MEMORANDUM

TO: Marin County Planning Commission
FROM: Kristin Drumm, AICP
DATE: June 13, 2022
RE: Additional correspondence

Attached is additional correspondence regarding the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance for San Geronimo Valley.
On May 20, 2022, the County of Marin Community Development Agency (CDA) released a refined version draft of the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance for the San Geronimo Valley. The Ordinance aims to mitigate the adverse impacts on salmonid habitat and survival in the San Geronimo Valley that would be caused by increased buildout under the 2007 Countywide Plan. The signers of this letter ask the Planning Commission to adopt County Development Agency staff recommendations for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance in the San Geronimo Valley.

This letter represents community groups and nongovernmental organizations in Marin County who advocate for solutions-oriented climate change policy, protection of biodiversity, and preservation of natural resources in the San Geronimo Valley. Although the signing entities may have some isolated differences, we all realize there are strong advancements to the regulations and support the necessary County Staff recommendations to the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance.

We first would like to offer our sincere gratitude for the CDA’s hard work in developing a science-based Ordinance. The Stream Conservation Area Ordinance is an opportunity for the County to finally look forward and adopt legislation that is adaptive and not reactive to climate change. Central California Coast Coho populations have declined more than 95% from their historic levels. The fish are protected under the U.S. Endangered Species Act and the California Endangered Species Act. San Geronimo Valley includes up to 50% of the entire Lagunitas Watershed Coho population, one of the largest Coho populations remaining in California. This Ordinance will improve the general riparian habitat beyond salmon, giving the native flora and the fauna of the watershed essential protections.
The San Geronimo Valley has historically experienced significant flooding, and major flooding events are expected to worsen with climate change. Placing limits on impervious areas along streams and preserving intact riparian regions can help absorb flood flows and limit damage to property from large storm events. It’s time to end this almost 15-year effort and work together to adopt a science-based Stream Conservation Ordinance that both protect valley residents and gives Coho salmon a fighting chance toward recovery. Thank you for your time and consideration, and we look forward to working with the county to achieve this goal.

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RE: San Geronimo Valley Stream and Creek Ordinance

Att: Kristen Drumm

Dear Commissioners:

This is to convey Marin Audubon Society's support for the settlement reached in the suit brought by SPAWN over deficiencies in the Stream and Creek Ordinance for San Geronimo Creek. The settlement changes will greatly benefit San Geronimo Creek and its endangered, threatened and other native species. We applaud both SPAWN and the County parties for this beneficial agreement. We have one concern as discussed below.

We are particularly pleased with extending the Ordinance regulation to ephemeral streams, reduced cumulative coverage to 300 square feet from 500 square feet, establishing a 35-foot buffer with significantly reduced number of intrusions, clear enforcement, monitoring, and mitigation requirements and a no-net-loss policy that ensures 2:1 habitat replacement for on-site mitigation when on-site cannot be accomplished.

Limiting the removal of woody debris to that approved by the MMWD and CDFW recognizes the importance of woody debris as salmonid habitat. It will ensure valuable habitat remains in the creek as long as the CDFW and MMWD staff can make the required consultations. However, labeling three native tree species, Bay Laurel, Toyon and Douglas Fir as pyrophytic, thereby allowing them to be removed without plan review, is a misidentification error. This allows for significant disturbance of riparian habitat as well as habitat loss. Trees in riparian ecosystems are well hydrated and not fire prone. This is supported by a recent study (Sonoma County Complex Fires of 2017: Remote sensing data and modeling to support ecosystem and community resiliency, Kass Green, et. al.) which found “…for areas that burned during the October 2017 fires. Across the landscapes, riparian and mesic vegetation types exhibited the least canopy damage.”

In conclusion, we urge the Commission to approve the changes in the ordinance that will protect the endangered and special status species, the habitat of San Geronimo creek, and
biodiversity, and to removal the reference to hydrophytic vegetation.

Sincerely,

Barbara Salzman, Co-chair
Conservation Committee
Hi Kristen,

I’m following up by providing the reference about native riparian species in the MWPA Addendum to the VTP for the Greater Ross Valley Fuel Break Project. The issue of identifying specific native species as pyrophytic does not even come up in this document, which is all about fire prevention, nor are specific native species identified to be removed.

The following statement is made on page 2-12 of the Addendum:
“Smaller mature trees such as toyon or bay would typically be retained unless densities pose a fire hazard.”

Clearly they do not recommend removing these two native species except under certain conditions.

Thanks for considering. Good work on all of this.
See you tomorrow
Because you are a senior planner I have a question for you. The paths, bridges, and tunnels on the golf course were designed for golf carts. If the use is changed to walking paths then they will have to be ADA certified. There are national law firms that will take ADA class action suits on contingency. As TPL and Marin county are fairly large targets have you taken this into consideration? The ramps at the bridge which were just done may not meet ADA requirements due to the slope and surface material and roughness.
I attended the November workshop and December 2021 meetings remotely. I recall that there was an action item to post documentation explaining the science behind the recommended measures. Where is the documentation that solar PV and electric vehicle charging stations will require Land Use Permits is a mitigating measure? It appears to me that impeding deployment of solar PV and EV charging stations is an exacerbating measure and clearly contrary to informed public policy.

The other mitigating measures make intuitive sense and revolve around:

- Encouraging/protecting vegetation in the riparian corridor to slow runoff, reduce sedimentation and provide shade
- Discouraging an increase in impervious surfaces to reduce creek flash flooding
- Managing any grading/soil disturbance to avoid sedimentation

Electric vehicles do not drop motor oil, transmission fluid and radiator fluid on the ground to eventually leach into the creek. That is why it appears that discouraging EV adoption is an exacerbating, not mitigating, measure for salmon habitat. Similarly rooftop solar PV installations reduce the heat island effect in summer and do not increase impervious surfaces because they sit on top of the roof (not to mention global warming). If you are concerned with ground mounted PV or with digging ditches to run conduit for an EV charging station then your proposed regulations should address those cases rather than an outright restriction of solar PV (the vast majority are roof mounted) and EV charging stations (the vast majority are attached to an existing structure and do not require trenching). If you have documentation that is science based and explains the reasoning for the contrary to public policy regulation you are promoting please provide it so that we can understand.

Sincerely,
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Planning Commission meeting 6-13-22, Agenda item 5, 11 am

Comments of San Geronimo Valley Stewards
Re: Proposed Stream Conservation Area Ordinance and Settlement with SPAWN

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To: Marin County Planning Commission and Marin County Board of Supervisors
Marin County Community Development Agency and County Counsel

1. The County gets nothing in the Spawn settlement, except dismissal of a lawsuit Spawn lost at trial.

Your Board of Supervisors approved the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact report in July 2019. Spawn and Center for Biological Diversity filed suit, attacking the FSEIR.

Spawn lost at trial. Marin County Superior Court declined to order any changes in the FSEIR and ordered the County to speed up adoption of a Stream Conservation Area (SCA) Ordinance that complies with the FSEIR.

Spawn appealed the trial court judgment, but no court has determined the FSEIR is defective in any respect.

On Dec. 13, 2021, your Planning Commission recommended a draft stream ordinance that satisfied all the recommendations of the FSEIR. The only remaining action is for the Board of Supervisors to comply with the Superior Court order and adopt the 2021 ordinance.

2. Marin County must prepare a NEW environmental impact report to study the "mitigations" proposed by Spawn's draft ordinance.

Before the 2022 Spawn settlement can be adopted as an
ordinance, the County must prepare a new supplemental EIR that studies the cumulative impacts and likely effects of mitigation steps demanded by Spawn, including:

a. Create a 35 foot, no-human-activity buffer zone, on both sides of every stream, including ephemeral surface runoff that flows only when it rains.

b. Within the 100 foot SC Area, reduce allowed land uses from 500 square feet to 300 square feet.

c. Outside the SCA, for any improvement over 500 square feet, require a storm water plan that exceeds standards of the California Water Resources Board.

d. Require inspection by County Code enforcement officer for past violations, as a condition to any stream Site Plan Review approval.

e. Require all removed vegetation to be replaced on 2:1 ratio, even in a high fire risk zone. If the homeowner adds 300 square feet to his home, must he then rip out 600 square feet of existing permitted driveway?

f. Allow development of undeveloped vacant parcels that are located fully within the SCA, but prohibit additions or improvements to existing homes located fully within the SCA.

g. Prohibit maintenance and repair of existing older homes that are "legal non-conforming" (that is, the home was built before permits were required).

h. ALL OTHER "land uses and improvements not listed above are prohibited..." within 100 feet of every stream. Section 22.30.045.C. page 8. Does this prohibit tree and vegetation removal required by California state law on fire safety and defensible space, disabled persons ADA access, and small Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's)?

i. Tax each family with a "development impact fee" and create a Habitat Restoration Program with no budget or oversight.

j. Encourage anonymous informers to secretly report violations on a 24-7 hotline.

k. Deputize private organizations to file "public nuisance" lawsuits to enforce stream rules, similar to the Texas anti-abortion law.
All of these changes from the 2019 FSEIR will discourage voluntary compliance, fail to educate homeowners or their contractors about best practices, add unnecessary County expense, and increase fire risk for humans and animals living in San Geronimo Valley.

AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE

SGValley Stewards request the following Amendments be added to the ordinance. These should make it possible for the County to settle with Spawn, while protecting the legitimate interests of homeowners.

3. Amendment: fire safety and defensible space.

"Provided, nothing in this Chapter or the Standard Management Practices shall require or authorize a property owner to violate California Natural Resources Code section 4291, or the fire safety and defensible space guidelines of FireSafeMarin.org and Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority."

Add this amendment to Sections:
22.30.045 C. 1. page 7, (General SCA standards);
22.30.045.C. 2. page 8 (all other land uses are prohibited)
22.130.030. N. page 14 (definition of no net loss of habitat);
22.52.030. D. page 11 (exemptions from Site Plan Review for vegetation control)

4. Amendment: Stream Site Assessment is Not Code Enforcement Inspection.

"Provided, nothing in this Chapter or in the Standard Management Practices or in the Site Assessment Exhibit shall require or authorize a County Code enforcement officer to inspect a residential property, other than for the specific project for which the property owner has requested a stream Site Assessment or applied for a Site Plan Review. Request for Site Assessment or application for a Site Plan Review shall not be good cause to inspect a residential septic system."

Add this amendment to sections:
22.30.045. C. 1. page 6 (Site Assessment)
22.52.040 page 12 (Site Plan Review process)

5. Amendment: ADA Ramps and ADU's Provide Shelter for Vulnerable Humans
"Provided, nothing in this Chapter 22 or Standard Management Practices or Site Assessment Exhibit shall prohibit, or require a Site Assessment or Site Plan Review application for, any ramp, carport, or impervious surface driveway or pedestrian path reasonably necessary in size and location to facilitate a disabled person's safe access to an existing permitted structure or legal non-conforming residence, all of which shall be allowable uses within the Stream Conservation Area."

Add this Amendment to sections:
22.060.050 new subsection K. page 2 (exemptions from land use permits);
22.30.045. C. pages 6-7 (General Stream Conservation Area Standards);
22.30.045.C.2. page 8 (all other land uses are prohibited);
22.52.020 F. and G. page 11 (applicability of Site Plan Review);
22.52.030 new subsection E. page 12 (Site Plan Review Exemptions).

"Provided, a Category 1 Accessory Dwelling Unit that complies with Development Code section 22.32.120. A. and does not create more than 800 square feet of impervious area or lot coverage, is an allowable land use inside the Stream Conservation Area, and does not require Site Assessment or Site Plan Review, but shall comply with Low Impact Development standards and a stormwater control plan under section 22.30.045. B. 2."

Add this Amendment to sections:
22.060.050. F. page 1 (exemptions from land use permits);
22.030.045. B. 2. and C. page 6 (low impact development and general SCA standards);
22.30.045.C.2. page 8 (all other land uses are prohibited);
22.52.020. F. and G. page 11 (applicability of site plan review);
22.52.030 new subsection e. page 12 (Site Plan review Exemptions).

6. Amendment: Reduce Fees, No Excessive Fines, Protect Due Process

"For the purpose of encouraging voluntary compliance and educating property owners and contractors about Standard Management Practices, during the first five (5) years after the effective date of this Chapter, the County will pay the costs of any Site Assessment conducted by Marin Resource Conservation District, with no charge to the property owner;
provided the property owner may contract at his own expense with a qualified professional for a Site Assessment. During the first five (5) years after the effective date of this Chapter, there shall be no inspection fee charged to the property owner for any application or approval of Site Plan Review."

Add this amendment to sections:
22.30.045. C. 1. page 6 (Site Assessment);
22.52.040. A. page 12 (Site Plan Review Process).

"To encourage voluntary compliance and education of property owners and contractors about Standard Management Practices, during the first three (3) years after the effective date of this Chapter, the impact fee for approval of a Site Plan Review shall not exceed $100 for each property parcel. All impact fees shall be deposited into a separate Habitat Restoration Fund which shall be disbursed only to official agencies of Marin County or the State of California, and shall not be disbursed to any private person, corporation or association."

Add this amendment to section 22.30.045.D. page 9.

"Provided, however, during the first five (5) years after the effective date of this chapter, Sections 1.05 and 1.07 of Marin County Code shall be superseded and replaced by the following provisions, which shall apply to all fines and procedures for violations of the SGV combining district stream conservation ordinance:
"A. Violations reported by anonymous complaint shall not be subject to any fine.
"B. Violations which occur during the first three (3) years after the ordinance effective date shall be subject to maximum fine of $50 per day
"C. Violations which occur during year 4 or year 5 after the effective date shall be subject to maximum fine of $100 per day.

"D. No person other than Marin County Counsel or Marin County District Attorney shall have standing to bring any public nuisance lawsuit under section 22.30.045.C., or Chapters 1.05 or 1.07 of Marin County Code.

"E. If the person upon whom an administrative fine has been imposed contests the amount of fine or contests whether a violation has occurred and timely files a Request of Hearing, the accused is not required to make advance deposit of the fine amount. The County shall schedule a public hearing..."
before an impartial arbiter who is not an employee or agent of Marin County Community Development Agency, Marin County Planning Commission, Marin County Counsel, or Marin County District Attorney. The accused violator has the right to present evidence and confront any witness against him. No private person or corporation (other than the accused, his legal counsel, and representatives of Marin County) shall have standing to file papers or speak at the hearing. Each of the accused and the County shall bear its own costs and legal fees.

Administrative agencies should not judge their own enforcement cases. It violates a citizen's Constitutional rights to due process for the Community Development Agency to be the prosecutor, judge and jury. Jarkesy vs. Securities and Exchange Commission, 34 F. 4th 446 (5th Cir. 5-18-2022).

We have the right to confront witnesses against us, and not suffer anonymous accusations from secret informants. U.S. Constitution Amendment VI.

Excessive bail shall not be required nor excessive fines imposed. U.S. Constitution Amendment VIII.

7. Ordinance Should Require Annual Public Reports.

Neither the draft Ordinance nor the proposed Resolution posted May 26, 2022 require County agencies to make annual public reports of the numbers and types of Site Assessments requested, Site Plan Review applications filed or granted, enforcement actions, inspections, amounts of impervious area added or reduced, and the other data requested by BOTH Spawn and San Geronimo Valley Stewards.

It is not an excuse that "staff will take care of this later." Annual public reports should be required in the ordinance.

Conclusion

900 families whose homes are located on San Geronimo Valley creeks have been selected as lab rats for Spawn's experiment. No other residents of Marin County will be subject to these oppressive regulations.

The Spawn settlement terms are not supported by the 2019 Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report. Neither Spawn nor County officials have any evidence that the expense and delay imposed on our families will have any
measurable impact on salmon.

County officials should ease into this program, gradually, with flexible programs to encourage voluntary compliance by homeowners and education of local contractors.
June 9th, 2022

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Re: Stream Conservation Ordinance for San Geronimo Valley

Dear Commissioners:

Marin Conservation League supports adoption of the Expanded Stream Conservation Ordinance for the San Geronimo Valley as recommended by staff, including provisions for a combining district, site plan review and assessments, proposed buffer requirements, and rezoning of Combining District lots. We especially appreciate recommendations for expanded stormwater standards and enhanced protections for ephemeral streams.

Heightened protection of ephemeral streams comports with emerging science. Given the tendency of these flashy channels to occasionally meander in storm events, setbacks are important not only for habitat protection, but in some instances for property protection. This is timely as the more intense atmospheric rivers that are anticipated can turn these sometime swales into raging downhill torrents.

We ask consideration of the following several issues.

**Removal and Trimming of Vegetation** (22.52.030.D 2). In site plan review exemptions, native trees with habitat value, such as California bay laurel and pyrophytic vegetation, should not be exempt from site plan review. Site assessment should document presence and assess value of all trees for habitat, climate moderation, and other environmental functions, and prioritize retention of valuable vegetation.

Determining trees and/or vegetation to be exempt from review should not rely on generic lists of “combustible plants” that include native plants unless there have been specific flammability studies on those plants in our area. A California Fish & Wildlife study of variables affecting fire intensity in the 2017 Sonoma fires, for example, suggests that riparian areas are negatively correlated with canopy damage in a wildfire. This factor is not directly addressed in Dev Code 22.62 but should be a consideration in site review/assessment of proposed tree removals including Bay Laurel, a riparian species common in Marin. The removal of native plants should be discouraged.

**Ordinance Relation with SB9.** Information provided to the public should clarify how SB9 would or could impact development plans in the San Geronimo Valley Combining District.
CWP Diagrams in Staff Report. The diagrams showing measurement of buffers in the Inland Rural Corridor, and specifically along ephemeral streams, are inconsistent with text. This should be corrected. Outreach material to property owners must be crystal clear, in plain English, and accompanied by accurate and helpful visual presentations.

Ordinance Site Review/Assessments. Fair and accurate assessments will be crucial to maintaining public respect for, and trust in, provisions of this ordinance. We urge that the County ensure adequate resources to accomplish this.

Point of Sale Inspection. This is long overdue, and should be required, perhaps in tandem with disclosure of safety hazards such as fire and flood risks based on information from reliable sources.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Yours truly,

Robert Miller     Susan Stompe
President     Chair, Land Use, Transportation and Water Committee
Dear Planning Commission:

I am totally unclear why there is a need for this ordinance other than catering and bending to the ridiculous whims of SPAWN and their desire to make money via lawsuits against Marin County. The efforts, lawsuits and money spent by them to “save the fish” have done nothing to save the fish or
increase the fish population. There is no accountability for the monies that have been spent that I have seen or read about. Is this ordinance merely a measure to charge more money for services that should not bear a charge? The County gets nothing in the Spawn settlement, except dismissal of a lawsuit Spawn lost at trial. Please please clarify who is overseeing this travesty of injustice?

Fees required for development impact fee are an opening for fraud and bribery and what persons or organizations will be eligible for supposed grants that may or may not be available from a “Habitat Restoration Fee”? Unclear, inconcise, poorly explained and written.

The literature provided to me is totally unclear exactly what I’m getting as a resident and taxpayer in Marin County. The two environmental groups-Spawn and CBD have created a revenue stream for themselves to monetarily benefit....again where is the benefit to me a tax payer other than continued harrassment with no benefit to fish or anything else that I can see. Living in an area that has ridiculous requirements-i.e. new ordinance eliminated all new fences, garbage enclosures or gardens within 35 feet of any stream/ephemeral or otherwise is not going to affect the stream or fish population but will eventually have a negative impact on home values here in San Geronimo Valley. Is that your plan? Less revenue?

The attempt to provide a comprehensive and readable ordinance has failed miserably. Shame on you, the members of the planning commission for not being responsive to all the citizens of San Geronimo Valley. This Valley has been singled out by Spawn and now CBD. When are we (elected officials)going to stand up to dictators who are trying to take away our property rights?

Sincerely and Sadly wishing my late husband and I had chosen a different area to spend our last years.

Sincerely,

Linda L Gomez
West Nicasio Road
San Geronimo
Dear Commissioner’s,

I find it absolutely appalling that there has been no public awareness of the very punitive Stream Conservation Ordinance that will only apply to homeowners in the San Geronimo Valley. I never received a notice. We are such a small part of the whole watershed, and we are being targeted as the problem. What about climate change? The warming of the ocean? The Dams that provide water to southern and Central Marin? We all have, and are being held hostage by Todd Steiner and his non-collaborative tactics for the last twenty-five years. Hasn’t he done enough? Being that he has sued the county four times for a total of 24 million dollars... what makes you think that he isn’t going to sue again? There is no accountability on the projects he has completed, and fish counts continue to decline.

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Please, Please, please keep in mind the welfare, health and safety of the residents in this valley, and county.

Sincerely,

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Kristin,
Please place these comments into the file for the SCA Hearing coming up.
Please verify with me that you have received this and put it into the record.
Thanks,
Bob Johnston

COMMENTS TO PLANNING COMMISSION (6/13/22, Item #5)

Please support the Staff Recommendations for amending the Development Code and Zoning Map for this area.

I have read the Staff Rept. for this hearing. I also read various earlier reports going back to 2013. These recommended policies are all conventional ones, adopted all over California and the U.S. for decades now. Each of the specific policies is necessary to protect these creeks in such a developed area. I have toured sections of this creek system with fisheries experts and specifically have walked along several representative creek segments to look at existing residential development. Most of this area was developed under very outdated regulations and so there are many serious encroachments into the creek overflow areas throughout the Valley. Preventing further damage to the functioning of these creeks will help to restore salmonid habitats downstream.

Please adopt the policy changes included in the Staff Rept.

Thanks,
Bob Johnston, Inverness

My Qualifications:
My first job after grad school in 1969-70 was leading the development of the Nevada-Tahoe General Plan, which covered the Tahoe portions of three Nevada counties. This regional plan was one of the first multi-county plans adopted in the U.S. based on environmental constraints mapping and so was the precursor to the famous bi-state Tahoe Regional Plan done in the mid-70s.

Then I was a Professor of Environmental Planning at UC Davis, 1971-2005. During those many years I helped develop the new fields of environmental impact assessment, watershed planning, environmental constraints mapping/GIS, and local growth control. I helped to develop early computer mapping (GIS) systems in the 70s. Later on, in the 90s my GIS-based urban growth model was used by several California counties and a few areas in other states to perform scenario evaluations. I was on the Truckee Town planning commission for 2004-2010, where we adopted low impact development (LID) ordinances and other regulations related to riparian area conservation.

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Please see comments and suggestions below. These issue might come up Monday at our SGV office hours. Dennis

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Subject: SGV stream ordinance revisions

Cynthia Cady would like information about:
Mr Rodoni - I wanted to share a note I just sent to the planning department regarding the stream ordinance documents. I do not believe that these documents are accessible to the average homeowner. I wrote:

"I have been trying to review the revised stream conservation ordinance and it is VERY difficult to navigate. A lot of language is not easily understood by lay people (like me). Is there a summary document in simple language? In reviewing the document it is written to a level of Grade 20/Flesch-Kincaid readability level of 6.9 which is EXTREMELY low on the readability scale (A score from 0-30 is considered very difficult to read, best understood by university graduates). This renders the document inaccessible to many homeowners. I am requesting an accommodation of a document that is readable/understandable to an 8th grade level.
Thanks,
Cynthia Cady
Woodacre"
Dear Supervisors and those in Community Development:

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Sincerely,

Ann Seramin
Dear Kristin Drumm,

This legislation has taken far too long to come to fruition! Flooding will become probable with more development along our streambanks, and Coho Salmon will inch closer to extinction. Please make sure to get it passed the finish line!

It's exciting that the county wants to guarantee no net loss of habitat in the San Geronimo Valley. With the rest of the Bay Area becoming concrete, it's great to see that critical habitat will be preserved.

Increased urbanization of streambanks will destroy the habitat of Coho Salmon, the land in which we live, and not only increase the harmful effects of flash flooding but also increase their likelihood.

Thank you for taking the time out of your day to listen to how important this issue is. Together, we can and will make a difference.

Sincerely,

Joseph Wenzel
Dear K. Drumm,

As a San Geronimo resident since 1972, I again join the San Geronimo Valley Steward’s request that all Marin County Supervisors vote NAY on the proposed Stream Conservation Area Ordinance for all of the reasons set forth by the SGV, and further unconditionally support their suggestions to revise the ordinance to achieve the intended goals without making it unnecessarily and unreasonably burdensome on the valley residents – see SGV’s note below, What is Proposed?

I would also additionally note that our respective properties would be unfairly, unjustly and unreasonably encumbered in perpetuity by the terms of the proposed ordinance, which will adversely affect the value of those properties, all without consideration or sufficient and meaningful due process.

Property owners in Marin County outside the newly created SGV Stream Conservation Area Ordinance “Combining District” should be concerned that the terms of the ordinance’s unchallenged onerous provisions could create the sense of legitimacy of precedent, county-wide precedent.

The proposed ordinance is not an arms-length “good faith” effort given that SPAWN was reportedly able to unilaterally draft the document as part of the settlement of its fourth lawsuit against Marin County taxpayers including – among other unwarranted measures – SPAWN potentially sharing in “impact fees” collected against homeowners whose only recourse is to initiate legal action for relief against the County. Also please note that the SPAWN settlement reportedly encourages a network of informants who can make anonymous complaints on a 24/7 “hotline” maintained by the County! Every violation of the stream ordinance is deemed a “public nuisance”. Further, the informant could file a lawsuit and collect his attorneys’ fees from the homeowner.

Among other unclear and inconsistent issues, it should be noted that the proposed ordinance doesn’t specify whether its requirements are superior
or subordinate to those of CALFIRE, the County’s Fire Department’s Defensible Space Inspection, Fire Safe Marin, the California Natural Resources Codes, the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority and other agencies affecting the same properties, nor how to resolve such regulatory conflicts. Also, please note that the proposed ordinance appears not to apply to the stream(s) beyond the valley on federal property, making uncertain if not unlikely the enduring benefits anticipated by the ordinance.

Further note that the public is invited to electronically attend and comment on the proposed ordinance at the Planning Commission’s meeting on June 13th, and the Supervisors’ meeting on July 19th which agenda has yet to be published. Hopefully it won’t include a similarly lengthy list of issues as its June 7th meeting, which would make the forum doubtful for a reasonable assessment of the comprehensive concerns of the residents of the San Geronimo Valley.

Board of Supervisors Meeting, Tuesday, July 19, 2022, 9am - 1:30pm - Calendar - County of Marin (marincounty.org) For additional information about this event, contact Diane Patterson at bos@marincounty.org Phone (415)473-7331; fax (415)473-3645.

SPAWN’s interests are ably represented, yet it’s unclear who is equally advocating on behalf of the county’s tax-paying residents. Although SPAWN’s drum-beat of constant concern for the valley’s indigenous coho salmon and steelhead trout is well publicized, there is no sense of equally vigorous action protecting the interests of the valley’s residents who are solely bearing the risks as “stewards” of the valley. If the cause is so important, perhaps a means could be found for all county residents to share equally in the effort, or at least help subsidize those “bearing the laboring oar”. Absent a “sunset” provision requiring evaluation of its effectiveness, the ordinance should be crafted prudently to achieve its goals in a less burdensome, more reasonable and equitable manner so that all affected could cooperatively participate. SPAWN shouldn’t be permitted to “profit” in any way from leveraging this ordinance upon the valley residents whom they demonstrably regard as adversaries. I hope, we all hope the County and the Board of Supervisors don’t regard us – the residents of the valley, of the County – as adversaries. We’re just work-a-day types making a living, raising our families, paying our taxes, and don’t have the time, the ability, the funds or the inclination to protect ourselves against interests potentially threatening or encroaching on our collective rights… and we rely on the representatives we voted for to do just that.

For the Supervisors to allow SPAWN’s effectively unilateral control of the ordinance-crafting process to continue and prevail without serious opposition is disturbing to those they represent… not unlike a judge abdicating his impartial duty at trial’s end by delegating one of the parties
to give instructions to the jury before they retire to arrive at a “just” verdict… and overruling all objections.

Respectfully,

Bill Rempfer

What is Proposed?

County administrators could levy $500 per day fines for any violation of a County regulation related to your real property. There would be no prior court hearing, and no oversight by elected officials. County administrators would have sole discretion to determine the violation and set the amount of fine. If the homeowner objects, the homeowner must hire a lawyer and file a lawsuit against the County. Meanwhile, the $500 fine accrues each day the homeowner continues in violation.

San Geronimo Valley Stewards Request Supervisors VOTE NO on this proposal.

- $500 per day is excessive, and there is no timely remedy for the aggrieved homeowner.
- Complaints will create feuds of neighbors against neighbors.
- Excessive discretionary fines will reduce voluntary compliance.
- Homeowners cannot be expected to know all the regulations in 1500 pages of County codes.
- People will file lawsuits to set aside the fines as violations of due process.

For San Geronimo Valley, any fines under the proposed Stream Conservation Area Ordinance should be gradually phased in over 5 years, and should not exceed $50 per day.

Do Not Approve Excessive Fines for Common Code Violations.

County Counsel described examples of real property violations that could trigger a $500 fine:

- your roof gutters discharge stormwater, or
- you build a fence higher than 6 feet, or
- you cut a tree without a permit.

In response to objections from San Geronimo Valley Stewards, County Counsel assured the Supervisors that fines "would be used sparingly". In other words: "Trust us. We're from the government."

$500 Per Day Fines Target San Geronimo Valley Homeowners.

About 900 families in San Geronimo Valley live in homes near creeks, and will be burdened with the new Stream Conservation Area Ordinance. The
County Planning Commission approved the SCAO in 2021, and the Board of Supervisors may hear it in late spring 2022.

The SCA Ordinance is a trap for the unwary. Even a small simple home improvement project will require an expert inspection of your home site, strict size limits and set backs, and expensive construction methods.

The SCA Ordinance and regulations total 48 pages of details controlling every home improvement and landscape project within 200 feet on both sides of any creek. It is not limited to fish-bearing streams, but also applies to land located near ephemerals, which drain water only when it rains.

County administrators would have personal discretion to order $500 per day fines. Can you afford the risk of contesting the County administrator, knowing he can slap you with this penalty? You would have no remedy except an expensive lawsuit.

**San Geronimo Stream Conservation Program is a Unique Experiment.**

San Geronimo Valley homeowners are the lab rats in the County's experiment of a comprehensive stream conservation program. It is required by court orders in lawsuits filed by SPAWN (Turtle Island), a private corporation that purports to save salmon.

The County admits it does not know if the SCA program will actually increase salmon numbers or survival rate. If the experiment does not work, should we be fined $500 each day?

The SCA Ordinance applies only to the San Geronimo Valley—not any other area of Marin County.

**Stream Conservation Success Depends on Homeowners' Voluntary Compliance, Not Excessive Fines.**

Homeowner voluntary compliance is essential for the stream experiment to generate meaningful results. Voluntary compliance will come only if residents believe the stream program is clear, affordable, simple and enforceable.

Without wide-spread community support, the SCA Ordinance will depend on complaints filed neighbor against neighbor. Excessive fines are really bad governance.

**Any Fines Under the San Geronimo Stream Ordinance Should Be Affordable and Gradually Phased In.**

$500 is a lot of money for a family in San Geronimo. We should not be placed at risk of an administrator's discretionary enforcement, under a new, confusing, and detailed stream ordinance.

For the first 2 years of the San Geronimo SCA Ordinance, the administrative fines should be waived or deferred. During the next 3 years, each fine should not exceed $50 per day.
After the 5th year, the SCA Ordinance should automatically sunset, and be of no effect, unless the Board of Supervisors votes to amend it and apply it for the entire County.
Dear Kristin Drumm,

Please end this almost 15-year saga, and pass this Stream Conservation Area Ordinance that protects the habitat.

The exceptions were far too broad in the prior version of the SCA Ordinance. This 35-foot buffer is a great compromise to guarantee baseline protections.

Riparian habitats are nature’s best buffer to flash flood destruction. However, these habitats are being destroyed and replaced with concrete. The replacement of this habitat will increase the speed of the water, creating greater damage to the species within the water and the land surrounding it.

I greatly appreciate all of your efforts toward the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance. Please pass this Ordinance so we can come together and protect the environment.

Sincerely,

fawn zech

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We must band together to save the Coho Salmon. They are relying on us to pass legislation to save the few that are left.

Salmon populations are plummeting because of a lack of habitat. It's great to see we have mechanisms in the Ordinance that protect some of the most important riparian habitats in the state.

An effective Ordinance can save both Coho Salmon from going extinct and preserve riparian buffers that serve as the best tool to combat flash floods. More impervious surfaces will result in more powerful flash floods that destroy critical winter salmon habitat and create more dangerous conditions for homeowners in the valley.

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy day to listen to me. It is so important to act upon this now in order to secure positive change for the future.

Sincerely,

Eric Overaa
Dear Kristin Drumm,

Please pass the SCA Ordinance so that it follows the California Environmental Quality Act. This Ordinance could be a great tool to save our streams that act as a great buffer from flooding caused by climate change.

Central Coho Salmon are down 95% of their historical numbers. It will only become more difficult for this species to survive as we continue to see more frequent droughts due to climate change.

Flash floods are only going to be more frequent as climate change intensifies. We must have legislation in place that is prepared to protect residents and the environment from this new reality.

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francesca eisenberg
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This is an exciting opportunity for the county to pass a solutions-oriented Climate Change policy. Please end this 15-year fight and pass the SCA Ordinance.

Facing climate change, the damming of rivers, and urbanization, Coho Salmon are nearing extinction in the San Geronimo Valley. We must come together as a community to save this species from disappearing entirely.

Marin County’s land is being destroyed by the disastrous effects of flash flooding. We must act to limit the amount of flash flooding and its effects by preserving our natural streambanks. Healthy riparian habitats serve as an energy buffer during flash floods, absorbing and slowing down the streamflow. If altered with man-made solutions, we will lose this natural buffer and greatly increase the damages done to our land by flash flooding.

I appreciate you for taking the time to make a change today and secure a better future for tomorrow.

Sincerely,
sue harrington

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Thank you for all your work on this! I hope to see this Stream Conservation Area Ordinance pass.

Sincerely,
Whit Donaldson
Dear Kristin Drumm,

I am grateful to Marin County for making edits to the SCA Ordinance. It is a nice change of pace to be hopeful about environmental legislation.

I appreciate the County using its science to guide its policy-making, as the 35-foot buffer was recommended in the County’s Salmon Enhancement Plan for San Geronimo Valley.

With increasing urbanization and sprawl around the bay area, preserving the natural beauty in our backyard is crucial. It’s straightforward to take the breathtaking settings we call home for granted, but development and other habitat loss could endanger the sanctuary we’ve all come to love.

Thank you for taking a stand for the environment! Passing this Stream Conservation Area Ordinance is something to be proud of.

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Sincerely,

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As climate change continues, we are going to see more and more occurrences of major floods like we saw in October. Protecting the riparian habitat is the best defense we have. More concrete will lead to more runoff and thus more flooding.

Thank you. It is now or never and we need you now. I greatly appreciate your willingness to take action and demand better for our environment.

Sincerely,

Ben Lamorte
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I urge you to accept the appropriate adjustments to the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Coho Salmon will go extinct due to the destruction of their natural habitats by flash floods. If the riparian habitats that protect this species are covered by concrete patios, their future will be cut short. We must come together and save Coho Salmon by preserving their natural habitats and ensuring them a permanent place in Marin County.

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Kalen Donaldson

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Sincerely,

Joe Miller

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Kendal Clare
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Please help us preserve the natural beauty of the San Geronimo valley by enforcing an ordinance that works to protect the habitats of many creatures and keeps the valley from Urbanization and overpopulation!

I look forward to having this put behind us! This gives me hope that this fragile environment will stand against climate change.

Sincerely,

rory cloward
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Sincerely,

Jennifer Cordova
Dear Kristin Drumm,

Please pass the SCA Ordinance so that it follows the California Environmental Quality Act. This Ordinance could be a great tool to save our streams that act as a great buffer from flooding caused by climate change.

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With the number of flash floods greatly increasing, we must prepare to protect natural wildlife and surrounding land by preserving riparian habitats. Without these habitats, the effects of flash flooding will only increase, completely eradicating the Coho Salmon species and preventing them from ever returning to the waters of Marin County.

Thank you so much for all the time and effort you have put into this. It's great to see folks compromising to make a real community-based change.

Sincerely,

Kelli Petersen

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The county is trying to permit the continuation of urbanization while its effects have already caused an increase in flash flooding and the near extinction of the Coho Salmon population. We must protect our land by enacting legislation that prevents the destruction of natural habitats.

I cannot thank you enough for taking the time to enact positive change. You are making a difference in this fight and success is impossible without people like you.

Sincerely,

Ella Broome
Dear Kristin Drumm,

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Thank you for taking action as time for change quickly runs out. I need your help more than ever and I appreciate your willingness to create change.

Sincerely,

Robin Cloward

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Sincerely,

Elly Boen
Dear Kristin Drumm,

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I appreciate the County using its science to guide its policy-making, as the 35-foot buffer was recommended in the County’s Salmon Enhancement Plan for San Geronimo Valley.

Through this ordinance, we can set a precedent for implementing a policy that works for humans and the ecosystems that surround us. These ecosystems are what give Marin such amazing natural beauty, something many in Marin value highly.

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy day to listen to me. It is so important to act upon this now in order to secure positive change for the future.

Sincerely,

Linda Jones
Dear Kristin Drumm,

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Without immediate change, we will lose the Coho Salmon species forever. Ensure a future for this species by demanding the Board protect their habitats in the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance.

Development and habitat loss could dramatically reshape the beautiful landscape we take so much pride in. In the coming decades, we’re going to have to learn to live in ways where humans healthily coexist with the natural world instead of just exploiting it. Protecting the riparian habitats is one local way we can start to implement this idea, both for the health and beauty of our local area.

Thank you so much for all the time and effort you have put into this. It's great to see folks compromising to make a real community-based change.

Sincerely,
Ellen Franzen

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Coho Salmon have lost 95% of their population due to the ongoing climate crisis and the ongoing destruction of their habitats. Help us save the last 5% by acting now to secure a future for this native species.

An effective Ordinance can save both Coho Salmon from going extinct and preserve riparian buffers that serve as the best tool to combat flash floods. More impervious surfaces will result in more powerful flash floods that destroy critical winter salmon habitat and create more dangerous conditions for homeowners in the valley.

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy day to listen to me. It is so important to act upon this now in order to secure positive change for the future.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Kerrigan
Dear Kristin Drumm,

I appreciate all the work that has been done around the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance. Please pass the new SCA changes to save salmon and prevent flooding.

Thank you so much for fighting to protect no net loss of habitat in the San Geronimo Valley! I hope the county can continue to create policies similar to this in the rest of Marin.

As climate change increases the number of floods being seen in Marin County, surrounding homes, and wildlife within the streams, will face detrimental effects. We must pass legislation to reduce the harmful effects of urbanization and flash floods.

Thank you for having my back in this fight against urbanization and the protection of our natural lands. This could not be done without you and I look forward to seeing change being implemented.

Sincerely,

LILIANA PAPANIKOLAOU
Dear Kristin Drumm,

We cannot wait any longer on the Ordinance. This has been a long fight and for the streams and county’s sake, let’s pass the SCA and move on.

It’s exciting that the county wants to guarantee no net loss of habitat in the San Geronimo Valley. With the rest of the Bay Area becoming concrete, it’s great to see that critical habitat will be preserved.

I appreciate the county reducing the build out allowance to 300 sq feet. More concrete would have led to more flash floods.

We can finally put this fight behind us and begin healing. Please do the right thing!

Sincerely,

Garry Taroli
Dear Kristin Drumm,

I am asking the Planning Commission to please protect the creeks in the San Geronimo Valley. The SCA will do a good job at protecting Coho Salmon or adequately addresses the risk of increased probability of major flooding.

As the Planning Commission knows, the San Geronimo Valley contains some of the most vital Coho Salmon spawning habitats in all of California. It was such a treat this early winter to get the opportunity to see these fish return after our wave of storms in the late fall.

We need to be preserving all viable salmon habitat that we have left! The SCA's greater protections for trees on the streambanks will result in better homes for Salmon and a more substantial buffer against flash floods.

Thank you for fighting for the Coho Salmon and allowing me to express my concern today. This fight is crucial to our waters, our planet, and our future. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Diane Kastel
Dear Kristin Drumm,

Let’s move on from fighting! Pass the SCA Ordinance.

It gives me hope that the SCA Ordinance is based on using the county’s own science from its Salmon Enhancement Plan. I am encouraged to see the county prioritizing science over politics.

Through this ordinance, we can set a precedent for implementing a policy that works for humans and the ecosystems that surround us. These ecosystems are what give Marin such amazing natural beauty, something many in Marin value highly.

I have to give credit where it’s due, so thank you. This could not be done without people like you, fighting for the protection of our natural resources, wildlife, and habitats.

Sincerely,

Laura Cresswell
Dear Kristin Drumm,

The biodiversity crisis coupled with the increased likelihood of flooding is of major concern in Marin. This SCA Ordinance could be an exciting solution for some of our more vulnerable areas.

Riparian Habitat is vital to Coho survival and the county has the chance to defend some of the most important spawning locations in all of California.

The San Geronimo Valley is noted for its abundance of beautiful flora and fauna. The Coho Salmon population is an integral part of this ecosystem, and we must protect it if we want to maintain the area's health and natural beauty.

Thank you for having my back in this fight against urbanization and the protection of our natural lands. This could not be done without you and I look forward to seeing change being implemented.

Sincerely,

David Burtis
Dear Kristin Drumm,

Thank you so much for your time! I ask that you pass the new SCA Ordinance for the environment and homeowner's sake.

Coho Salmon are rapidly dying in the San Geronimo Valley due to extreme land development and the damming of rivers. We must act now to save these vital species from complete extinction.

Protecting the natural wildlife we have will become even more critical as climate change worsens the threat posed to them. The ordinance will allow us to do that for the local Coho population.

Thank you for taking the time out of your day to listen to how important this issue is. Together, we can and will make a difference.

Sincerely,

Cindy M. Dutka
Dear Kristin Drumm,

We are going on over 14 years without an SCA Ordinance that follows the California Environmental Quality Act! The salmon cannot wait. We need to step up and pass this Ordinance that will work to protect the habitat in the San Geronimo Valley.

Thank you so much for fighting to protect no net loss of habitat in the San Geronimo Valley! I hope the county can continue to create policies similar to this in the rest of Marin.

Riparian habitats are nature’s best buffer to flash flood destruction. However, these habitats are being destroyed and replaced with concrete. The replacement of this habitat will increase the speed of the water, creating greater damage to the species within the water and the land surrounding it.

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Suehan Estrada

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During flash floods, as we saw in October, healthy riparian habitats slow down the water and reduce the damage done to marine wildlife and their natural habitats. If not changed, concrete patios will destroy and cover these riparian habitats, causing runoff and consequential flooding.

We can finally put this fight behind us and begin healing. Please do the right thing!

Sincerely,
Justin KREISER
To: Drumm, Kristin

Subject: Public Comment: Please pass the SCA Ordinance

Date: Monday, June 6, 2022 2:11:14 PM

Dear Kristin Drumm,

I am writing to ask you to approve the SCA Ordinance so we can finally address the extinction of Coho and prevent the increased risk of flooding in the valley.

I have a lot of gratitude to the county for walking the walk and doing something to respond to the biodiversity crisis. The updated SCA Ordinance revisions have exciting policy solutions protecting Salmon and Valley residents.

I appreciate the county reducing the build out allowance to 300 sq feet. More concrete would have led to more flash floods.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to seeing a Stream Conservation Area Ordinance soon!

Sincerely,

Jared Babula
Dear Kristin Drumm,

The time is now to finally pass the SCA! I am very concerned about the future of Coho Salmon in Marin County and increased flooding as a result of excessive development.

At this rate, Coho Salmon will not swim in the waters of Marin County for much longer. As this species is going extinct, we must protect their habitats by fighting for their longevity in the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance.

Homes in San Geronimo Valley will face catastrophic effects if the riparian habitats are destroyed by urbanization. These riparian habitats act as an energy buffer during flash floods, reducing the harmful effects of the raging waters. An effective Ordinance is needed to not only save the land of the Coho Salmon but ours as well.

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Sincerely,

Susan Ponchot

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Through this ordinance, we can set a precedent for implementing a policy that works for humans and the ecosystems that surround us. These ecosystems are what give Marin such amazing natural beauty, something many in Marin value highly.

I know this has been a long effort, and I am so grateful for the County taking the time to get this right. This gives me hope for the future!

Sincerely,

Brittney Hammock
Dear Kristin Druml,

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Facing climate change, the damming of rivers, and urbanization, Coho Salmon are nearing extinction in the San Geronimo Valley. We must come together as a community to save this species from disappearing entirely.

The best defense against flash floods is to maintain a healthy streambank. However, urbanization is destroying our streambanks and lining them with concrete. We must ensure a future for our homes and demand legislation to be passed to protect our streambanks.

I cannot thank you enough for taking the time to enact positive change. You are making a difference in this fight and success is impossible without people like you.

Sincerely,
Rhonda Johnson
Dear Kristin Drumm,

I am writing to ask you to approve the SCA Ordinance so we can finally address the extinction of Coho and prevent the increased risk of flooding in the valley.

Climate change is threatening ecosystems nationwide. Locally our Coho Salmon population is on the brink of extinction, help us prevent that from happening by passing an ordinance to protect their habitat!

Protecting the natural wildlife we have will become even more critical as climate change worsens the threat posed to them. The ordinance will allow us to do that for the local Coho population.

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Sincerely,

Jessica Heiden

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We must band together to save the Coho Salmon. They are relying on us to pass legislation to save the few that are left.

Thank you so much for fighting to protect no net loss of habitat in the San Geronimo Valley! I hope the county can continue to create policies similar to this in the rest of Marin.

Please help us preserve the natural beauty of the San Geronimo valley by enforcing an ordinance that works to protect the habitats of many creatures and keeps the valley from Urbanization and overpopulation!

Thank you for fighting for the Coho Salmon and allowing me to express my concern today. This fight is crucial to our waters, our planet, and our future. Thank you.

Sincerely,
molly arthur

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Dear Kristin Drumm,

I am very grateful for the County working so hard on the improved SCA Ordinance. It is an encouraging sign to see that this drawn-out fight may be coming to an end.

Coho Salmon have lost 95% of their population due to the ongoing climate crisis and the ongoing destruction of their habitats. Help us save the last 5% by acting now to secure a future for this native species.

An effective Ordinance can save both Coho Salmon from going extinct and preserve riparian buffers that serve as the best tool to combat flash floods. More impervious surfaces will result in more powerful flash floods that destroy critical winter salmon habitat and create more dangerous conditions for homeowners in the valley.

I sincerely applaud your efforts to save our land in Marin County and the species that occupy it. With your help, we are one step closer to seeing a future being secured for Coho Salmon for years to come.

Sincerely,

Jackson King
Dear Kristin Drumm,

We are going on over 14 years without an SCA Ordinance that follows the California Environmental Quality Act! The salmon cannot wait. We need to step up and pass this Ordinance that will work to protect the habitat in the San Geronimo Valley.

Science has shown that winter habitat is necessary for Coho Salmon to spawn, thus we must protect the streams in the San Geronimo Valley so this species doesn’t become a dinosaur.

The ongoing climate crisis is only showing an increased amount of flash flooding. In order to prevent irreversible damage to surrounding land and the marine life within the water, we must preserve our natural streambanks and not permit urbanization.

I appreciate you taking the time to consider my opinion, and I hope you do the right thing for the environment.

Sincerely,

KELLY Kreiser

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Dear Kristin Drumm,

I am writing to urge that you pass the improved SCA Ordinance with all of its edits. It has taken far too long to incorporate these necessary protections and we need to act now if we want to be able to mitigate climate change.

Coho Salmon have lost 95% of their population due to the ongoing climate crisis and the ongoing destruction of their habitats. Help us save the last 5% by acting now to secure a future for this native species.

An effective Ordinance can save both Coho Salmon from going extinct and preserve riparian buffers that serve as the best tool to combat flash floods. More impervious surfaces will result in more powerful flash floods that destroy critical winter salmon habitat and create more dangerous conditions for homeowners in the valley.

Thank you for all your work on this! I hope to see this Stream Conservation Area Ordinance pass.

Sincerely,

Cinzia B.

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Dear Kristin Drumm,

We must band together to save the Coho Salmon. They are relying on us to pass legislation to save the few that are left.

Salmon populations are plummeting because of a lack of habitat. It's great to see we have mechanisms in the Ordinance that protect some of the most important riparian habitats in the state.

Every supervisor should be concerned about flooding, and the best way to deal with that is to protect our streambanks. Healthy riparian habitat serves as an energy buffer during flash floods, absorbing and slowing down the streamflow. In contrast, impermeable surfaces will only intensify flood events, giving streams more energy and further endangering homeowners and salmonids.

Thank you for taking your time today to listen to this crucial issue. Time is running out and we must act now to ensure a future of change.

Sincerely,

KELLY KREISER
Dear Kristin Drumm,

I am grateful to Marin County for making edits to the SCA Ordinance. It is a nice change of pace to be hopeful about environmental legislation.

Riparian Habitat is vital to Coho survival and the county has the chance to defend some of the most important spawning locations in all of California.

Flash floods are only going to be more frequent as climate change intensifies. We must have legislation in place that is prepared to protect residents and the environment from this new reality.

A sustainable future is possible because of people like you. Thank you for listening to me today and taking the time to make a difference in our community.

Sincerely,
Janet Forman
Dear Kristin Drumm,

Let’s put this issue to rest and pass the SCA Ordinance. Both the county and environmentalists seem to be on the same side.

It gives me hope that the SCA Ordinance is based on using the county’s own science from its Salmon Enhancement Plan. I am encouraged to see the county prioritizing science over politics.

Development and habitat loss could dramatically reshape the beautiful landscape we take so much pride in. In the coming decades, we’re going to have to learn to live in ways where humans healthily coexist with the natural world instead of just exploiting it. Protecting the riparian habitats is one local way we can start to implement this idea, both for the health and beauty of our local area.

Thank you for fighting for the Coho Salmon and allowing me to express my concern today. This fight is crucial to our waters, our planet, and our future. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Charles Hammock
Dear Kristin Drumm,

Thank you so much for your time! I ask that you pass the new SCA Ordinance for the environment and homeowner's sake.

Coho Salmon are rapidly dying in the San Geronimo Valley due to extreme land development and the damming of rivers. We must act now to save these vital species from complete extinction.

Homes in San Geronimo Valley will face catastrophic effects if the riparian habitats are destroyed by urbanization. These riparian habitats act as an energy buffer during flash floods, reducing the harmful effects of the raging waters. An effective Ordinance is needed to not only save the land of the Coho Salmon but ours as well.

Thank you so much for all the time and effort you have put into this. It's great to see folks compromising to make a real community-based change.

Sincerely,

George Faville

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Dear Kristin Drumm,

I ask that you protect the valley from flooding and save the riparian habitat by passing this SCA Ordinance!

As the Planning Commission knows, the San Geronimo Valley contains some of the most vital Coho Salmon spawning habitats in all of California. It was such a treat this early winter to get the opportunity to see these fish return after our wave of storms in the late fall.

The land we call our own in San Geronimo Valley will be torn to shreds by flash floods with no change. Save our community and insist that urbanization be halted near our waters, protecting the habitat of the wildlife, and our own homes.

Thank you. It is now or never and we need you now. I greatly appreciate your willingness to take action and demand better for our environment.

Sincerely,

sascha nikolai
Dear Kristin Drumm,

I appreciate all the work that has been done around the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance. Please pass the new SCA changes to save salmon and prevent flooding.

Marin County has a rare opportunity to take leadership against the biodiversity crisis and enact legislation that saves the salmon.

As climate change continues, we are going to see more and more occurrences of major floods like we saw in October. Protecting the riparian habitat is the best defense we have. More concrete will lead to more runoff and thus more flooding.

I cannot thank you enough for taking the time out of your day to listen to me and understand the severity of this crisis. Without you, we could not secure a future for the Coho Salmon.

Sincerely,
lonna richmond

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Dear Kristin Drumm,

Thank you for addressing the vulnerable Salmon habitat! I am writing to ask that you pass the new SCA Ordinance.

The prior SCA Ordinance was relatively confusing with all the exceptions and exemptions. A 35-foot buffer makes it easier for all stakeholders in the valley to understand.

Thank you for adding in protections for Ephemeral streams! These protections will create necessary buffers for periodic atmospheric rivers to defend against flooding.

Thank you for taking action as time for change quickly runs out. I need your help more than ever and I appreciate your willingness to create change.

Sincerely,

zoe zinnes
Dear Kristin Drumm,

I am grateful to Marin County for making edits to the SCA Ordinance. It is a nice change of pace to be hopeful about environmental legislation.

At this rate, Coho Salmon will not swim in the waters of Marin County for much longer. As this species is going extinct, we must protect their habitats by fighting for their longevity in the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance.

More detrimental flash floods will occur in Marin County if the riparian habitats that protect our streams are destroyed by concrete. We must come together as a community and demand better. An effective Ordinance will save our land and prevent irreversible damage.

Thank you for taking your time today to listen to this crucial issue. Time is running out and we must act now to ensure a future of change.

Sincerely,

Thomas Ervin
Dear Kristin Drumm,

The time is now to finally pass the SCA! I am very concerned about the future of Coho Salmon in Marin County and increased flooding as a result of excessive development.

I have a lot of gratitude to the county for walking the walk and doing something to respond to the biodiversity crisis. The updated SCA Ordinance revisions have exciting policy solutions protecting Salmon and Valley residents.

Development and habitat loss could dramatically reshape the beautiful landscape we take so much pride in. In the coming decades, we’re going to have to learn to live in ways where humans healthily coexist with the natural world instead of just exploiting it. Protecting the riparian habitats is one local way we can start to implement this idea, both for the health and beauty of our local area.

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Sincerely,

Katherine Csiz
Dear Kristin Drumm,

I ask that you please pass the SCA Ordinance so that it follows the California Environmental Quality Act, saves the streams, and protects folks from flooding.

I have a lot of gratitude to the county for walking the walk and doing something to respond to the biodiversity crisis. The updated SCA Ordinance revisions have exciting policy solutions protecting Salmon and Valley residents.

Through this ordinance, we can set a precedent for implementing a policy that works for humans and the ecosystems that surround us. These ecosystems are what give Marin such amazing natural beauty, something many in Marin value highly.

Thank you for taking the time out of your day to listen to how important this issue is. Together, we can and will make a difference.

Sincerely,

Glenda Corning
Dear Kristin Drumm,

Please pass the SCA Ordinance so that it follows the California Environmental Quality Act. This Ordinance could be a great tool to save our streams that act as a great buffer from flooding caused by climate change.

Salmon are already facing insurmountable odds at survival and do not need extra stressors such as excessive urbanization destroying their homes.

We need to be preserving all viable salmon habitat that we have left! The SCA’s greater protections for trees on the streambanks will result in better homes for Salmon and a more substantial buffer against flash floods.

Thank you for taking action as time for change quickly runs out. I need your help more than ever and I appreciate your willingness to create change.

Sincerely,

Nancy Hanson
Dear Kristin Drumm,

I am writing to ask you to approve the SCA Ordinance so we can finally address the extinction of Coho and prevent the increased risk of flooding in the valley.

Without your help, we will lose all Coho Salmon in Marin County. As urbanization drives this species to extinction, we must protect their natural habitats in the upcoming Stream Conservation Area Ordinance.

With increasing urbanization and sprawl around the bay area, preserving the natural beauty in our backyard is crucial. It’s straightforward to take the breathtaking settings we call home for granted, but development and other habitat loss could endanger the sanctuary we’ve all come to love.

Thank you for fighting for the Coho Salmon and allowing me to express my concern today. This fight is crucial to our waters, our planet, and our future. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bonnie MacRaith
Dear Kristin Drumm,

We must band together to save the Coho Salmon. They are relying on us to pass legislation to save the few that are left.

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We need to be preserving all viable salmon habitat that we have left! The SCA's greater protections for trees on the streambanks will result in better homes for Salmon and a more substantial buffer against flash floods.

Thank you for taking a stand for the environment! Passing this Stream Conservation Area Ordinance is something to be proud of.

Sincerely,

Susanna Frohman
Dear Kristin Drumm,

Let’s move on from fighting! Pass the SCA Ordidance.

Two problems we are currently facing include the harmful effects of urbanization and flash floods, both of which are intertwined in the issue of restoring stamp salmon habitats. By protecting salmon habitat, we can preserve nature in Marin and decrease the risk of flooding. Restored habitat can absorb water and reduce energy in a flood situation instead of concrete, which can cause runoff and flooding in nearby developed areas and wash away coho nests.

Riparian habitats are used as energy buffers during flash floods in order to slow down the streamflow while absorbing the force of the flood. If destroyed by concrete, flood events will become exponentially more dangerous, harming the habitat surrounding the water and the life inside of it.

A sustainable future is possible because of people like you. Thank you for listening to me today and taking the time to make a difference in our community.

Sincerely,

Laura Marks
Dear Kristin Drumm,

Thank you for finally addressing the SCA Ordinance. I am happy that the county has created a decent Ordinance that will end the conflict in the county. Please pass this Ordinance so we can begin to heal.

Central Coast Coho are on the verge of extinction, and the San Geronimo Valley is one of the last strongholds they have yet. Excessive development along our stream banks will directly contribute to this species disappearing forever.

As climate change increases the number of floods being seen in Marin County, surrounding homes, and wildlife within the streams, will face detrimental effects. We must pass legislation to reduce the harmful effects of urbanization and flash floods.

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Sincerely,

lonna richmond

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Thank you so much for your time! I ask that you pass the new SCA Ordinance for the environment and homeowner's sake.

Salmon populations are plummeting because of a lack of habitat. It's great to see we have mechanisms in the Ordinance that protect some of the most important riparian habitats in the state.

Development and habitat loss could dramatically reshape the beautiful landscape we take so much pride in. In the coming decades, we’re going to have to learn to live in ways where humans healthily coexist with the natural world instead of just exploiting it. Protecting the riparian habitats is one local way we can start to implement this idea, both for the health and beauty of our local area.

I am very grateful to everyone involved in the drafting and hopefully eventually passing this SCA Ordinance! The salmon may just have a fighting chance after all.

Sincerely,

Melissa Polick
Dear Kristin Drumm,

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Dear Kristin Drumm,

Please pass the new version of the SCA Ordinance. Without proper protections, Coho salmon will most likely go extinct and there will be an exponential increase in flooding damage.

Science has shown that winter habitat is necessary for Coho Salmon to spawn, thus we must protect the streams in the San Geronimo Valley so this species doesn’t become a dinosaur.

During flash floods, as we saw in October, healthy riparian habitats slow down the water and reduce the damage done to marine wildlife and their natural habitats. If not changed, concrete patios will destroy and cover these riparian habitats, causing runoff and consequential flooding.

I want to acknowledge how much you have done. Without people like you, we would not be able to convince the board to pass an Ordinance with real enforcement. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kat Beare

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Central Coho Salmon are down 95% of their historical numbers. It will only become more difficult for this species to survive as we continue to see more frequent droughts due to climate change.

We need to be preserving all viable salmon habitat that we have left! The SCA's greater protections for trees on the streambanks will result in better homes for Salmon and a more substantial buffer against flash floods.

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Dear Kristin Drumm,

The time is now to finally pass the SCA! I am very concerned about the future of Coho Salmon in Marin County and increased flooding as a result of excessive development.

I appreciate the County using its science to guide its policy-making, as the 35-foot buffer was recommended in the County’s Salmon Enhancement Plan for San Geronimo Valley.

The ongoing climate crisis is only showing an increased amount of flash flooding. In order to prevent irreversible damage to surrounding land and the marine life within the water, we must preserve our natural streambanks and not permit urbanization.

I look forward to having this put behind us! This gives me hope that this fragile environment will stand against climate change.

Sincerely,

Kelly Berry
Dear Kristin Drumm,

Please end this almost 15-year saga, and pass this Stream Conservation Area Ordinance that protects the habitat.

Salmon are already facing insurmountable odds at survival and do not need extra stressors such as excessive urbanization destroying their homes.

Protecting the natural wildlife we have will become even more critical as climate change worsens the threat posed to them. The ordinance will allow us to do that for the local Coho population.

I cannot thank you enough for taking the time to enact positive change. You are making a difference in this fight and success is impossible without people like you.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Valentine

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Dear Kristin Drumm,

We cannot wait any longer on the Ordinance. This has been a long fight and for the streams and county’s sake, let’s pass the SCA and move on.

Ephemeral streams need to have adequate protection if Salmon are to have a shot at survival. I applaud the county for creating this uniform 35-foot buffer in the San Geronimo Valley.

Riparian habitats are used as energy buffers during flash floods in order to slow down the streamflow while absorbing the force of the flood. If destroyed by concrete, flood events will become exponentially more dangerous, harming the habitat surrounding the water and the life inside of it.

Thank you for listening to me and expressing your care for the necessary change. I am delighted to come together as a community to facilitate a more sustainable future.

Sincerely,

Margo Wixsom
Dear Kristin Drumm,

I am asking the Planning Commission to please protect the creeks in the San Geronimo Valley. The SCA will do a good job at protecting Coho Salmon or adequately addresses the risk of increased probability of major flooding.

Without immediate change, we will lose the Coho Salmon species forever. Ensure a future for this species by demanding the Board protect their habitats in the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance.

Healthy streambanks are the best defense against flooding. Replacing riparian habitat with concrete patios close to the stream will prove to be detrimental for both salmon and neighbors who live downstream who will get impacted by floods.

This fight could not be successful without people like you. I greatly appreciate your willingness to fight for Coho Salmon as they can not. Our time to secure a future for our wildlife is running out and I appreciate the difference you have made.

Sincerely,

Sofia Campana Barrett
Dear Kristin Drumm,

Please pass the SCA Ordinance so we can finally get this important policy over the finish line!

Without your help, we will lose all Coho Salmon in Marin County. As urbanization drives this species to extinction, we must protect their natural habitats in the upcoming Stream Conservation Area Ordinance.

The county is trying to permit the continuation of urbanization while its effects have already caused an increase in flash flooding and the near extinction of the Coho Salmon population. We must protect our land by enacting legislation that prevents the destruction of natural habitats.

Thank you. It is now or never and we need you now. I greatly appreciate your willingness to take action and demand better for our environment.

Sincerely,

Marion Barry
Dear Kristin Drumm,

Thank you so much for your time! I ask that you pass the new SCA Ordinance for the environment and homeowner's sake.

It is not an exaggeration to say that Coho Salmon could disappear from Marin County unless we put in the appropriate legislation to protect them. We need to be adaptive and not reactive to the new realities of climate change.

Protecting the natural wildlife we have will become even more critical as climate change worsens the threat posed to them. The ordinance will allow us to do that for the local Coho population.

I appreciate you for taking the time to make a change today and secure a better future for tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Barbara Harper
Dear Kristin Drumm,

We must band together to save the Coho Salmon. They are relying on us to pass legislation to save the few that are left.

Coho Salmon have lost 95% of their population due to the ongoing climate crisis and the ongoing destruction of their habitats. Help us save the last 5% by acting now to secure a future for this native species.

Protecting the natural wildlife we have will become even more critical as climate change worsens the threat posed to them. The ordinance will allow us to do that for the local Coho population.

I greatly appreciate all of your efforts toward the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance. Please pass this Ordinance so we can come together and protect the environment.

Sincerely,

Alexandria Luostari
Dear Kristin Drumm,

Thank you for addressing our vulnerable streamside habitat. I am happy that the County is taking the initiative to get this done so that this Ordinance protects the vulnerable riparian habitat and protects the valley from flooding.

Ephemeral streams need to have adequate protection if Salmon are to have a shot at survival. I applaud the county for creating this uniform 35-foot buffer in the San Geronimo Valley.

The county is trying to permit the continuation of urbanization while its effects have already caused an increase in flash flooding and the near extinction of the Coho Salmon population. We must protect our land by enacting legislation that prevents the destruction of natural habitats.

Thank you for all your work on this! I hope to see this Stream Conservation Area Ordinance pass.

Sincerely,

Lacey Levitt
Dear Kristin Drumm,

Urbanization is killing the few Coho Salmon left! The to pass the SCA Ordinance is NOW!

Marin County has a rare opportunity to take leadership against the biodiversity crisis and enact legislation that saves the salmon.

Coho Salmon will go extinct due to the destruction of their natural habitats by flash floods. If the riparian habitats that protect this species are covered by concrete patios, their future will be cut short. We must come together and save Coho Salmon by preserving their natural habitats and ensuring them a permanent place in Marin County.

As time runs out, I cannot thank you enough for taking action. Individuals like you are the key to creating change and we greatly appreciate your willingness to positively change our world’s future.

Sincerely,

Chris Gralapp
Dear Kristin Drumm,

I am asking the Planning Commission to please protect the creeks in the San Geronimo Valley. The SCA will do a good job at protecting Coho Salmon or adequately addresses the risk of increased probability of major flooding.

I have a lot of gratitude to the county for walking the walk and doing something to respond to the biodiversity crisis. The updated SCA Ordinance revisions have exciting policy solutions protecting Salmon and Valley residents.

An effective Ordinance can save both Coho Salmon from going extinct and preserve riparian buffers that serve as the best tool to combat flash floods. More impervious surfaces will result in more powerful flash floods that destroy critical winter salmon habitat and create more dangerous conditions for homeowners in the valley.

Thank you. It is now or never and we need you now. I greatly appreciate your willingness to take action and demand better for our environment.

Sincerely,

James Mulcare

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Dear Kristin Drumm,

This is an exciting opportunity for the county to pass a solutions-oriented Climate Change policy. Please end this 15-year fight and pass the SCA Ordinance.

It's exciting that the county wants to guarantee no net loss of habitat in the San Geronimo Valley. With the rest of the Bay Area becoming concrete, it's great to see that critical habitat will be preserved.

Riparian habitats are nature's best buffer to flash flood destruction. However, these habitats are being destroyed and replaced with concrete. The replacement of this habitat will increase the speed of the water, creating greater damage to the species within the water and the land surrounding it.

Thank you for taking the time out of your day to listen to how important this issue is. Together, we can and will make a difference.

Sincerely,

Catherine Loudis
Dear Kristin Drumm,

Let’s put this issue to rest and pass the SCA Ordinance. Both the county and environmentalists seem to be on the same side.

As Marin County continues to urbanize, the native species of Coho Salmon will become extinct if immediate change is not implemented. Join us in implementing crucial mechanisms into the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance in order to save this species from complete extinction.

I appreciate the county reducing the build out allowance to 300 sq feet. More concrete would have led to more flash floods.

I greatly appreciate all of your efforts toward the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance. Please pass this Ordinance so we can come together and protect the environment.

Sincerely,

Tracey Bonner
Dear Kristin Drumm,

I am writing to urge that you pass the improved SCA Ordinance with all of its edits. It has taken far too long to incorporate these necessary protections and we need to act now if we want to be able to mitigate climate change.

It is not an exaggeration to say that Coho Salmon could disappear from Marin County unless we put in the appropriate legislation to protect them. We need to be adaptive and not reactive to the new realities of climate change.

Flash floods are only going to be more frequent as climate change intensifies. We must have legislation in place that is prepared to protect residents and the environment from this new reality.

I know this has been a long effort, and I am so grateful for the County taking the time to get this right. This gives me hope for the future!

Sincerely,

Dawn Williamson
Dear Kristin Drumm,

Thank you for addressing our vulnerable streamside habitat. I am happy that the County is taking the initiative to get this done so that this Ordinance protects the vulnerable riparian habitat and protects the valley from flooding.

Facing climate change, the damming of rivers, and urbanization, Coho Salmon are nearing extinction in the San Geronimo Valley. We must come together as a community to save this species from disappearing entirely.

The San Geronimo Valley is noted for its abundance of beautiful flora and fauna. The Coho Salmon population is an integral part of this ecosystem, and we must protect it if we want to maintain the area's health and natural beauty.

I want to acknowledge how much you have done. Without people like you, we would not be able to convince the board to pass an Ordinance with real enforcement. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Karen Dabrusin

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Dear Kristin Drumm,

Please pass the SCA Ordinance so we can finally get this important policy over the finish line!

Riparian Habitat is vital to Coho survival and the county has the chance to defend some of the most important spawning locations in all of California.

Thank you for adding in protections for Ephemeral streams! These protections will create necessary buffers for periodic atmospheric rivers to defend against flooding.

I greatly appreciate all of your efforts toward the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance. Please pass this Ordinance so we can come together and protect the environment.

Sincerely,

Derek Gendvil
Dear Kristin Drumm,

Thank you for finally addressing the SCA Ordinance. I am happy that the county has created a decent Ordinance that will end the conflict in the county. Please pass this Ordinance so we can begin to heal.

Without your help, we will lose all Coho Salmon in Marin County. As urbanization drives this species to extinction, we must protect their natural habitats in the upcoming Stream Conservation Area Ordinance.

Riparian habitats are nature’s best buffer to flash flood destruction. However, these habitats are being destroyed and replaced with concrete. The replacement of this habitat will increase the speed of the water, creating greater damage to the species within the water and the land surrounding it.

I am very grateful to everyone involved in the drafting and hopefully eventually passing this SCA Ordinance! The salmon may just have a fighting chance after all.

Sincerely,
Fay Forman

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We must band together to save the Coho Salmon. They are relying on us to pass legislation to save the few that are left.

Central Coast Coho are on the verge of extinction, and the San Geronimo Valley is one of the last strongholds they have yet. Excessive development along our stream banks will directly contribute to this species disappearing forever.

Protecting the natural wildlife we have will become even more critical as climate change worsens the threat posed to them. The ordinance will allow us to do that for the local Coho population.

I have to give credit where it’s due, so thank you. This could not be done without people like you, fighting for the protection of our natural resources, wildlife, and habitats.

Sincerely,

Terry Tedesco

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Dear Kristin Drumm,

Please pass the SCA Ordinance so we can finally get this important policy over the finish line!

Without our help, Coho Salmon will face complete extinction due to land developers destroying their natural habitats. Save our salmon and secure a permanent future for them in San Geronimo Valley.

Protecting the natural wildlife we have will become even more critical as climate change worsens the threat posed to them. The ordinance will allow us to do that for the local Coho population.

I appreciate you for taking the time to make a change today and secure a better future for tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Pamela Nelson
Dear Kristin Drumm,

I appreciate all the hard work that has gone into creating this SCA Ordinance. I encourage you to approve the new modifications so the county can finally move on from this saga.

Without immediate change, we will lose the Coho Salmon species forever. Ensure a future for this species by demanding the Board protect their habitats in the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance.

The county is trying to permit the continuation of urbanization while its effects have already caused an increase in flash flooding and the near extinction of the Coho Salmon population. We must protect our land by enacting legislation that prevents the destruction of natural habitats.

Thank you so much for all the time and effort you have put into this. It's great to see folks compromising to make a real community-based change.

Sincerely,

Mike Shields
Dear Kristin Drumm,

The time is now to finally pass the SCA! I am very concerned about the future of Coho Salmon in Marin County and increased flooding as a result of excessive development.

The prior SCA Ordinance was relatively confusing with all the exceptions and exemptions. A 35-foot buffer makes it easier for all stakeholders in the valley to understand.

We need to be preserving all viable salmon habitat that we have left! The SCA's greater protections for trees on the streambanks will result in better homes for Salmon and a more substantial buffer against flash floods.

Your support means so much to me. Thank you for understanding the severity of this issue and taking action, we are one person closer to enacting real change.

Sincerely,

Payton Pelaez
Dear Kristin Drumm,

Please pass the SCA Ordinance so that it follows the California Environmental Quality Act. This Ordinance could be a great tool to save our streams that act as a great buffer from flooding caused by climate change.

The exceptions were far too broad in the prior version of the SCA Ordinance. This 35-foot buffer is a great compromise to guarantee baseline protections.

More detrimental flash floods will occur in Marin County if the riparian habitats that protect our streams are destroyed by concrete. We must come together as a community and demand better. An effective Ordinance will save our land and prevent irreversible damage.

I want to acknowledge how much you have done. Without people like you, we would not be able to convince the board to pass an Ordinance with real enforcement. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Russell Ziegler
Dear Kristin Drumm,

Please end this almost 15-year saga, and pass this Stream Conservation Area Ordinance that protects the habitat.

Riparian Habitat is vital to Coho survival and the county has the chance to defend some of the most important spawning locations in all of California.

Development and habitat loss could dramatically reshape the beautiful landscape we take so much pride in. In the coming decades, we’re going to have to learn to live in ways where humans healthily coexist with the natural world instead of just exploiting it. Protecting the riparian habitats is one local way we can start to implement this idea, both for the health and beauty of our local area.

Your support means so much to me. Thank you for understanding the severity of this issue and taking action, we are one person closer to enacting real change.

Sincerely,

Leo Lewin

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Dear Kristin Drumm,

Thank you for addressing our vulnerable streamside habitat. I am happy that the County is taking the initiative to get this done so that this Ordinance protects the vulnerable riparian habitat and protects the valley from flooding.

Without your help, we will lose all Coho Salmon in Marin County. As urbanization drives this species to extinction, we must protect their natural habitats in the upcoming Stream Conservation Area Ordinance.

An effective Ordinance can save both Coho Salmon from going extinct and preserve riparian buffers that serve as the best tool to combat flash floods. More impervious surfaces will result in more powerful flash floods that destroy critical winter salmon habitat and create more dangerous conditions for homeowners in the valley.

This fight could not be successful without people like you. I greatly appreciate your willingness to fight for Coho Salmon as they can not. Our time to secure a future for our wildlife is running out and I appreciate the difference you have made.

Sincerely,
Andrea Dorn
Dear Kristin Drumm,

I have read and support the Revised Stream Conservation Area Ordinance For San Geronimo Valley. The issues addressed therein have been concerns needing resolution for many years. Hopefully, we're close to having an ordinance we can all live with.

Of special interest to me is the concern for ephemeral and intermittent streams. When adequately vegetated, these waterways provide habitat and corridors for wildlife. Whereas well vegetated seasonal streams deliver cool and clean water to the perennial streams they serve, disturbed, unvegetated drainage floods the stream and deposits silt on salmonid nests (redds) thus suffocating the eggs and embryos before they hatch.

I also support enforcement by anonymous reports by concerned citizens. It could be problematic, but if followed up by reasonable methods, it could be the most efficient way to enforce the ordinance.

For those and other reasons, I support the enactment of this revised ordinance now under consideration.

Thank you,

Mel Wright
Woodacre

Sincerely,

Mel Wright
Dear Kristin Drumm,

We must band together to save the Coho Salmon. They are relying on us to pass legislation to save the few that are left.

The prior SCA Ordinance was relatively confusing with all the exceptions and exemptions. A 35-foot buffer makes it easier for all stakeholders in the valley to understand.

With increasing urbanization and sprawl around the bay area, preserving the natural beauty in our backyard is crucial. It’s straightforward to take the breathtaking settings we call home for granted, but development and other habitat loss could endanger the sanctuary we’ve all come to love.

We can finally put this fight behind us and begin healing. Please do the right thing!

Sincerely,

Angela Hansen
Dear Kristin Drumm,

Thank you for considering my email. Please pass this SCA Ordinance that follows CEQA, protects the fish, and saves the valley from flooding.

Coho Salmon are rapidly dying in the San Geronimo Valley due to extreme land development and the damming of rivers. We must act now to save these vital species from complete extinction.

I appreciate the county reducing the build out allowance to 300 sq feet. More concrete would have led to more flash floods.

Thank you for all your work on this! I hope to see this Stream Conservation Area Ordinance pass.

Sincerely,

Lynette McLamb
Dear Kristin Drumm,

I am very grateful for the County working so hard on the improved SCA Ordinance. It is an encouraging sign to see that this drawn-out fight may be coming to an end.

Central Coast Coho are on the verge of extinction, and the San Geronimo Valley is one of the last strongholds they have yet. Excessive development along our stream banks will directly contribute to this species disappearing forever.

Please help us preserve the natural beauty of the San Geronimo valley by enforcing an ordinance that works to protect the habitats of many creatures and keeps the valley from Urbanization and overpopulation!

I am very grateful to everyone involved in the drafting and hopefully eventually passing this SCA Ordinance! The salmon may just have a fighting chance after all.

Sincerely,

doug krause

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I appreciate all the hard work that has gone into creating this SCA Ordinance. I encourage you to approve the new modifications so the county can finally move on from this saga.

As Marin County continues to urbanize, the native species of Coho Salmon will become extinct if immediate change is not implemented. Join us in implementing crucial mechanisms into the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance in order to save this species from complete extinction.

The county is trying to permit the continuation of urbanization while its effects have already caused an increase in flash flooding and the near extinction of the Coho Salmon population. We must protect our land by enacting legislation that prevents the destruction of natural habitats.

Thank you for taking action as time for change quickly runs out. I need your help more than ever and I appreciate your willingness to create change.

Sincerely,

Salissa Chavez
Dear Kristin Drumm,

I am writing to urge that you pass the improved SCA Ordinance with all of its edits. It has taken far too long to incorporate these necessary protections and we need to act now if we want to be able to mitigate climate change.

Two problems we are currently facing include the harmful effects of urbanization and flash floods, both of which are intertwined in the issue of restoring stamp salmon habitats. By protecting salmon habitat, we can preserve nature in Marin and decrease the risk of flooding. Restored habitat can absorb water and reduce energy in a flood situation instead of concrete, which can cause runoff and flooding in nearby developed areas and wash away coho nests.

Through this ordinance, we can set a precedent for implementing a policy that works for humans and the ecosystems that surround us. These ecosystems are what give Marin such amazing natural beauty, something many in Marin value highly.

Thank you for taking your time today to listen to this crucial issue. Time is running out and we must act now to ensure a future of change.

Sincerely,
Jean Naples
Dear Kristin Drumm,

This legislation has taken far too long to come to fruition! Flooding will become probable with more development along our streambanks, and Coho Salmon will inch closer to extinction. Please make sure to get it passed the finish line!

At this rate, Coho Salmon will not swim in the waters of Marin County for much longer. As this species is going extinct, we must protect their habitats by fighting for their longevity in the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance.

More detrimental flash floods will occur in Marin County if the riparian habitats that protect our streams are destroyed by concrete. We must come together as a community and demand better. An effective Ordinance will save our land and prevent irreversible damage.

Thank you so much for all the time and effort you have put into this. It's great to see folks compromising to make a real community-based change.

Sincerely,

Anita Wisch
Dear Kristin Drumm,

Thank you for addressing the vulnerable Salmon habitat! I am writing to ask that you pass the new SCA Ordinance.

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Please help us preserve the natural beauty of the San Geronimo valley by enforcing an ordinance that works to protect the habitats of many creatures and keeps the valley from Urbanization and overpopulation!

I am very grateful to everyone involved in the drafting and hopefully eventually passing this SCA Ordinance! The salmon may just have a fighting chance after all.

Sincerely,
Bear McGuinness
Dear Kristin Drumm,

I am grateful to Marin County for making edits to the SCA Ordinance. It is a nice change of pace to be hopeful about environmental legislation.

The exceptions were far too broad in the prior version of the SCA Ordinance. This 35-foot buffer is a great compromise to guarantee baseline protections.

The county needs to be mindful of the increased likelihood of more dangerous flood events. It is nonsensical to be permitting increased urbanization of streambanks which serve as the best way to defend against flash floods.

As time runs out, I cannot thank you enough for taking action. Individuals like you are the key to creating change and we greatly appreciate your willingness to positively change our world’s future.

Sincerely,
Anita Wisch
Dear Kristin Drumm,

Let’s move on from fighting! Pass the SCA Ordinance.

Without change, we will kill the last of the Coho Salmon that have populated the waters of Marin County for millions of years. We must enact change, protect the habitats of the Coho Salmon, and establish a secure future for Coho Salmon in Marin.

The San Geronimo Valley is noted for its abundance of beautiful flora and fauna. The Coho Salmon population is an integral part of this ecosystem, and we must protect it if we want to maintain the area's health and natural beauty.

Thank you for taking a stand for the environment! Passing this Stream Conservation Area Ordinance is something to be proud of.

Sincerely,

Rayline Dean

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Dear Kristin Drumm,

The time is now to finally pass the SCA! I am very concerned about the future of Coho Salmon in Marin County and increased flooding as a result of excessive development.

Without your help, we will lose all Coho Salmon in Marin County. As urbanization drives this species to extinction, we must protect their natural habitats in the upcoming Stream Conservation Area Ordinance.

An effective Ordinance can save both Coho Salmon from going extinct and preserve riparian buffers that serve as the best tool to combat flash floods. More impervious surfaces will result in more powerful flash floods that destroy critical winter salmon habitat and create more dangerous conditions for homeowners in the valley.

Thank you for all your work on this! I hope to see this Stream Conservation Area Ordinance pass.

Sincerely,

ALAN ARNOLD

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Dear Kristin Drumm,

I urge you to accept the appropriate adjustments to the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

Without immediate change, we will lose the Coho Salmon species forever. Ensure a future for this species by demanding the Board protect their habitats in the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance.

An effective Ordinance can save both Coho Salmon from going extinct and preserve riparian buffers that serve as the best tool to combat flash floods. More impervious surfaces will result in more powerful flash floods that destroy critical winter salmon habitat and create more dangerous conditions for homeowners in the valley.

Thank you so much for all the time and effort you have put into this. It's great to see folks compromising to make a real community-based change.

Sincerely,

Mary Walls

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Dear Kristin Drumm,

We must band together to save the Coho Salmon. They are relying on us to pass legislation to save the few that are left.

Two problems we are currently facing include the harmful effects of urbanization and flash floods, both of which are intertwined in the issue of restoring stamp salmon habitats. By protecting salmon habitat, we can preserve nature in Marin and decrease the risk of flooding. Restored habitat can absorb water and reduce energy in a flood situation instead of concrete, which can cause runoff and flooding in nearby developed areas and wash away coho nests.

With increasing urbanization and sprawl around the bay area, preserving the natural beauty in our backyard is crucial. It’s straightforward to take the breathtaking settings we call home for granted, but development and other habitat loss could endanger the sanctuary we’ve all come to love.

Thank you for taking the time out of your day to listen to how important this issue is. Together, we can and will make a difference.

Sincerely,

Anita Wisch
Dear Kristin Drumm,

I am writing to urge that you pass the improved SCA Ordinance with all of its edits. It has taken far too long to incorporate these necessary protections and we need to act now if we want to be able to mitigate climate change.

Coho Salmon have lost 95% of their population due to the ongoing climate crisis and the ongoing destruction of their habitats. Help us save the last 5% by acting now to secure a future for this native species.

During flash floods, as we saw in October, healthy riparian habitats slow down the water and reduce the damage done to marine wildlife and their natural habitats. If areas changed, concrete patios will destroy and cover these riparian habitats, causing runoff and consequential flooding.

A sustainable future is possible because of people like you. Thank you for listening to me today and taking the time to make a difference in our community.

Sincerely,

Loretta Figueroa
Dear Kristin Drumm,

Thank you for addressing our vulnerable streamside habitat. I am happy that the County is taking the initiative to get this done so that this Ordinance protects the vulnerable riparian habitat and protects the valley from flooding.

I have a lot of gratitude to the county for walking the walk and doing something to respond to the biodiversity crisis. The updated SCA Ordinance revisions have exciting policy solutions protecting Salmon and Valley residents.

Riparian habitats are nature’s best buffer to flash flood destruction. However, these habitats are being destroyed and replaced with concrete. The replacement of this habitat will increase the speed of the water, creating greater damage to the species within the water and the land surrounding it.

This fight could not be successful without people like you. I greatly appreciate your willingness to fight for Coho Salmon as they can not. Our time to secure a future for our wildlife is running out and I appreciate the difference you have made.

Sincerely,

Heather Denney
Dear Kristin Drumm,

Thank you for addressing our vulnerable streamside habitat. I am happy that the County is taking the initiative to get this done so that this Ordinance protects the vulnerable riparian habitat and protects the valley from flooding.

The prior SCA Ordinance was relatively confusing with all the exceptions and exemptions. A 35-foot buffer makes it easier for all stakeholders in the valley to understand.

Healthy streambanks are the best defense against flooding. Replacing riparian habitat with concrete patios close to the stream will prove to be detrimental for both salmon and neighbors who live downstream who will get impacted by floods.

I sincerely applaud your efforts to save our land in Marin County and the species that occupy it. With your help, we are one step closer to seeing a future being secured for Coho Salmon for years to come.

Sincerely,

Caroline Sévilla

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Dear Kristin Drumm,

Let’s put this issue to rest and pass the SCA Ordinance. Both the county and environmentalists seem to be on the same side.

The future of the Coho Salmon species relies on upholding their habitats in San Geronimo Valley. Without making changes to the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance, Coho Salmon will be gone from our waters forever.

Increased urbanization of streambanks will destroy the habitat of Coho Salmon, the land in which we live, and not only increase the harmful effects of flash flooding but also increase their likelihood.

Thank you for listening to me and understanding how important this change is to the future of not only our world today but also for the world of tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Nyah Einy

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Dear Kristin Drumm,

We cannot wait any longer on the Ordinance. This has been a long fight and for the streams and county’s sake, let’s pass the SCA and move on.

Salmon are already facing insurmountable odds at survival and do not need extra stressors such as excessive urbanization destroying their homes.

We need to be preserving all viable salmon habitat that we have left! The SCA’s greater protections for trees on the streambanks will result in better homes for Salmon and a more substantial buffer against flash floods.

Your support means so much to me. Thank you for understanding the severity of this issue and taking action, we are one person closer to enacting real change.

Sincerely,

Gayle Janzen

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Dear Kristin Drumm,

I appreciate all the work that has been done around the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance. Please pass the new SCA changes to save salmon and prevent flooding.

Coho Salmon have lost 95% of their population due to the ongoing climate crisis and the ongoing destruction of their habitats. Help us save the last 5% by acting now to secure a future for this native species.

As climate change increases the number of floods being seen in Marin County, surrounding homes, and wildlife within the streams, will face detrimental effects. We must pass legislation to reduce the harmful effects of urbanization and flash floods.

Thank you for taking a stand for the environment! Passing this Stream Conservation Area Ordinance is something to be proud of.

Sincerely,

Tanja Rieger
Dear Kristin Drumm,

Let’s put this issue to rest and pass the SCA Ordinance. Both the county and environmentalists seem to be on the same side.

Without immediate change, we will lose the Coho Salmon species forever. Ensure a future for this species by demanding the Board protect their habitats in the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance.

Marin County’s land is being destroyed by the disastrous effects of flash flooding. We must act to limit the amount of flash flooding and its effects by preserving our natural streambanks. Healthy riparian habitats serve as an energy buffer during flash floods, absorbing and slowing down the streamflow. If altered with man-made solutions, we will lose this natural buffer and greatly increase the damages done to our land by flash flooding.

I know this has been a long effort, and I am so grateful for the County taking the time to get this right. This gives me hope for the future!

Sincerely,

freddie williams

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Dear Kristin Drumm,

Please pass the SCA Ordinance so that it follows the California Environmental Quality Act. This Ordinance could be a great tool to save our streams that act as a great buffer from flooding caused by climate change.

Ephemeral streams need to have adequate protection if Salmon are to have a shot at survival. I applaud the county for creating this uniform 35-foot buffer in the San Geronimo Valley.

The land we call our own in San Geronimo Valley will be torn to shreds by flash floods with no change. Save our community and insist that urbanization be halted near our waters, protecting the habitat of the wildlife, and our own homes.

A sustainable future is possible because of people like you. Thank you for listening to me today and taking the time to make a difference in our community.

Sincerely,
roy fuller

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Dear Kristin Drumm,

I appreciate all the work that has been done around the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance. Please pass the new SCA changes to save salmon and prevent flooding.

The exceptions were far too broad in the prior version of the SCA Ordinance. This 35-foot buffer is a great compromise to guarantee baseline protections.

Please help us preserve the natural beauty of the San Geronimo valley by enforcing an ordinance that works to protect the habitats of many creatures and keeps the valley from Urbanization and overpopulation!

I appreciate you taking the time to consider my opinion, and I hope you do the right thing for the environment.

Sincerely,

Meryl Pinque
Dear Kristin Drumm,

Thank you for addressing the vulnerable Salmon habitat! I am writing to ask that you pass the new SCA Ordinance.

Thank you so much for fighting to protect no net loss of habitat in the San Geronimo Valley! I hope the county can continue to create policies similar to this in the rest of Marin.

The San Geronimo Valley is noted for its abundance of beautiful flora and fauna. The Coho Salmon population is an integral part of this ecosystem, and we must protect it if we want to maintain the area's health and natural beauty.

Thank you for taking the time to review my comment. We must act now to protect our land and the wildlife inhabiting it.

Sincerely,

Timothy Duda
Dear Kristin Drumm,

I appreciate all the hard work that has gone into creating this SCA Ordinance. I encourage you to approve the new modifications so the county can finally move on from this saga.

Science has shown that winter habitat is necessary for Coho Salmon to spawn, thus we must protect the streams in the San Geronimo Valley so this species doesn’t become a dinosaur.

Protecting the natural wildlife we have will become even more critical as climate change worsens the threat posed to them. The ordinance will allow us to do that for the local Coho population.

I look forward to having this put behind us! This gives me hope that this fragile environment will stand against climate change.

Sincerely,

Liana Lang
Dear Kristin Drum, 

Please pass the new version of the SCA Ordinance. Without proper protections, Coho salmon will most likely go extinct and there will be an exponential increase in flooding damage.

Central Coast Coho Salmon are a central part of Marin County. A species that has been driven to extinction by urbanization and the damming of rivers, we have an opportunity to turn the page and help bring these fish back from near extinction.

Healthy streambanks are the best defense against flooding. Replacing riparian habitat with concrete patios close to the stream will prove to be detrimental for both salmon and neighbors who live downstream who will get impacted by floods.

I want to acknowledge how much you have done. Without people like you, we would not be able to convince the board to pass an Ordinance with real enforcement. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Bobbi Lempert
Dear Kristin Drumm,

I ask that you please pass the SCA Ordinance so that it follows the California Environmental Quality Act, saves the streams, and protects folks from flooding.

Without our help, Coho Salmon will face complete extinction due to land developers destroying their natural habitats. Save our salmon and secure a permanent future for them in San Geronimo Valley.

Increased urbanization of streambanks will destroy the habitat of Coho Salmon, the land in which we live, and not only increase the harmful effects of flash flooding but also increase their likelihood.

Your support means so much to me. Thank you for understanding the severity of this issue and taking action, we are one person closer to enacting real change.

Sincerely,
Donna Juriga
Dear Kristin Drumm,

Please pass the new version of the SCA Ordinance. Without proper protections, Coho salmon will most likely go extinct and there will be an exponential increase in flooding damage.

Salmon are already facing insurmountable odds at survival and do not need extra stressors such as excessive urbanization destroying their homes.

As climate change continues, we are going to see more and more occurrences of major floods like we saw in October. Protecting the riparian habitat is the best defense we have. More concrete will lead to more runoff and thus more flooding.

I have to give credit where it’s due, so thank you. This could not be done without people like you, fighting for the protection of our natural resources, wildlife, and habitats.

Sincerely,

Mark Canright
Dear Kristin Drumm,

I am asking the Planning Commission to please protect the creeks in the San Geronimo Valley. The SCA will do a good job at protecting Coho Salmon or adequately addresses the risk of increased probability of major flooding.

Riparian Habitat is vital to Coho survival and the county has the chance to defend some of the most important spawning locations in all of California.

Marin County’s land is being destroyed by the disastrous effects of flash flooding. We must act to limit the amount of flash flooding and its effects by preserving our natural streambanks. Healthy riparian habitats serve as an energy buffer during flash floods, absorbing and slowing down the streamflow. If altered with man-made solutions, we will lose this natural buffer and greatly increase the damages done to our land by flash flooding.

Thank you for listening to me and understanding how important this change is to the future of not only our world today but also for the world of tomorrow.

Sincerely,

shirley mills
Dear Kristin Drumm,

Thank you for addressing our vulnerable streamside habitat. I am happy that the County is taking the initiative to get this done so that this Ordinance protects the vulnerable riparian habitat and protects the valley from flooding.

Marin County has a rare opportunity to take leadership against the biodiversity crisis and enact legislation that saves the salmon.

With increasing urbanization and sprawl around the bay area, preserving the natural beauty in our backyard is crucial. It’s straightforward to take the breathtaking settings we call home for granted, but development and other habitat loss could endanger the sanctuary we’ve all come to love.

I look forward to having this put behind us! This gives me hope that this fragile environment will stand against climate change.

Sincerely,
Anna Drummond

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Dear Kristin Drumm,

The biodiversity crisis coupled with the increased likelihood of flooding is of major concern in Marin. This SCA Ordinance could be an exciting solution for some of our more vulnerable areas.

Coho Salmon have lost 95% of their population due to the ongoing climate crisis and the ongoing destruction of their habitats. Help us save the last 5% by acting now to secure a future for this native species.

The land we call our own in San Geronimo Valley will be torn to shreds by flash floods with no change. Save our community and insist that urbanization be halted near our waters, protecting the habitat of the wildlife, and our own homes.

A sustainable future is possible because of people like you. Thank you for listening to me today and taking the time to make a difference in our community.

Sincerely,

Marion Kraus

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Dear Kristin Drumm,

Urbanization is killing the few Coho Salmon left! The to pass the SCA Ordinance is NOW!

Salmon populations are plummeting because of a lack of habitat. It's great to see we have mechanisms in the Ordinance that protect some of the most important riparian habitats in the state.

I appreciate the county reducing the build out allowance to 300 sq feet. More concrete would have led to more flash floods.

I sincerely applaud your efforts to save our land in Marin County and the species that occupy it. With your help, we are one step closer to seeing a future being secured for Coho Salmon for years to come.

Sincerely,

Pablo Bobe
Dear Kristin Drumm,

I am writing to ask you to approve the SCA Ordinance so we can finally address the extinction of Coho and prevent the increased risk of flooding in the valley.

I have a lot of gratitude to the county for walking the walk and doing something to respond to the biodiversity crisis. The updated SCA Ordinance revisions have exciting policy solutions protecting Salmon and Valley residents.

Increased urbanization of streambanks will destroy the habitat of Coho Salmon, the land in which we live, and not only increase the harmful effects of flash flooding but also increase their likelihood.

Thank you for listening to me and expressing your care for the necessary change. I am delighted to come together as a community to facilitate a more sustainable future.

Sincerely,

Vic Bostock
Dear Kristin Drumm,

I am very grateful for the County working so hard on the improved SCA Ordinance. It is an encouraging sign to see that this drawn-out fight may be coming to an end.

Climate change is threatening ecosystems nationwide. Locally our Coho Salmon population is on the brink of extinction, help us prevent that from happening by passing an ordinance to protect their habitat!

Every supervisor should be concerned about flooding, and the best way to deal with that is to protect our streambanks. Healthy riparian habitat serves as an energy buffer during flash floods, absorbing and slowing down the streamflow. In contrast, impermeable surfaces will only intensify flood events, giving streams more energy and further endangering homeowners and salmonids.

Thank you for taking the time out of your day to listen to how important this issue is. Together, we can and will make a difference.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Marks

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Dear Kristin Drumm,

The biodiversity crisis coupled with the increased likelihood of flooding is of major concern in Marin. This SCA Ordinance could be an exciting solution for some of our more vulnerable areas.

I appreciate the County using its science to guide its policy-making, as the 35-foot buffer was recommended in the County’s Salmon Enhancement Plan for San Geronimo Valley.

Through this ordinance, we can set a precedent for implementing a policy that works for humans and the ecosystems that surround us. These ecosystems are what give Marin such amazing natural beauty, something many in Marin value highly.

I appreciate you for taking the time to make a change today and secure a better future for tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Phillip Hope
Dear Kristin Drumm,

Please pass the SCA Ordinance so we can finally get this important policy over the finish line!

As the Planning Commission knows, the San Geronimo Valley contains some of the most vital Coho Salmon spawning habitats in all of California. It was such a treat this early winter to get the opportunity to see these fish return after our wave of storms in the late fall.

The ongoing climate crisis is only showing an increased amount of flash flooding. In order to prevent irreversible damage to surrounding land and the marine life within the water, we must preserve our natural streambanks and not permit urbanization.

We can finally put this fight behind us and begin healing. Please do the right thing!

Sincerely,

Gianluca Guaitoli

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Dear Kristin Drumm,

Please pass the SCA Ordinance so we can finally get this important policy over the finish line!

The prior SCA Ordinance was relatively confusing with all the exceptions and exemptions. A 35-foot buffer makes it easier for all stakeholders in the valley to understand.

I appreciate the county reducing the build out allowance to 300 sq feet. More concrete would have led to more flash floods.

Thank you for taking your time today to listen to this crucial issue. Time is running out and we must act now to ensure a future of change.

Sincerely,

Dobi Dobroslawa
Dear Kristin Drumm,

We cannot wait any longer on the Ordinance. This has been a long fight and for the streams and county’s sake, let’s pass the SCA and move on.

Salmon are already facing insurmountable odds at survival and do not need extra stressors such as excessive urbanization destroying their homes.

An effective Ordinance can save both Coho Salmon from going extinct and preserve riparian buffers that serve as the best tool to combat flash floods. More impervious surfaces will result in more powerful flash floods that destroy critical winter salmon habitat and create more dangerous conditions for homeowners in the valley.

Thank you for taking a stand for the environment! Passing this Stream Conservation Area Ordinance is something to be proud of.

Sincerely,

Peggy Merz
Dear Kristin Drumm,

I am writing to ask that you pass the SCA Ordinance! Time is running out for Coho Salmon, and we need to see real leadership from the Planning Commission to protect the riparian habitat.

I appreciate the County using its science to guide its policy-making, as the 35-foot buffer was recommended in the County’s Salmon Enhancement Plan for San Geronimo Valley.

We need to be preserving all viable salmon habitat that we have left! The SCA’s greater protections for trees on the streambanks will result in better homes for Salmon and a more substantial buffer against flash floods.

I know this has been a long effort, and I am so grateful for the County taking the time to get this right. This gives me hope for the future!

Sincerely,

Susan Ives

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Dear Kristin Drumm,

This is an exciting opportunity for the county to pass a solutions-oriented Climate Change policy. Please end this 15-year fight and pass the SCA Ordinance.

Marin County has a rare opportunity to take leadership against the biodiversity crisis and enact legislation that saves the salmon.

The San Geronimo Valley is noted for its abundance of beautiful flora and fauna. The Coho Salmon population is an integral part of this ecosystem, and we must protect it if we want to maintain the area's health and natural beauty.

Thank you for fighting for the Coho Salmon and allowing me to express my concern today. This fight is crucial to our waters, our planet, and our future. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Richard Ordonez
Dear Kristin Drumm,

I urge you to accept the appropriate adjustments to the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

The prior SCA Ordinance was relatively confusing with all the exceptions and exemptions. A 35-foot buffer makes it easier for all stakeholders in the valley to understand.

Riparian habitats are used as energy buffers during flash floods in order to slow down the streamflow while absorbing the force of the flood. If destroyed by concrete, flood events will become exponentially more dangerous, harming the habitat surrounding the water and the life inside of it.

Thank you for all your work on this! I hope to see this Stream Conservation Area Ordinance pass.

Sincerely,

Colleen Lobel
Dear Kristin Drumm,

I ask that you please pass the SCA Ordinance so that it follows the California Environmental Quality Act, saves the streams, and protects folks from flooding.

Without your help, we will lose all Coho Salmon in Marin County. As urbanization drives this species to extinction, we must protect their natural habitats in the upcoming Stream Conservation Area Ordinance.

The county is trying to permit the continuation of urbanization while its effects have already caused an increase in flash flooding and the near extinction of the Coho Salmon population. We must protect our land by enacting legislation that prevents the destruction of natural habitats.

Thank you for all your work on this! I hope to see this Stream Conservation Area Ordinance pass.

Sincerely,

Alena Sharp
Dear Kristin Drumm,

I am asking the Planning Commission to please protect the creeks in the San Geronimo Valley. The SCA will do a good job at protecting Coho Salmon or adequately addresses the risk of increased probability of major flooding.

Coho Salmon have lost 95% of their population due to the ongoing climate crisis and the ongoing destruction of their habitats. Help us save the last 5% by acting now to secure a future for this native species.

We need to be preserving all viable salmon habitat that we have left! The SCA's greater protections for trees on the streambanks will result in better homes for Salmon and a more substantial buffer against flash floods.

Thank you for taking a stand for the environment! Passing this Stream Conservation Area Ordinance is something to be proud of.

Sincerely,

Mikaila Levine