over the coming years, *the "top of the stream bank"* will continue to encroach towards these structures, as water erosion is inevitable. Using the approximate center of a meandering stream, seems a more stable alternative point of reference, by which to measure from.

With regards to ***ephemeral rain flow***, every road in the valley, creates ephemeral rain flow adjacent to the roadside, eventually culminating down hill, and terminating, in my case, in front of the entrance to our property. The ephemeral water then spills into the creek bed, via a drainage ditch, which I lined and stabilized using discarded concrete-rip-rap. SPAWN complained about my use of concrete to line the drainage ditch, but Marin county road maintenance dept. inspected my efforts, and said it was a "Good Job".

Why is ephemeral rain flow now included. when all the roads, during a rain storm, are contributing towards ephemeral rain water flow, and by all common sense, are in fact ephemeral during a rain storm. Where does the property owners responsibility begin and end, with regards to this situation ?

Thank you for your time, considering my concerns.

Respectfully, Gerald Toriumi

From: [Kutter, Rhonda](#)
To: [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: FW: July 19 BOS meeting and vote for San Geronimo Stream Ordinance.
Date: Monday, July 11, 2022 4:51:34 PM

From: Oliver Dibble <odibble@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2022 1:59 PM
To: Rodoni, Dennis <DRodoni@marincounty.org>
Subject: July 19 BOS meeting and vote for San Geronimo Stream Ordinance.

Dear Dennis:

For 45 years my wife and I have lived in Woodacre. The Lagunitas Creek runs through our back yard, and in some cases, our property bridges the creek. We have a storm drain easement that enters the creek immediately above our property, and for all the years we have lived here, we have removed trash and tried to leave the creek bank as untouched as possible. We have also cleared low branches, and brush from our property as the Marin County Fire Department has requested. In reviewing the proposed ordinance, I have noted the following points that concern me:

- The proposed 100-foot restriction impacts the entirety of our property including my compliant septic system and leach fields.
- Vegetation management and tree removal restriction fly in the face of the wildfire maintenance that the County has preached for many years
- Projects beneficial to improved creek conditions such as the Woodacre Flats Wastewater Treatment project have been abandoned due to actions by the Board of Supervisors
- Basic and major maintenance to roofs, decks, and other improvements will become even more expensive
- The restrictive ordinance will likely reduce the value and future salability of properties for the foreseeable future. Those of us who are older will not realize the true value of our properties, and future owners will be handicapped by the ordinance.
- There is no sunset on the life of the ordinance.

I urge the Supervisors to vote NO on the adoption of this ordinance and continue to seek a reasonable agreement that is not carried 100% on the backs of the Valley homeowners.

Inserely,

Oliver & Regina Dibble
Woodacre

From: [Eric Morey](#)
To: [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: SCA Rules and Wildfire Fuel Loads
Date: Monday, July 4, 2022 11:44:06 PM

Hi Kristin,

The following was recently posted on NextDoor regarding the SCA and wildfire prevention. The revised SCA is heading to the BOS for approval. Will it lead to any of the problems cited here regarding fire safety? This screed cites doubling of the fuel load due to the ordinance.

Thank you for your reply.

Eric Morey
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[Rick Seramin](#) San Geronimo Valley • 3 days ago

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From: [Robert Mackey](#)
To: [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: Fire Risk
Date: Saturday, July 2, 2022 7:47:22 AM

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To: [BOS](#); [Rodoni, Dennis](#); [Lai, Thomas](#); [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Cc: thomas.harriman
Subject: Re: Don't Give Fire the Final Vote
Date: Friday, July 1, 2022 9:16:12 PM

Please indulge me an afterthought, Supervisors. In 2004 I finished a log cabin in Yellowpine, Idaho, about 50 miles east of McCall, rugged and rural country, close to the River of No Return Wilderness. In 2007, When I went in, there was fire about 12 miles downstream on the East Fork. It turned in to a major incident which burned 1.2 million acres around me. A couple of months later, my cabin was surrounded on all four sides by fire. The Forest Circus lit a backfire downstream of me in the early afternoon which I begged them not to do because of the potential normal winds; as I was walking back to my cabin, that little fire sounded like 10 747's as it blew up. I was devastated! I thought that all of the forestation on the steep slope across from my cabin was gone! Unbelievably, that huge eruption of fire made its own weather and damped the fire; however, I have it on good authority that that screw up is now an integral part of Forest Service legend, along with many other lesser ones. At the time though, they still didn't get the message and they wanted to keep burning, shooting their fire bombs across the river to burn up from the bottom. I asked them why they wouldn't just let it burn slowly down from the top if it wanted to do so. No good answer, they just wanted to burn, and with absolutely no regard for erosion or stream habitat whatsoever, believe me; I pressed. The slope across from me is steep, about 75% angle at least, timbered and has about 1000 ft. of river frontage on the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River!! A beautiful wild and scenic stream. At any rate, I finally got them to agree to burn the slope at night when there would be more moisture in the air. That's what they did at 10:00 PM and as a result I still have many trees and their roots over there, some ground cover, a lot more than I would have had and much less river damage.

One final indulgence, please, if you have never been close to a forest fire, you will not believe this but it's true. We were sitting on the porch of the Yellowpine Tavern kind of observing the fire on a precipice about a mile from us; all of a sudden this tree branch about three feet long shot over our heads, I don't know how high above us. It came from that fire and landed about a mile NW of town. That's what they call an "ember", and that's how those fires grow. Mr. Barnes might remember this incident; he might have flown a tanker over it! We had a lot of them and I thank him no matter where he was for his service. Thank you, Supervisors, for your time, Tom

On Friday, July 1, 2022 at 07:38:33 PM PDT, tom.harriman <trharriman@yahoo.com> wrote:

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From: San Geronimo Valley Stewards <info@sgvstewards.com>
To: "trharriman@yahoo.com" <trharriman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, July 1, 2022 at 03:37:42 PM PDT
Subject: Don't Give Fire the Final Vote



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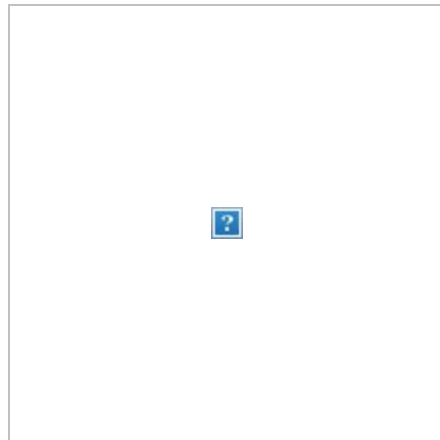
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From: [Carolyn Gold](#)
To: [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: VOTING ON STREAM ORDINANCE
Date: Monday, July 4, 2022 2:30:38 PM

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Thank you - Carolyn Gold, Nicasio

From: [Eric Morey](#)
To: [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: SCA Rules and Wildfire Fuel Loads
Date: Monday, July 4, 2022 11:44:06 PM

Hi Kristin,

The following was recently posted on NextDoor regarding the SCA and wildfire prevention. The revised SCA is heading to the BOS for approval. Will it lead to any of the problems cited here regarding fire safety? This screed cites doubling of the fuel load due to the ordinance.

Thank you for your reply.

Eric Morey
Woodacre

[Rick Seramin](#) San Geronimo Valley • 3 days ago

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the main fire. We are most vulnerable in fall when hot desert winds reach coastal hills. Our native manzanita and chaparral haven't burned for decades. For the salmon species in danger of extinction, wildfire would be catastrophic. The products of combustion will sterilize the creeks and leave them devoid of aquatic life for an indefinite period. The world lost 20% of its redwood trees in last season's fires. Marin fire agencies should be commended for encouraging property owners to clear trees and brush from escape routes and ignition triggers. Homeowners must control vegetation so their insurance policies are not canceled. Marin Supervisors can help by not making it illegal to do so. All of us should urge Supervisors to vote NO on the SPAWN stream ordinance. Don't give fire the final vote.

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From: [Marla Dell](#)
To: [Drumm, Kristin](#); [BOS](#); [Lai, Thomas](#); [Rodoni, Dennis](#)
Subject: Spawn Ordinance
Date: Sunday, July 3, 2022 8:11:34 PM

PLEASE do not vote yes on this ordinance!!!!

Please VOTE NO!!!!

Thank you...

I live in Woodacre and have been a resident for 20 plus years. No one wants to be told what they can and can't do with their Property!!

We are all counting on you BOS to do the right thing!!!

Thank you.

Marla Dell
190 Redwood Drive
Woodacre, Ca 94973
415 488 8000

From: [Donell Peters](#)
To: [Rodoni, Dennis](#); [BOS](#); [Lai, Thomas](#); [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: Please vote NO on Stream Side Conservation Ordinance
Date: Sunday, July 3, 2022 7:53:03 AM

Hello Marin County Board of Supervisors.

Please vote NO on the Stream Conservation Ordinance. Take a stand against environmental fascism. Stand up and represent the best interests of the constituents that elected you into office.

I am a homeowner that lives along the creek in San Geronimo. In May, I received 2 letters from State Farm insurance notifying me that for the first time in 27 years they are not going to renew my policy unless I clear vegetation and remove moss from the roof. My entire property is within the 100 foot SCA zone. Insurance is required in order to maintain my mortgage. I'm sure you know that.

The ordinance as written will prevent us from clearing weeds and plants 15 feet from the stream bank but that is not what the insurance companies are mandating. The SPAWN ordinance doubles our fuel load. I implore you to vote NO on the current text of the ordinance and revise it to SUPPORT FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS. The stream ordinance should require property owners to create defensible space around their homes. We need to be able to clear ladder fuels, grass, debris, leaf litter, small flammable shrubs, and tree saplings within the 100 foot zone.

In addition to preventing property owners from creating defensible space, there is the threat of the \$500 a day fine with no ability to appeal, which is a fascist policy. How can the liberal environment loving county of Marin become so out of touch that they resemble the far right? I was at the Monday meeting at the San Geronimo Valley Community center recently and heard Mr. Rodoni say that this ordinance is in alignment with Marin's legacy of environmentalism. The Sierra Club is a huge backer of SPAWN. They are also behind the policies that prevented logging and forest clearing in the Sierra that resulted in catastrophic fires like Caldor, which came very close to burning down our family cabin. *These legacy environmental policies have been **WRONG** and California is waking up to that fact.* Please don't act like the Supreme Court and take us backwards in time. Create an ordinance that supports current fire standards to help us avoid a catastrophic fire in our beautiful valley.

Fight back against SPAWN. Fight back against the Sierra Club and the environmental extremists who are holding Marin County hostage.

VOTE NO on SCA.

From: [Lai, Thomas](#)
To: [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: Fwd: VOTE NO ON SPAWN STREAM ORDINANCE
Date: Saturday, July 2, 2022 6:00:15 PM

Regards,
-Tom Lai
Marin County Community Development Agency
(415)473-6292

From: Sandra Fitting <sandrafitting@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 2, 2022 10:01:37 AM
To: Lai, Thomas <TLai@marincounty.org>
Subject: VOTE NO ON SPAWN STREAM ORDINANCE

As residents of San Geronimo who would be directly impacted by this short-sighted ordinance due to the potential fire danger it ignores, I urge you to vote 'NO' on the SPAWN stream ordinance. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dan and Sandra Fitting
320 Meadow Way
San Geronimo, CA. 94963

Warmly,
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"I wish I could show you when you're lonely or in darkness, the astonishing light of your own being"

~Hafiz

From: [Lai, Thomas](#)
To: [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: Fwd: STREAM ORDINANCE VOTE
Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 4:54:38 AM

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-Tom Lai
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From: Carolyn Gold <spellbound24kgold@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 4, 2022 2:29:26 PM
To: Lai, Thomas <TLai@marincounty.org>
Subject: STREAM ORDINANCE VOTE

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From: [Dan Healy](#)
To: [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: San Geronimo Valley stream ordinance
Date: Saturday, July 2, 2022 11:53:24 AM

Please vote no on the SG Valley stream ordinance demanded by SPAWN. I am a Woodacre resident for over 50 years. Thank you

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Sandra Fitting](#)
To: [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Cc: [Dan Fitting](#)
Subject: VOTE NO ON SPAWN STREAM ORDINANCE
Date: Saturday, July 2, 2022 10:02:11 AM

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~Hafiz

From: jfelling43@gmail.com
To: [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: STREAM ORDINANCE
Date: Saturday, July 2, 2022 7:50:00 AM

Please vote 'No' on stream ordinance.
John Felling
Woodacre

Sent from my iPhone

From: [linda gomez](#)
To: [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: NO on Stream Conservation Act
Date: Friday, July 1, 2022 4:59:20 PM

Why would Marin county leadership even be considering increasing the fire load by passing the Stream Conservation Act?

Common sense not working?

Linda Gomez

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Lai, Thomas](#)
To: [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: Fwd: Creek ordinance
Date: Friday, July 1, 2022 6:38:32 PM

Regards,
-Tom Lai
Marin County Community Development Agency
(415)473-6292

From: Steve Wittman <sewittman1@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, July 1, 2022 6:10:15 PM
To: Lai, Thomas <TLai@marincounty.org>
Subject: Creek ordinance

No on creek ordinance , want to save the creeks , let the water flow from Kent Lake , stop issuing new water meters for huge apartment complexes , be consistent , fix the septic .

From: art@panosoft.com
To: [Lai, Thomas](#); [Drumm, Kristin](#); [Rodoni, Dennis](#)
Cc: [BOS](#)
Subject: FW: Don't Give Fire the Final Vote
Date: Friday, July 1, 2022 4:44:56 PM

You know what follows – do what needs to be done. Stand up to SPAWN pressure. Make a better deal!

Art von Waldburg
San Geronimo

From: San Geronimo Valley Stewards <info@sgvstewards.com>
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2022 3:38 PM
To: art@panosoft.com
Subject: Don't Give Fire the Final Vote



Don't Give Fire the Final Vote



This article is submitted by Jim Barnes, a Director of San Geronimo Valley Stewards. Jim is a lifelong resident of San Geronimo Valley, with 30 years experience flying air tanker planes over fires in California and the western U.S.

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From: [Chris and Shreya](#)
To: [Rodoni, Dennis](#); [BOS](#); [Lai, Thomas](#); [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: Vote NO on the Stream Ordinance
Date: Friday, July 1, 2022 4:42:34 PM

I recently read the contents of the new Stream Ordinance and was horrified! We already fought this nonsensical Spawn generated ordinance once before. Please listen to SGV residents who do not want to be forced to create fire-prone properties and go through excessive environmental reviews for ephemeral streams that only run when there is heavy rain and contain no fish or other creek wildlife. This is an undue burden on folks and the county should not buckle to SPAWN's lawsuits.

Thank you for listening to my point of view.

Regards,

Stephanie LaRoche
22 Sage Ln
San Geronimo CA
510-882-9024
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Susanne Woods](#)
To: [Rodoni, Dennis](#); [BOS](#); [Lai, Thomas](#); [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: vote NO on the stream ordinance - Don't Give Fire the Final Vote
Date: Friday, July 1, 2022 4:36:18 PM

Dear Marin County Supervisors,

A recent email from San Geronimo Valley Stewards spell out how a new stream ordinance you plan to vote on **should not be passed**. Here are a few highlights that I hope you take into serious consideration before doing the wrong thing and passing this ridiculous and DANGEROUS ordinance.

"The SPAWN ordinance doubles our fuel load".

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I'm urging all of you supervisors who were voted in by **your constituents** - not SPAWN, to vote NO on the SPAWN stream ordinance. Don't give fire the final vote.

Since they redirected our water in Papermill creek and destroyed our beautiful waterways, my part of the creek has a new alien growth of green, sludgy slime choking the stagnant remains of what once was water. My creekbed always had clean water in the summer. My kids played in it happily for hours. Ever since SPAWN took over our waterways, the creek has become disgusting!

Please do not vote for SPAWN's insanely stupid ordinance. They are NOT doing what's best for our valley or the best interests of our community.

SPAWN is only doing what will create more revenue for SPAWN. This ordinance is dangerous. SPAWN is mucking up royally.

<http://www.sgvstewards.com/blog.html>

Thank you,

Sue Woods
Forest Knolls
(415)710-9850

From: [Damazyn, Michele](#)
To: [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: FW: Stream ordinance - vote No
Date: Friday, July 1, 2022 10:56:40 AM

Hi Kristin. This public comment came in this morning for the SCA Ordinance item. I let Joyce know it is for 7/19. Please distribute as appropriate.

Thanks,
Michele

From: BOS <BOS@marincounty.org>
Sent: Friday, July 1, 2022 10:29 AM
To: BOS - Aides <BOS-AidesNOT@marincounty.org>
Cc: Damazyn, Michele <MDamazyn@marincounty.org>
Subject: FW: Stream ordinance - vote No

Aides,

Attached is a letter from John Baldwin received in the June 30, 2022 BOS mailbox. Again, I am not sure what agenda he is referring to. Please forward as you deem appropriate.

Thank you,



Joyce Evans
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From: john baldwin <jbroofing@comcast.net>

Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2022 7:56 PM

To: BOS <BOS@marincounty.org>

Cc: 'David Pressley' <ddpressley@gmail.com>; 'Donald Holmlund' <donholmlund@yahoo.com>; 'Jack Kuhn' <jackkuhn22@gmail.com>; 'James Hobart' <hobart_james@hotmail.com>; 'Tom Bishop' <tomwbishop@yahoo.com>

Subject: Stream ordinance - vote No

The constant SPAWN lawsuits intimidate you to weakness. And you pay for those lawsuits regardless.

Those of us who live on the creeks are not the enemy. And now you want us to pay for your weakness and inability to stand up to SPAWN.

The threat of fines and over sight of our own properties by you is preposterous and nonsensical.....

You continue to drive a wedge between people who want to legally maintain their investment, future and privacy and do the right thing.....with you guys....the weak kneed...intimidated

Who are throwing us under the bus.....

To marginally save a salmon or two.....or none!!!!!!

The problems and solutions for the salmon here or not here are far beyond our meager properties.....

We are not the enemy.....don't make it so.....

Please think hard and practically

Thank you

John Baldwin

From: [Kutter, Rhonda](#)
To: [Drumm, Kristin](#); [Rodoni, Dennis](#)
Cc: [Barreto, Fernando](#)
Subject: Fwd: Spawn ordinance
Date: Thursday, June 30, 2022 7:51:25 AM

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From: BOS <BOS@marincounty.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 9:48 AM
To: BOS - Aides <BOS-AidesNOT@marincounty.org>
Subject: FW: Spawn ordinance

Aides,

Attached is a message from Fred Bretz received in the June 28, 2022 BOPS mailbox. I am not sure what agenda item he is referring to, but please forward as you deem appropriate.

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From: FRED BRETZ <fbretz@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 8:57 PM
To: BOS <BOS@marincounty.org>

Subject: Spawn ordinance

Spawn is led by a political dilettante who is trying to force hard working citizens to conform to an unsustainable and unproven ideal that has no place in reality. Every year I have at least 1 mating pair of coho salmon in the winter and my creek has many smolts all summer in a pool in my backyard. According to spawn these fish can't exist. The spawn project at the golf course has created a one quarter mile thermal barrier filled with what is commonly called pond scum due to overheated water. You should really check the facts before you vote for more destruction to the San Geronimo valley.

From: [Stephan Ligne](#)
To: [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: No on stream Ordinance / San Geronimo Valley
Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 8:52:59 AM

-Please vote No on this upcoming ordinance.
-Nothing in this ordinance has any practical or common sense value .
-Fire danger is probably the most concerning side effect .
-To us residents of the San Geronimo Valley , Spawn is a public nuisance and will create a massive war between neighbors (Reporting neighbors on a hot line) . Really !!

-Don't be a Pawn to Spawn !

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Stephan Ligne](#)
To: [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: Fwd: Vote No on Stream Ordinance / San Geronimo Valley
Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 10:17:15 AM

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- >
- > Stephan Ligne
- > (415)246-0776

From: [Aileen McInerney](#)
To: [BOS](#)
Cc: DRondoni@marincounty.org; [Drumm, Kristin](#); [Lai, Thomas](#)
Subject: Vote NO on Revised Stream Conservation Ordinance for San Geronimo Valley
Date: Wednesday, July 6, 2022 10:48:35 AM

We would like you to vote NO on the revised Stream Conservation Ordinance .
Prior California fires have been due to poor defensible space around structures . Requiring 2:1 replacement vegetation of habitat adds fuel for fires..There are flammable bay and conifers throughout the Valley that would provide fuel for fires.
The fines,anonymous reporting and lawsuits from reporting are extreme. The medium age of Woodacre is mid 60s. These folks and the young families will be impacted by expensive and contentious oversight.
We agree with the proposal made by San Geronimo Valley Stewards for amendments to be made to the SCA ordinance.
Bill and Aileen McInerney

From: [Amir Ebrahimi](#)
Subject: Upcoming San Geronimo stream ordinance - please vote NO
Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 4:49:46 PM

I hear that the county will vote on a new stream ordinance for San Geronimo Valley.

Rather than copy/paste a message you are probably getting from others - I'll keep it short and personal. As a resident of the Valley I have heard nothing but bad things about SPAWN and anything related to the organization. They have not been helping our area and seem to use their weight to try and impose things on us for financial reasons.

Please vote NO and stand up for us as residents.

:: Amir / (415) 683-1661

Evans, Joyce

From: Jason Quilici <jquilici@giampolini.com>
Sent: Friday, July 8, 2022 8:46 AM
To: Rodoni, Dennis
Cc: BOS; Lai, Thomas; Drumm, Kristin
Subject: NO on Creek Ordinance

Dear Marin County Board of Supervisors,

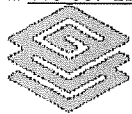
On July 19th please vote NO on the SGV creek ordinance proposed by SPAWN. Thank you

Jason Quilici

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Evans, Joyce

From: Kristin Gilberti <kmgilberti@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 7, 2022 8:58 PM
To: Rodoni, Dennis; BOS; Lai, Thomas; Drumm, Kristin
Subject: San Geronimo Valley Stream Ordinance

Dear Supervisors:

I am writing to request that you vote No on the San Geronimo Valley Stream Ordinance at the public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, July 19, 2022.

These proposed requirements, permits and restrictions are unreasonable for maintaining vegetation in relation to fire hardening for our homes and set a precedent for neighbor against neighbor retaliation.

The "adjusted" fees for permits to do the simplest, most basic home maintenance, with required reviews at homeowners' expense is outrageous!

Including a clause that allows anyone to anonymously report a homeowner for pulling weeds, clearing brush, trimming low hanging branches and then that homeowner has to pay for a review! Even if a homeowner neglects the property and allows it to be a fire hazard, someone else can falsely accuse them of raking leaves and the homeowner needs to get a review and pay thousands for it! This is absurd!

Please! Vote No on this ordinance. At the very least delete the sections of tattling on neighbors and giving up the fire-hardening clean up requested by the Marin County Fire Departments.

Thank you,
Kristin Gilberti
Woodacre, Ca. 94973

Evans, Joyce

From: Zuni Picarelli <zunipic@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 9, 2022 12:14 PM
To: BOS
Subject: Stream ordinance

It's too severe
Vote NO

Evans, Joyce

From: Joey Tanzi <lujocat007@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 9, 2022 12:54 PM
To: BOS
Subject: July 19 2022 Stream Ordinance

To our Supervisors,

My family has been on the Papermill Creek for over 100 years. The earth has its own designs. We tried to tell people a long time ago to leave the creek alone. All you really needed to do was keep the unnecessary brush down. They started this way back in the seventies to stop fishing and building around the creek.

The environmentalist are making up their own theories for grant monies. The best way to save the creek has nothing to do with building. It has to do with fresh water supplies. The dam at Shafter and the Marden Buckley estate have the right idea. Build movable same.

When spawn first started they claim the fans were bad. Over the years they claim that only their dams were Good. That's poppycock.

I had this idea to have a carnival for a week long inside the entire San Geronimo Valley. From Woodacre to Lagunitas. The monies from the carnival could pay for portable dams every mile or so all the way down papermill Creek. Each year you could afford a few more days.

These days could be hooked up so they rise 15ft above the creek bed in the winter and lowered in the spring to retain creek levels high enough to preserve the fish. They spawn in Winter. A solar powered oxygen pumps at each dam would sustain life for the fish. The amount of water that moves in the creek would flow over the top of a three foot movable dam. A pipe line could be installed to pump water back to Woodacre to maintain flow. (Recycled water) People like SPAWN ONLY CARE ABOUT FREE GRANT MONIES. You can not fix the earth from its own plan. Regardless if people lived here or not. The earth will erode shake move. Had any plan ever worked it would be clear proof today.

Stocking The creek with fish will never work. The eggs must hatch their otherwise there is no imprint on the fishes brain . What you really need to do is create a fish farm on the creek. But fish need WATER. There are people in Alaska creating bad weather. If you can create bad weather you can create good weather. (HAARPA) Having a festival is my expertise. We have famous musicians whom can play in different areas of the valley at the same time. You could get massive returns and TAX PAYERS Would get a relief. SPAWN WOULD GET PROGRESS BUT, I would hire some other outfit to take care of the creek. People whom sue threaten or create issues to line their own pockets must NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE A PART OF IT. As far as Fire issues in the valley. I'm a former Red Card Holder of the U.S. FORESTRY FIRE FIGHTING DEPT. WHITE CLOUD NEVADA COUNTY CALIF. Jimmy Barnes should head up a new board to secure the valleys fire safety issues. Ground fuel is what causes crown fires. ALL SUPERVISORS SHOULD VOTE NO ON SPAWNS PLAN. Furthermore you should create a new project to fix the creek issue and fire issue together. They can help each other.

Joey Tanzi
530-368-6709

PS. Please consider my idea to raise financial support for the creek with out raising taxes. I know I could put together a great festival. Many of my friends are former famous valley musicians. One week of festival.

Evans, Joyce

From: Charles Hardeman <charles.hardeman@santerre-ltd.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 9, 2022 2:46 PM
To: BOS; Rodoni, Dennis; Lai, Thomas; Drumm, Kristin
Cc: CHARLES@HARDEMAN.COM; Kathryn Coopes-Hardeman
Subject: Supervisors--Vote NO on Stream Ordinance

Dear Board of Supervisors,

This email is to encourage you to do the right thing for the residents of West Marin and for the proper protection of the environment.

Vote NO on Stream Ordinance.

Regards
Charles & Kathryn Hardeman
415 994 9129

Evans, Joyce

From: John Clarke <john@oceanexportinc.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 9, 2022 3:13 PM
To: BOS
Subject: No!

Vote no on ordinance

Regards,

John Clarke VP/MM

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Sent via iPhone

Evans, Joyce

From: patd21@juno.com
Sent: Saturday, July 9, 2022 3:50 PM
To: BOS
Subject: Stream Ordinance for San Geronimo Valley

I was born and raised in Woodacre - I am third generation Valley resident and have owned a home in the Valley for over 57 years. I urge the Board to vote against the SPAWN sponsored stream ordinance. The passage would severely limit homeowners to do defensive fire breaks on their property. The proposed fines are excessive and punitive. Passage of the stream ordinance would severely impact not only homeowners but all residents in the Valley and would limit the ability to remove vegetation and trees that can cause a fire hazard. Please vote against this punitive and dangerous ordinance. Durel Damos

Evans, Joyce

From: Lynn Smoles <goldenflake@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 10, 2022 3:23 PM
To: BOS
Subject: July 19 BOS Meeting and San Geronimo Valley Stream Ordinance

I have live on the creek in San Geronimo Valley for over 20 years. My house is my retirement fund; I am really concerned about the impact of the Stream Ordinance on the value of my house. I don't think it's fair that people who don't live on a creek in the Valley get to vote on this ordinance since it does not directly impact them.

goldenflake@sbcglobal.net

Evans, Joyce

From: Angie Jones <angiejdesigns@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 10, 2022 4:33 PM
To: BOS
Subject: No Stream Ordinance

First off, how can you bow down and submit to SPAWN when the fire danger here, and everywhere, is so high?!! HOW CAN YOU GO AGAIST WHAT FIRE SAFE MARIN IS REQUIRING OF EACH RESIDENT IN THE COUNTY? This should be above anything and everything else. We need to be proactive now, not be required add more plants to our yards, 2:1, if we need cut something down-especially if it's to keep a homeowners property 'fire safe'? This will increase fire risk. How is this pot with you all? These new regulations do not require residents to obey the PUBLISHED guidelines of Fire Safe Marin or the defensible space rules of Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority.

How can you supervisors agree to targeting 900 valley families for this insane stream ordinance? And this stream ordinance triggers a septic tank inspection if a home owner wants/needs to make some sort of home improvement?! Are you all trying to make long standing residents leave? The rich are squeezing out the middle class...so that's ok with you?

If our neighbors tree fell on our house, and she doesn't have home owners insurance, we would have to pay for the repairs. Which would then trigger the need for a permit and then a septic tank inspection!?! My family would have have to sell. And our septic isn't a redwood tank, thankfully, which many other valley residents still have! This is WRONG!!!! And to charge an impact fee, for Spawn's use? Again, seriously how is this ok? \$500/day fine...again are you trying to squeeze the middle class out? How can you all sleep at night? The Spawn settlement encourages neighbors to make anonymous complaints.

Spawn needs to be stopped! Climate change is REAL! Are we really going to get the salmon to come back when we aren't getting enough rain due to climate change? Times have changed, we need to work together to keep us all safe and that requires fire safety. **Is Marin really prepared for a 'Coffee Park' or 'Paradise' disaster for a large amount of its residents?**

You should all feel ashamed for letting Spawn take control with this INSANE stream ordinance. Do what's right for the people, the paying tax payers in your county. Stop Spawn.

Listen to the Stewards, Fire Safe Marin and Marin Wildlife Prevention Authority.

~Angie

Evans, Joyce

From: Amir Ebrahimi <ae.pascal@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 4:50 PM
Subject: Upcoming San Geronimo stream ordinance - please vote NO

I hear that the county will vote on a new stream ordinance for San Geronimo Valley.

Rather than copy/paste a message you are probably getting from others - I'll keep it short and personal. As a resident of the Valley I have heard nothing but bad things about SPAWN and anything related to the organization. They have not been helping our area and seem to use their weight to try and impose things on us for financial reasons.

Please vote NO and stand up for us as residents.

:: Amir / (415) 683-1661

Evans, Joyce

From: Aileen McInerney <aileenire17@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 6, 2022 10:48 AM
To: BOS
Cc: DRondoni@marincounty.org; Drumm, Kristin; Lai, Thomas
Subject: Vote NO on Revised Stream Conservation Ordinance for San Geronimo Valley

We would like you to vote NO on the revised Stream Conservation Ordinance .

Prior California fires have been due to poor defensible space around structures . Requiring 2:1 replacement vegetation of habitat adds fuel for fires..There are flammable bay and conifers throughout the Valley that would provide fuel for fires.

The fines,anonymous reporting and lawsuits from reporting are extreme. The medium age of Woodacre is mid 60s.

These folks and the young families will be impacted by expensive and contentious oversight.

We agree with the proposal made by San Geronimo Valley Stewards for amendments to be made to the SCA ordinance.

Bill and Aileen McInerney

Evans, Joyce

From: RICHARD EHRENBERGER <zquat@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 6, 2022 12:26 PM
To: BOS
Subject: Fwd: Supervisors please vote NO on the SPAWN stream ordinance.

Dear Board....we San Geronimo owners feel spot zoned, please Vote No.

Every stream ordinance should require property owners to create defensible space around their homes. You and your neighbors have a common interest in protecting homes and people from forest fires, and protecting our beautiful forest from house fires.

Fire fighters know the only way to survive extreme burn periods is prepare in advance. Before the outbreak, clear your ground of ladder fuels such as grass, debris, leaf litter, small flammable shrubs, and crowded tree saplings. Create a shaded break by opening spaces between big trees. Remove fuel ladders that allow fire to jump from ground level to tree tops.

In contrast to the effective vegetation management prescribed by California fire authorities, the SPAWN ordinance doubles our fuel load. It requires all vegetation removed by a property owner to be replanted on the same parcel in a 2:1 ratio. It requires homeowners to retain all vegetation within 15 feet from top of bank, not remove more than 2 trees, preserve all riparian shrubs, and maintain at least 125 square feet of tree canopy within 35 feet of streams.

The SPAWN rules are similar to those in effect in the Lake Tahoe area, when it was swept by wildfire in 2007. The Angorra fire destroyed 262 homes. The fire agencies' after action report faulted the local vegetation ordinance for its lack of defensible space and impediments to fire safety.

Trees and shrubs hydrated by creeks are susceptible to fire. The riparian zone has crowded stands of flammable bay trees and conifers and overgrown understory. The 1945 Paper Mill Creek fire started in the present location of Kent Dam, and burned to Mt. Tamalpais.

A fire that starts in San Geronimo will not stay here. Everyone in Marin will face the danger of airborne embers igniting flames one mile ahead of the main fire. Our most vulnerable period is the fall when hot desert winds reach our coastal hills. The hills are covered in native manzanita and chaparral that haven't burned for years.

For the salmon species in danger of extinction, extreme fire danger would be catastrophic. The products of combustion will sterilize the creeks and leave them devoid of aquatic life for an indefinite period. The world lost 20% of its redwood trees in last season's fires.

Marin fire agencies should be commended for encouraging property owners to clear trees and brush from escape routes and ignition triggers. Homeowners are trying to control vegetation so their insurance policies are not canceled. Marin Supervisors can help by not making it illegal to do so.

All of us urge Supervisors to vote NO on the SPAWN stream ordinance. Don't give fire the final vote.

RICHARD EHRENBERGER

From: [Taylor, Tammy](#)
To: [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: FW: Seriously? Please have a conscience about what you are whitewashing!
Date: Friday, July 8, 2022 10:06:52 AM

Hi Kristin,

Is this correspondence intended for you re: the SCA ordinance?

Thanks,

Tammy

From: Buildergirl <tina@buildergirl.com>
Sent: Friday, July 8, 2022 8:27 AM
To: Rodoni, Dennis <DRodoni@marincounty.org>; Moulton-Peters, Stephanie <smoultonpeters@marincounty.org>; Rice, Katie <KRice@marincounty.org>; Connolly, Damon <DConnolly@marincounty.org>; Arnold, Judy <JArnold@marincounty.org>; Lai, Thomas <TLai@marincounty.org>; Tejirian, Jeremy <JTejirian@marincounty.org>; Taylor, Tammy <TTaylor@marincounty.org>
Subject: Seriously? Please have a conscience about what you are whitewashing!

The county statement:

"Discharge from the proposed stormwater management system would flow downslope and eventually enter natural drainage channels and would therefore at some point flow through SCA and WCA setback areas, as is true of existing site drainage. In maintaining pre-project drainage patterns, stormwater volumes, and stormwater flow rates following Project implementation, water would not be diverted away from the surface water features associated with the SCAs and WCAs. Further, no new stormwater management system features, septic system features, or any other new improvements would be constructed within any SCA or WCA."

The truth:

This is a flat-out lie and was pointed out to both the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission, yet the County is recycling it here. **When the Wetland Conservation Area is laid over the stormwater plan - the stormwater system modifications are well within the conservation area.** In fact, the storm drainage runs against the existing slope within the WCA - how is that supposed to be achieved without any modification to the hillside?

Are you people being bought by developers??

*Tina Marie Humphrey
Mill Valley*

From: [Koa Pickering](#)
To: [BOS](#); [Rodoni, Dennis](#); [Lai, Thomas](#); [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: July 19 BOS Meeting on San Geronimo Valley Stream Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 7:25:30 AM

Hello,

I am a 48-year resident of Marin County, and a resident and homeowner in the San Geronimo Valley since 2012.

My property is adjacent to an intermittent stream, and the proposed Ordinance 100-foot stream set back zone will place the majority of my entire parcel, including my home structure, within the set back zone.

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed Stream Conservation Ordinance incorporating modifications per Settlement Terms proposed by SPAWN and the Center for Biological Diversity.

I urge a NO vote on this proposed Stream Ordinance.

This Ordinance will apply only to the San Geronimo Valley watershed, and result in punitive and highly restrictive new requirements on homeowners. The proposed Stream Ordinance, as modified by the Settlement Terms, incorporate added restrictions, limitations on modest property improvements, and mitigation provisions, that go beyond the previously proposed Stream Ordinance which was based upon the 2019 Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR).

The current Stream Ordinance being considered for a vote on July 19 would implement additional, highly-restrictive provisions that go far beyond the findings and recommendations of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (which was commissioned per request by SPAWN). The SEIR provided no basis that additional measures now being requested by SPAWN would have measurable positive impacts on salmon in the San Geronimo Valley. If adopted, the proposed current Ordinance will be incorporating these additional restrictions and measures that will not have gone through any public review/comment associated with the EIR process.

If you vote to support the adoption of the Stream Ordinance, you will be condemning the 900 families in the SGV as an experimental cohort that will be unduly burdened by the Ordinance, which may or may not result in desired benefits to salmon populations.

If adopted, this "experiment" should include mandated, periodic (minimum annual) reports by the County, that will provide transparent and clear metrics on the quantities, types, and costs of Site Assessments applied for under the Ordinance; permits approved or denied; professional consultant fees; net gain/loss of impervious surfaces; native vegetation loss and mandated replacement (within the stream setback zone); fees and costs paid by the County and applicants. This data will be critical in providing both the County, and the public measurable data which can be compared to annual fish counts performed by MMWD biologists and allow unbiased evaluation of the impacts the Ordinance may have in future salmon populations.

The proposed No-Development buffer of within 35-feet of a stream, including ephemeral surface flows, is overly-restrictive. Exceptions in the 35-foot buffer zone should be provided for accessibility improvements (per ADA) for improvements to allow elderly and/or disabled access to/from homes and other property/site amenities.

Maintenance and Repair of existing improvements within the 35-foot buffer and within the 100-foot setback zone will be allowed per the Ordinance, but will be subject to Site Plan Review and Community Development Agency approval. These requirements are overly excessive: consider the example of a homeowner who needs to affect a modest repair to an existing fence within the stream setback zone who will be required to apply for a Site Assessment review. A Site Plan submittal would be required to include a stormwater management plan and proposed Best Management Practices (BMPs) to be implemented

during the proposed site work. Any native vegetation disturbed by the work would be required to be replaced at a 2:1 ratio on the subject property.

Proposed restrictions on vegetation removal in the Stream Ordinance, and requirements for replanting at a 2:1 ratio, **fly in the face of State and local mandates** for property owners to maintain defensible space - a factor that is critically highlighted in the heavily wooded San Geronimo Valley. These contradictions between the proposed Ordinance requirements and defensible space mandates **MUST be rectified prior** to any adopted new ordinance. Homeowners in the SGV are already being dropped by their property insurance carriers due to defensible space issues and proposed vegetation removal/clearing restrictions associated with the proposed Ordinance will only exacerbate this issue. The 2007 Angora Fire in Lake Tahoe destroyed 267 homes. Fire agencies' post-event assessment report faulted local vegetation and defensible space requirements as a major contributing factor. Do not set up the San Geronimo Valley for a similar tragic fire event.

The current proposed Ordinance include exemptions and allowances only for "existing permitted structures", but should also include provisions and clear language with regard to "legal non-conforming" structures under Marin County Development Code Chapter 22.122. Many older, existing homes in the San Geronimo Valley (built between ~1906 - 1960s when no permits were required) may fall into the "legal non-conforming" designation even if they do not meet all current code requirements. Any new Ordinance adopted must provide unambiguous clarity with regard to Ordinance requirements for legal non-conforming structures. Determinations should not be left up to County CDA staff interpretations.

The proposed Ordinance also needs to provide clear language with regard to construction of permitted Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) within a stream setback zone. California law allows construction of a Category 1 ADU up to 800 square feet, even within an environmentally sensitive area. The Ordinance as drafted does not provide clear language regarding construction of ADUs within the stream set back zone, nor does it speak to whether a permitted ADU would count towards the 300 square foot maximum increase in new structure/imperious surface allowed by the Ordinance.

Other highly concerning components of the Settlement Terms is the requirement for the County to establish an anonymous whistleblower program to report Ordinance violations, excessive penalties tied to cited violations, and the establishment impact fees to fund a wildlife restoration grant program.

A whistleblower program will contribute to erosion of trust between neighbors, and could facilitate malicious "ratting out" between Valley residents that would lead to animosity, and would be costly to the accused, and result in degradation of community coherence and neighborly good will.

\$500 per day fines for cited code violations is exceedingly excessive and punitive, and should be reduced. A grace period should be implemented once a violation is cited to allow reasonable time for good-faith effort on the part of the violator to rectify the code issues.

Impact fees paid into a Wildlife Restoration fund is not a poor idea unto itself. However, this is a curious demand built into the Settlement Terms given the main protagonist (SPAWN) appears to requiring establishment of this program, a built-in funding mechanism for such, that will result in a program and pot of funding that SPAWN will likely be applying towards their own restoration efforts in the future. Furthermore, such restoration program has no basis in any recommendation or finding of the 2019 Supplemental Environmental Impact Report.

Establishment of a private right to sue will allow SPAWN, or other "ambulance chaser" firms to file public nuisance lawsuits against individual homeowners, hoping to win legal fees. Enforcement of codes and regulations should be held entirely within the purview of the County, and should not be opened up potential malicious or frivolous private lawsuits against homeowners and Valley families.

I urge you to consider reducing or eliminating proposed punitive measures included in the Ordinance:

1. Do not harass families by investigating anonymous complaints.
2. Give homeowners a 2-year grace period to fix violations before imposing fines.
3. Reduce fines to \$50 per day, down from \$500 per day.
4. An impartial arbiter (not CDA staff) should determine contested violations or appeals.
5. Do not create a private right to sue a homeowner for a stream violation as a "public nuisance". SPAWN or shady lawyers could public nuisance lawsuits and demand their fees as the price for settlement. If any enforcement action is needed, it should be by Marin County.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

In consideration of your vote regarding adoption of the proposed Stream Ordinance, I respectfully request that you carefully and empathically consider the impacts the Ordinance will have on the 900 San Geronimo Valley families and homeowners who live adjacent to streams here.

Please consider the reality that many Valley residents, including myself, have chosen to live in the SGV specifically because of the natural beauty, biodiversity and specialness of the ecological integrity of the landscape. This natural beauty and integrity are invaluable aspects of our locale that we cherish and seek to preserve, and would never intentionally take actions to degrade these qualities of our community and watershed. The SGV is not only unique for these aspects, but also provides more affordable housing for the elderly and lower/fixed-income Marin residents in our County with such high cost of living.

Imposition of an overly restrictive Stream Ordinance with highly punitive penalties and costly regulatory requirements built-in, will result in outsized impacts to Valley families and homeowners for generations to come. Please do not vote to adopt the proposed Ordinance as it stands.

Respectfully,

Koa Pickering
San Geronimo Valley

From: [Jim Barnes](#)
To: [BOS](#); DRodini@marincounty.org; [Drumm, Kristin](#); TLai@amarincounty.org
Subject: BOS meeting July 19 Stream Ordinance: Don't Give Fire the Final Vote
Date: Monday, July 11, 2022 3:11:33 PM

Dear Supervisors and Community Development Agency,

I am Jim Barnes, a lifelong resident of San Geronimo Valley, with 30 years experience flying forestry air tankers over fires in California and the western U.S.

On July 19, Marin Board of Supervisors will vote on the new stream ordinance for San Geronimo Valley. SPAWN demands the ordinance as settlement of its lawsuit to protect salmon. SPAWN rules would violate common sense management of our fire prone landscape and end in tragedy.

Every stream ordinance should require property owners to create defensible space around their homes. My neighbors and my family have a common interest in protecting homes and people from forest fires, and protecting our beautiful forest from house fires.

Fire fighters know the only way to survive extreme burn periods is to prepare in advance. Before the outbreak, homeowner should clear their grounds of ignition and ladder fuels such as grass, debris, leaf litter, small flammable shrubs, and crowded tree saplings. Create a covered fire break by removing dense undergrowth, opening spaces between big trees.

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Vote NO on the SPAWN stream ordinance. Don't give fire the final vote.

Thank you for your attention,

Jim Barnes

From: [Kilgariff, Kathleen](#)
To: [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Cc: [Kutter, Rhonda](#)
Subject: RE: Stream ordinance
Date: Monday, July 11, 2022 3:02:06 PM

Hi Kristin,

Below is a comment on the SCA Ordinance.

Best,

Kathleen

-----Original Message-----

From: Kutter, Rhonda <RKutter@marincounty.org>
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2022 2:52 PM
To: Kilgariff, Kathleen <KKilgariff@marincounty.org>
Subject: FW: Stream ordinance

-----Original Message-----

From: michael drew <mdblues3@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 9, 2022 3:24 PM
To: Rodoni, Dennis <DRodoni@marincounty.org>
Subject: Stream ordinance

Please Vote NO. THANKS MIKE DREW

From: [Kutter, Rhonda](#)
To: [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: FW: July 19 BOS meeting and vote for San Geronimo Stream Ordinance.
Date: Monday, July 11, 2022 4:51:34 PM

From: Oliver Dibble <odibble@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2022 1:59 PM
To: Rodoni, Dennis <DRodoni@marincounty.org>
Subject: July 19 BOS meeting and vote for San Geronimo Stream Ordinance.

Dear Dennis:

For 45 years my wife and I have lived in Woodacre. The Lagunitas Creek runs through our back yard, and in some cases, our property bridges the creek. We have a storm drain easement that enters the creek immediately above our property, and for all the years we have lived here, we have removed trash and tried to leave the creek bank as untouched as possible. We have also cleared low branches, and brush from our property as the Marin County Fire Department has requested. In reviewing the proposed ordinance, I have noted the following points that concern me:

- The proposed 100-foot restriction impacts the entirety of our property including my compliant septic system and leach fields.
- Vegetation management and tree removal restriction fly in the face of the wildfire maintenance that the County has preached for many years
- Projects beneficial to improved creek conditions such as the Woodacre Flats Wastewater Treatment project have been abandoned due to actions by the Board of Supervisors
- Basic and major maintenance to roofs, decks, and other improvements will become even more expensive
- The restrictive ordinance will likely reduce the value and future salability of properties for the foreseeable future. Those of us who are older will not realize the true value of our properties, and future owners will be handicapped by the ordinance.
- There is no sunset on the life of the ordinance.

I urge the Supervisors to vote NO on the adoption of this ordinance and continue to seek a reasonable agreement that is not carried 100% on the backs of the Valley homeowners.

Inserely,

Oliver & Regina Dibble
Woodacre

From: [Pierre Maurer](#)
To: [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: July 19 BOS meeting and San Geronimo Stream Ordinance Vote NO!
Date: Monday, July 11, 2022 1:43:09 PM

I have lived in the valley for over 20 years. My son and I love the valley and stream that flows through it. It is very important to protect our lifestyle and the salmon. I am very concerned about the restrictions that the Stream Ordinance would put on me and my family. We are trying to live in a happy balance with nature. We don't need to be managed, we do it our selves. Please vote NO on the San Geronimo Stream Ordinance!

This points of the ordinance are of concern to me:

County will require \$2,000 to \$3,000 in permit fees and environmental reviews

You must pay an "impact fee" into a "habitat fund" that SPAWN could use for its projects.

Expert reports will dictate how you replace your leaking roof or make normal home repairs.

Repair and maintenance may not be allowed on old houses built before permits were required.

Rules against vegetation management and tree removal will increase wildfire risk, endanger evacuation routes, and lead to cancelled home fire insurance.

Violations can be punished by \$500 per day fines.

SPAWN could file public nuisance lawsuits against individual homeowners.

Stream restrictions will depreciate the value of your property for decades to come and your property may become unsaleable.

The County's 2019 environmental report does not recommend SPAWN's new rules or say they will increase the salmon population. 900 San Geronimo families who live close to creeks will be the lab rats in SPAWN's experiment.

- County should publish reports twice each year on the numbers and types of project permits, and the gain or loss of habitat.

- 5-year sunset: the new ordinance should expire in 2027, unless biannual reports demonstrate actual improvements in habitat and salmon populations.

Thank you for you time,

Pierre

From: [Lai, Thomas](#)
To: [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: FW: July 19 BOS mtg
Date: Monday, July 11, 2022 2:00:19 PM

Regards,
-Tom Lai, Director
Marin County Community Development Agency
(415) 473-6292

-----Original Message-----

From: Janice H <yellowbugjanice@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2022 1:59 PM
To: BOS@marinco.org
Cc: Lai, Thomas <TLai@marincounty.org>
Subject: July 19 BOS mtg

Supervisors -

I have been a valley resident for over 30 years. I find these stream proposals preposterous, prohibitive, and absolutely unbelievable!!

We do not use pesticides, abide by the rules, and yet are punished because we live next to a hill that might produce a stream on rare heavy rain days!!!!

I urge you to vote NO on these proposals and to therefore stand up for COUNTY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS, not for a special interest group!!

Thank you.

Janice

Sent from my iPhone BUT NOT WHILE DRIVING!

From: [BOS](#)
To: [BOS - Aides](#)
Cc: [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: FW: NO on new Stream Ordinance
Date: Monday, July 11, 2022 1:42:56 PM

Aides,

I came across this message from May 26th regarding the stream ordinance and never forwarded it because I did not know anything about the subject matter 6 weeks ago. Please forward as you deem appropriate.

Thank you,



Joyce Evans
DEPUTY CLERK

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From: John Clarke <john@oceanexportinc.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2022 9:49 AM
To: BOS <BOS@marincounty.org>
Subject: NO on new Stream Ordinance

I do not support the new stream ordinance

Regards,

John Clarke VP/MM
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From: [Kutter, Rhonda](#)
To: [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: FW: San Geronimo stream ordinance
Date: Monday, July 11, 2022 11:46:23 AM

From: Dave Hannaford <davehannaford@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 9, 2022 3:39 PM
To: Rodoni, Dennis <DRodoni@marincounty.org>
Subject: San Geronimo stream ordinance

Please vote yes. It was fine for them to shut the golf course , but now they don't want to conform themselves.

From: [Kutter, Rhonda](#)
To: [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: FW: Vote no on stream ordinance
Date: Monday, July 11, 2022 11:38:05 AM

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From: Sarah Lange <sarahlange62@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 9, 2022 12:41 PM
To: Rodoni, Dennis <DRodoni@marincounty.org>
Subject: Vote no on stream ordinance

Please vote NO on the San Geronimo stream ordinance

Sent from my iPad

From: [Kutter, Rhonda](#)
To: [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: FW: July 19 BOS Meeting and the San Geronimo Valley Stream Ordinance
Date: Monday, July 11, 2022 10:54:35 AM

From: Lynn Smoles <goldenflake@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 10, 2022 3:24 PM
To: Rodoni, Dennis <DRodoni@marincounty.org>
Subject: July 19 BOS Meeting and the San Geronimo Valley Stream Ordinance

I have live on the creek in San Geronimo Valley for over 20 years. My house is my retirement fund; I am really concerned about the impact of the Stream Ordinance on the value of my house. I don't think it's fair that people who don't live on a creek in the Valley get to vote on this ordinance since it does not directly impact them.

goldenflake@sbcglobal.net

From: [Kutter, Rhonda](#)
To: [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: FW: No Stream Ordinance
Date: Monday, July 11, 2022 10:47:45 AM

From: Angie Jones <angiejdesigns@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 10, 2022 4:32 PM
To: Rodoni, Dennis <DRodoni@marincounty.org>
Subject: No Stream Ordinance

First off, how can you bow down and submit to SPAWN when the fire danger here, and everywhere, is so high?!! HOW CAN YOU GO AGAIST WHAT FIRE SAFE MARIN IS REQUIRING OF EACH RESIDENT IN THE COUNTY? This should be above anything and everything else. We need to be proactive now, not be required add more plants to our yards, 2:1, if we need cut something down-especially if it's to keep a homeowners property 'fire safe'? This will increase fire risk. How is this pot with you all? These new regulations do not require residents to obey the PUBLISHED guidelines of Fire Safe Marin or the defensible space rules of Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority.

How can you supervisors agree to targeting 900 valley families for this insane stream ordinance? And this stream ordinance triggers a septic tank inspection if a home owner wants/needs to make some sort of home improvement?! Are you all trying to make long standing residents leave? The rich are squeezing out the middle class...so that's ok with you?

If our neighbors tree fell on our house, and she doesn't have home owners insurance, we would have to pay for the repairs. Which would then trigger the need for a permit and then a septic tank inspection!?! My family would have have to sell. And our septic isn't a redwood tank, thankfully, which many other valley residents still have! This is WRONG!!!! And to charge an impact fee, for Spawn's use? Again, seriously how is this ok? \$500/day fine...again are you trying to squeeze the middle class out? How can you all sleep at night? The Spawn settlement encourages neighbors to make anonymous complaints.

Spawn needs to be stopped! Climate change is REAL! Are we really going to get the salmon to come back when we aren't getting enough rain due to climate change? Times have changed, we need to work together to keep us all safe and that requires fire safety. **Is Marin really prepared for a 'Coffee Park' or 'Paradise' disaster for a large amount of its residents?**

You should all feel ashamed for letting Spawn take control with this INSANE stream ordinance. Do what's right for the people, the paying tax payers in your county. Stop Spawn.

Listen to the Stewards, Fire Safe Marin and Marin Wildlife Prevention Authority.

~Angie

From: [Kutter, Rhonda](#)
To: [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: FW: Stream Ordinance
Date: Monday, July 11, 2022 10:45:01 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Anne Hillsley <aohillsley@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2022 9:25 AM
To: Rodoni, Dennis <DRodoni@marincounty.org>
Subject: Stream Ordinance

Hello,

I am writing to ask you to vote NO on the proposed stream ordinance. I have owned a home in Woodacre for 31 years. It is the first home I purchased and perhaps the last one I will own. I live above a creek and have carefully considered the beautiful place I live as I have made repairs to my house over the years. I want our natural world to thrive, but also want to make sure I can afford to continue to live in this home and San Geronimo Valley.

This ordinance seems too rigid with high costs to homeowners. Please vote NO.

Sincerely,
Anne Hillsley

From: [Michael & Carol Snyder/Stanger](#)
To: [BOS](#); [Rodoni, Dennis](#); [Lai, Thomas](#); [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: July 19 BOS meeting and San Geronimo Stream Ordinance.
Date: Monday, July 11, 2022 10:02:03 AM

I have lived in Lagunitas for Twenty three years. When I bought my house the land I purchased consisted of two parcels and one building. The building lot was was only restricted for twenty feet along the creek. Now the entire parcel will be untouchable if you pass this ordinance. I have been a good steward of the creek. During the appropriate times of the year I have cleaned the creek and removed full gas cans, full paint cans, and car batteries. I also volunteered the use of my property for a 1.5 million dollar creek restoration project that the salmon needed but I did not.

VOTE NO ON THIS ORDNANCE.

SPAWN will never stop suing the County. This ordnance will not appease them. Misusing the CEQA laws is how Todd Steiner makes a living.

If you pass this awful ordinance this is what we will do:

1. We will close the Creek.

We will get our neighbors on the creek to sigh a petition removing the right to pass for these organizations.

- A. All Marin County employees.
- B. All MMWD employees.
- C. All California fish and game employees.
- D. All SPAWN employees.
- E. anyone working with the above organizations.

2. Once you have fined a few people for repairing their homes we will sue you.

If the only thing the County responds to is lawsuits we will be happy to oblige. The vast majority of salmon runs in West Marin were exterminated by MMWD and not home owners in SGV. Remember, Fairfax had salmon, San Anselmo had salmon, Ross and Kentfield had salmon and those communities are not being punished for it.

We have salmon in San Geronimo Valley because of the people who live here not despite the people who live here.

Michael Snyder

From: [Lai, Thomas](#)
To: [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: FW: Stream Ordinance
Date: Monday, July 11, 2022 9:41:10 AM

Regards,
-Tom Lai, Director
Marin County Community Development Agency
(415) 473-6292

-----Original Message-----

From: Anne Hillsley <aohillsley@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2022 9:25 AM
To: Lai, Thomas <TLai@marincounty.org>
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From: [Kutter, Rhonda](#)
To: [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: FW: July 19 BOS meeting on SGVSO
Date: Monday, July 11, 2022 9:10:12 AM

Not sure this was forwarded to you :

-----Original Message-----

From: linda gomez <liniegomez@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 6:06 PM
To: Rodoni, Dennis <DRodoni@marincounty.org>
Subject: July 19 BOS meeting on SGVSO

Please vote NO!!

My late husband and I moved to the valley from Kentfield in 2004. On the eastern edge of our property on West Nicasio Road an ephemeral stream that hardly or ever has had water in it during the rainy season runs.

The ordinance as it is currently written does not clearly state what I have to provide to a prospective buyer that is different from what is required in disclosure that is already in place through the California Association of Realtors. But then I'm totally unclear why there is such an over reaction to stream conservation in this beautiful valley. There was a dam built, global warming is occurring and we're in the middle of a record breaking drought. On the property we owned in Kentfield where there was an ephemeral stream that very definitely did rage during every big rain we had no such unreasonable requirements or inspection programs.

Please vote NO on this ordinance. It serves no purpose other than to further divide and alienate the folks that live here and have lived here for years.

Linda Gomez

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Lai, Thomas](#)
To: [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: FW: Please vote n o on the oppressive SPAWN ordinance
Date: Monday, July 11, 2022 8:31:33 AM

Regards,
-Tom Lai, Director
Marin County Community Development Agency
(415) 473-6292

From: RICHARD EHRENBERGER <zquat@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 6, 2022 12:29 PM
To: Lai, Thomas <TLai@marincounty.org>
Subject: Please vote n o on the oppressive SPAWN ordinance

Dear Boardmember Lai....we San Geronimo owners feel spot zoned, please Vote No. Every stream ordinance should require property owners to create defensible space around their homes. You and your neighbors have a common interest in protecting homes and people from forest fires, and protecting our beautiful forest from house fires.

Fire fighters know the only way to survive extreme burn periods is prepare in advance. Before the outbreak, clear your ground of ladder fuels such as grass, debris, leaf litter, small flammable shrubs, and crowded tree saplings. Create a shaded break by opening spaces between big trees. Remove fuel ladders that allow fire to jump from ground level to tree tops.

In contrast to the effective vegetation management prescribed by California fire authorities, the SPAWN ordinance doubles our fuel load. It requires all vegetation removed by a property owner to be replanted on the same parcel in a 2:1 ratio. It requires homeowners to retain all vegetation within 15 feet from top of bank, not remove more than 2 trees, preserve all riparian shrubs, and maintain at least 125 square feet of tree canopy within 35 feet of streams.

The SPAWN rules are similar to those in effect in the Lake Tahoe area, when it was swept by wildfire in 2007. The Angorra fire destroyed 262 homes. The fire agencies' after action report faulted the local vegetation ordinance for its lack of defensible space and impediments to fire safety.

Trees and shrubs hydrated by creeks are susceptible to fire. The riparian zone has crowded stands of flammable bay trees and conifers and overgrown understory. The 1945 Paper Mill Creek fire started in the present location of Kent Dam, and burned to Mt. Tamalpais.

A fire that starts in San Geronimo will not stay here. Everyone in Marin will face the danger of airborne embers igniting flames one mile ahead

of the main fire. Our most vulnerable period is the fall when hot desert winds reach our coastal hills. The hills are covered in native manzanita and chaparral that haven't burned for years.

For the salmon species in danger of extinction, extreme fire danger would be catastrophic. The products of combustion will sterilize the creeks and leave them devoid of aquatic life for an indefinite period. The world lost 20% of its redwood trees in last season's fires.

Marin fire agencies should be commended for encouraging property owners to clear trees and brush from escape routes and ignition triggers. Homeowners are trying to control vegetation so their insurance policies are not canceled. Marin Supervisors can help by not making it illegal to do so.

All of us urge Supervisors to vote NO on the SPAWN stream ordinance. Don't give fire the final vote.

RICHARD EHRENBARGER

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From: [Luke Hirschmugl](#)
To: [BOS](#); [Rodoni, Dennis](#); [Lai, Thomas](#); [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: July 19 BOS meeting and San Geronimo Stream Ordinance.
Date: Sunday, July 10, 2022 11:42:40 PM

To whom it may concern,

It is concerning to me there is a chance the proposed SG stream ordinance may be passed by you.

My wife and I have owned our home in SGV 3 years. After saving enough for a down payment and being outbid several times on other houses in Marin, we found our house here in the valley. I believe it was one of the lowest priced homes sold that year. It's an old house that was built early 1900's, is very close to a seasonal creek and is in need of much repair. We will be heavily affected by the new ordinance financially. This is particularly stressful since my wife and I had our first child last year. We love this neighborhood and community and would like to raise our daughter here.

This country, post pandemic, is heading into recession. There needs to be another way to settle this without putting voting, taxpaying citizens in financial distress under these circumstances. I ASK YOU TO PLEASE VOTE "NO" on this ordinance.

Kindest regards,

Luke

From: [ERNIE DIBENEDETTO](#)
To: [Rodoni, Dennis](#); [BOS](#); [Lai, Thomas](#); [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: SGstream ordinance, BOS meeting 7/19
Date: Sunday, July 10, 2022 10:58:47 PM

While I understand the need and care for conservation in our stream areas these new mandates for present homeowners most certainly seem quite unfair for those of us impacted especially after having been a homeowner in the community since 1980. Why is it that now I have to feel after all these years of community that a certain number of us through no fault of our own have to be impacted with the costly and burdening rules due to I feel SPAWN's lawsuits against Marin County.

Please consider this selected impact on..... (Now).... unfortunate stream side homeowners...

Ernest DiBenedetto

From: [Richard Seramin](#)
To: [Connolly, Damon](#); [Rodoni, Dennis](#); jarold@marincounty.org; [Rice, Katie](#)
Cc: [BOS](#); tLai@marincounty.org; [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: VOTE NO ON STREAM ORDINANCE
Date: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 8:59:41 AM

I hope all of you have read this excellent article in the Marin IJ by Jim Barnes

Marin Voice: “SALMON PROTECTION AGREEMENT HAMSTRINGS FIRE SAFETY EFFORTS”.

YOU, OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS, HAVE A CHANCE TO DO THE RIGHT THING BY PROTECTING THE RESIDENTS LIVING IN THE SAN GERONIMO VALLEY, BY VOTING NO ON THE NEW STREAM ORDINANCE! THIS IS A TAKING OF OUR PROPERTY RIGHTS! DON'T BOW TO THE THREATS FROM SPAWN. YOU HAVE TO TAKE A STAND DEFENDING US, YOUR VOTERS FROM THIS STREAM ORDINANCE. STOP THIS TAKING OF OUR RIGHTS.

**VOTE NO
ON THIS STREAM
ORDINANCE!**

Sincerely,

Richard Seramin
San Geronimo

From: [Mette Batterton](#)
To: [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: July 19 meeting and Stream Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 9:14:58 PM

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July 12th, 2022

To whom it may concern,

I have been a San Geronimo Valley resident since 1999 and a Woodacre homeowner since 2002. I am writing to you to OBJECT to the proposed development code amendments and rezoning, regarding the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance (SCA Ordinance) for San Geronimo Valley.

The biggest threat to the San Geronimo Valley is the climate crisis. In the past 10 years, I have witnessed an increase of high gusty winds, flooding, and extreme heat waves. This ongoing crisis has lead to increase costs, clean-ups and inconveniences and threats to property owners. Trees have fallen in wind storms, smashing fences, puncturing roofs and even tearing houses in half. Winter months bring atmospheric rivers and extreme flooding, in turn clogging creeks, flooding roads and easements and once again bringing down trees and fences. Heat domes, drought and fear of fire tearing through our community accompany Summer and Fall months. The climate crisis is directly related to decline in salmon, which I believe the new SCA proposed amendments are trying to protect.

The natural disasters that now affect the San Geronimo Valley community have caused a significant increase in the cost of living for residents. Our community should be trusted to manage the creeks, as they have always done. When creeks flood, it is the homeowners and neighbors that perform the clean-up, and pay for repairs from their own pockets. Adding more regulations and permitting by rezoning houses within 100 yards of ephemeral creeks is NOT the solution, but will only prolong maintenance after a disaster and add additional stress and unforeseen costs. This will put undue burdens on certain home owners, many of them seniors, which could eventually cause displacement among long time valley residents.

I strongly urge you to vote NO against the SCA Ordinance, put forth by SPAWN, a private organization consisting of non elected officials. SPAWN should not have a voice in how we live or build in San Geronimo Valley! Although I support local salmon restoration and preservation of their natural habitat, I believe the suggestions put forth by this organization do not guarantee restoration of salmon and if approved will financially impact a select group of San Geronimo Valley residents and lower value of their properties. If a stream ordinance is passed, the burden should be shared amongst all San Geronimo Valley residents and not just those living close to streams.

The Community Development Agency Planning Division should be focused on the safety of the community by focusing on things such as burying our power lines to protect the residents from fires and rolling black outs when the winds blow. Please consider re-directing your focus to benefit the safety of community over prioritizing the declining salmon population.

Salmon don't vote, but people do!

Sincerely,

Mette Batterton

From: [Angie Jones](#)
To: [BOS](#); [Rodoni, Dennis](#); [Lai, Thomas](#); [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: Re July 19 meeting and stream ordinance
Date: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 6:34:03 PM

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I strongly urge ALL OF YOU to vote NO against the SCA Ordinance, put forth by SPAWN, a private organization consisting of an elected officials. SPAWN should not have a voice in how we live or build in San Geronimo Valley. The Community Development Agency Planning Division should be focused on the safety of the community by focusing on things such as burying our power lines to protect the residents from fires and rolling black outs when the winds blow. Please consider re-directing your focus to benefit the safety of community over prioritizing the declining salmon population.

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Angie

From: [Kutter, Rhonda](#)
To: [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: FW: Proposed stream conservation ordinance
Date: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 5:39:41 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael & Louise Stephens <michaelstephens08@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 1:37 PM
To: Rodoni, Dennis <DRodoni@marincounty.org>
Subject: Proposed stream conservation ordinance

Dear Supervisor Rodoni,

I have been a San Geronimo Valley property owner for 20 years and of course I am your constituent. I am telling you not to support this ordinance. Do you value the extremist views of SPAWN over the welfare and lives of the homeowners and renters in the Valley?

I expect you to take into consideration your San Geronimo Valley constituents instead of this well connected lobbying group. Vote NO.

Thank you,

Michael J Stephens
175 East Cintura Ave
Lagunitas, CA 94938

From: [Kutter, Rhonda](#)
To: [Drumm, Kristin](#)
Subject: FW: Home Owner: July 19 BOS meeting San Geronimo Stream Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 5:38:37 PM

From: Bob Garrow <bobgarrow@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 10:54 AM
To: Rodoni, Dennis <DRodoni@marincounty.org>
Subject: Home Owner: July 19 BOS meeting San Geronimo Stream Ordinance

Please vote NO on the stream ordinance.

I am the owner of one of the many homes on the creek and to be honest that creek on the property is one of the reasons I bought my home here about a decade ago. I spend a great deal of my time outdoors here. I have watched the creek and taken much effort to care for and leave native. I have been seeing more signs of fish returning. I do listen to the guidelines and appreciate trying to help the habitat.

That being said this is a group that should give guidelines and suggestions for us on the creek. This is not a group that you give the ability to bring judgment and penalty toward residents. This has become a battle in the valley due to giving this power out.

The SPAWN organization should exist and continue to help the community become better stewards but not a group that tells me whether or not I can keep up my home. These homes were summer cabins and now they are million dollar dwellings. There is no way to return this creek to anything resembling its origins without removal of the people entirely. We need to work for something that supports the creek and the community. Not a solution that will create animosity and out right fighting in the County.

I have run a construction company in this County for many many years and the addition of fees and costs has undeniably become obscene. I love where I live but at some point you need to look out for your residents and not the special interest groups. I will always do my best to protect my creek but I will not kindly be forced to do so. More importantly not be given the ability to keep my property in the best shape possible. As for permitting and past permitting being in the guideline this valley has been the wild west for 100 years you can't expect to turn back time especially through a special interest group.

Reading through the proposed guidelines for the creek was interesting considering in the past two winters we have had major water flows and flooding that destroy everything laid out in the guidelines. We need SPAWN to be a guidance group and give thoughtful information and guidance to the people on the creek not to be an unwelcome policing agent that created friction and descent.

Please think carefully of what you are trying to impose on us as homeowners. We are the people living here and appreciating the creek along with caring for our community. In your position I would appreciate you helping special interests to be heard but never be put in a place of judgment and

ability to render a penalty. This does in no way make our country a better place.

Please vote NO on the stream ordinance.

Sincerely,

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Bob Garrow



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