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On June 13, 2022, the Marin County Planning Commission approved the expanded Stream Conservation Area Ordinance (SCAO) for the San Geronimo Valley to be voted on by the Board of Supervisors on July 19th. The Ordinance aims to mitigate the adverse impacts on salmonid habitat and survival in the San Geronimo Valley caused by increased buildout under the 2007 Countywide Plan. Utilizing the County's own scientific analysis and conclusions in its 2010 Salmon Enhancement Plan (SEP)<sup>2</sup> and its Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (FSEIR)<sup>3</sup> for the 2007 Countywide Plan, Marin County Community Development Agency (CDA) drafted an SCAO that fulfills the County's commitment to protecting riparian habitats in the San Geronimo Valley and meets the legal requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.

I first would like to acknowledge and congratulate the staff at Marin County CDA, including but not limited to Kristen Drumm, Tom Lai, Jack Libster, and Sarah Jones, for the arduous task of balancing stakeholder interests to construct an effective SCAO. I also would like to extend my gratitude to the Marin County Planning Commission for its recommendations and robust dialogue in analyzing the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance this last year. Their leadership,

input, and support are greatly appreciated in this final iteration of the expanded stream conservation area ordinance.

For the last 15 years, SPAWN has fought to adopt a science-based SCAO in the San Geronimo Valley that would protect some of the most vulnerable salmon habitats left in California from development. Litigation has its time and place but so does compromise. While this SCAO may not be perfect, it is a pragmatic solution that adequately addresses the environmental obstacles before us.

SPAWN asks the Board of Supervisors to close this chapter and adopt the proposed expanded Stream Conservation Area Ordinance considered and approved by the Planning Commission on June 13, 2022.<sup>1</sup>

### **I Marin County's science attributes Salmonids' decline to habitat loss.**

The adoption of an SCAO came from the County of Marin's science. The County's FSEIR identified the low abundance and quality of overwintering habitat as the principal factor limiting salmonid production in the San Geronimo Valley (FSEIR pg 120, 5-7), and concluded that development causes "reductions in salmonid overwintering habitat quality and quantity (FSEIR pg 102, 3-27). The FSEIR identified two potentially significant cumulative environmental impacts of buildout under the 2007 Countywide Plan: (1) reduced survival of juvenile fry and juvenile salmonid life stages due to reduced winter rearing habitat, and (2) reduced salmonid spawning success due to elevated sediment delivery and increased high flow frequency and magnitude.

The FSEIR relied on adopting the SCAO to mitigate these environmental impacts. As the FSEIR explained, "the adoption of an expanded SCA ordinance, including more rigorous permitting and compliance requirements...would prevent additional impacts to salmonid rearing habitat by minimizing future alteration to [harmful] processes and conditions." (FSEIR pg 139, 5-26).

### **II Adoption of an SCAO came from both the 1994 and 2007 CWPs**

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<sup>1</sup> SPAWN has identified typographical errors in the version of the SCA Ordinance included in Attachment 1 to the Board Letter agendized for the Board's July 19, 2022 meeting. These are clearly incidental and unintentional variances, as made clear by the Board Letter itself, which recommends approval of the SCA Ordinance as presented to the Planning Commission on June 13, 2022. We request that the Board adopt the version of the Ordinance presented to the Planning Commission, consistent with the Board Letter, and ask that the County correct these typographical errors prior to final adoption by the Board. SPAWN's comments herein are thus directed to the version of the SCA Ordinance presented to the Planning Commission on June 13, 2022.

Identifying Stream Conservation Area Ordinances as a viable policy solution can be found in the 1994<sup>4</sup> and 2007<sup>5</sup> Countywide Plans (CWPs) and the FSEIR.

The 1994 CWP Program EQ-2.3a affirms, "The County shall implement the policies for Stream Conservation Areas through its established permit review process and/or through adoption specific new Ordinances" (1994 CWP Pg 79). The 1994 CWP addresses the significance of adopting SCA protections under Policy EQ-2.13, stating, "SCAs are the most important land areas for wildlife possessing greater numbers and variety than any other area... Fishery resources depend on the protection of SCAs to provide quality aquatic habitats. It is important that the wildlife habitat areas in streamside communities be permanently maintained and enhanced" (1994 CWP Pg 83).

Adopting an expanded SCA Ordinance is subsequently cited under BIO-4.1 in the 2007 CWP as an implementing program to achieve the no net less habitat principle for critical riparian buffers, discussed below (2007 CWP).

### **III Best available science and Marin CWPs guided the substance of the SCAO**

The expanded SCA Ordinance comprises common-sense protections based on the County's science and policies set forth in the 2007 and 1994 Countywide Plans and its analysis of necessary mitigation in the FSEIR.

#### *No Net Habitat Loss*

This guiding principle of the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance reflects Policy Bio 2.1 in the 2007 CWP, which requires the County to adopt "adequate mitigation measures for ensuring the protection of any sensitive resources and achieving 'no net loss of sensitive habitat acreage, values, and function.'" (2007 CWP Pg 52, 2-19). Streams were recognized as sensitive habitat in the 1994 CWP, Policy EQ 2.1, which stated, "Riparian Systems, streams, and their riparian and woodland habitat are irreplaceable and should be officially recognized and protected as essential environmental resources." (1994 CWP Page 78, EQ-26). Policy Bio 4.2 also bars approval of development permit applications if the project, among other things, causes a net loss in habitat acreage, value, or function.

#### *2:1 Habitat Replacement Ratio*

Policies to achieve the "no net loss of habitat" target include a 2:1 revegetation ratio when development occurs within the SCA. This initiative is not a novel idea and was recommended in the 1994 and 2007 CWP, the FSEIR, and the SEP. The 2007 CWP, for instance, requires

“replacement and enhancement planting to be monitored and maintained until successful establishment provides for a minimum replacement or enhancement ratio of 2:1.” (2007 CWP Bio 4.1) The FSEIR takes this policy a step further, requiring a 3:1 offsite habitat replacement of riparian vegetation where onsite mitigation is not feasible (FSEIR Pg 139 5-26), and the SEP calls for a 4:1 replacement ratio for shallower bank slopes (SEP Pg 49, 2-38).

Habitat replacement ratios would not be unique to just Marin County’s SCA Ordinance. Stronger protections can be found in similar stream protection ordinances from neighboring counties, such as Napa County’s Water Quality and Tree Protection Ordinance.<sup>6</sup> Napa County requires a minimum of a 3:1 habitat replacement ratio to mitigate any “removal of any vegetation canopy cover” or a minimum 2:1 preservation ratio where a restoration plan is prepared by a qualified professional.” (Napa Pg 12).

### *35-foot Setback and Ephemeral Stream Protections*

An additional component of the SCAO creates more robust limitations on development within the first 35 feet of a stream. This policy originates from the County's SEP, which calls for more robust protections for this particularly sensitive and important riparian buffer (SEP Pg 33, 2-22). The Ordinance also extends setback protections to ephemeral (seasonal) streams in the San Geronimo Valley, consistent with the science and best practices. Expanding setback protections to ephemeral (seasonal) streams is not novel. Napa's version of an SCAO also requires a minimum setback of 35 feet for ephemeral streams (NAPA Pg 12). Ephemeral streams have significant ecological importance, serving as a transfer system for required nutrients from perennial (year-round) streams that support salmon. Climate change will bring about more frequent occurrences of flash floods. The U.S. EPA<sup>7</sup> recognizes the importance of ephemeral streams on “stream energy dissipation during high-water flows to reduce erosion and improve water quality.” As we saw in October, flooding is already a significant concern in the valley, and the health of ephemeral streams will become more imperative to absorb floodwaters, slowing the pace of water downstream while entraining sediments along the banks.

### *Habitat Restoration Program*

SPAWN supports the SCAO’s establishment of a habitat restoration program to restore previously degraded riparian habitat in the San Geronimo Valley. Establishing a habitat restoration program will allocate resources toward County policies and implementation programs in the 2007 CWP that call for riparian habitat restoration. Such programs include, for instance, WR-1.f *Require stream restoration projects*, Policy WR-1.2 *Restore and Enhance Watersheds*, Policy BIO-4.5 *Restore and Stabilize Stream Channels*, Policy BIO-4.8 *Reclaim Damaged Portions of SCAs*, and Policy BIO-4.11 *Promote Riparian Protection*. (2007 CWP) The



development impact fee called for in the SCAO will, by funding these important restoration programs, offset impacts to riparian resources in the SCA that cannot otherwise be fully mitigated.

### *Science-Driven Reporting*

If this SCAO passes, the best available science will continue to guide the SCAO. The Board of Supervisors will receive bi-annual reports that quantitatively measure the SCAO's efficacy through eight performance indicators. This will allow a science-driven dialogue on how to best protect the streams. It will also meet the County's legal requirements to monitor the implementation of its mitigation program.

This reporting is required by CEQA, which mandates that public agencies monitor or report on their adopted mitigation. SPAWN also recommends that, in addition to this mandatory reporting, the County consider at a future point implementing more robust on-the-ground monitoring of SCAs, as called for in the 2007 CWP. See 2007 CWP Implementing Program Bio 4.1 *Monitor Stream Conservation Areas*, calling for "a system of monitoring SCAs, which may include mapping fenced streams and stream restoration areas to ensure the protection of vegetation, soils, water quality, and wildlife habitat along streams." (2007 CWP Pg 71, 2-38).

### **IV The SCAO does not impede best fire management practices.**

The SCAO is carefully calibrated to ensure that its riparian habitat protections are consistent with best fire management practices and public safety. Put simply, this Ordinance does not conflict with nor supersede existing County or state defensible space requirements or vegetation management policies for fire safety, and it ensures that the additional process required for development proposals within sensitive riparian areas does not interfere with public safety. Among measures in the SCAO that reflect this calibration are certain carveouts from site plan review for tree trimming and removal of pyrophytic vegetation, so long as the removal is consistent with existing County requirements, and for removal of any trees that place the public in immediate danger.

### **V The SCAO has broad community support.**

In a sign of unity, the majority of local conservation and environmental organizations support the adoption of the SCAO, including San Geronimo Valley Planning Group, Sierra Club Marin Group, West Marin EAC, Marin Audubon Society, Natural Heritage Institute, The River Ecology Project, Marin Chapter of the California Native Plant Society, Watershed Alliance of Marin, and The Marin Conservation League.

## **VI The SCAO offers a local solution to the Global Biodiversity Crisis.**

Salmon face an uphill battle due to the rise of dams, concrete retainment walls, and anthropogenic-driven climate change. The UN Convention on Biological Diversity found that nature is being destroyed at a rate up to hundreds of times higher than the average for the previous 10 million years. Marin County is on the front lines of this crisis, as the loss of streamside habitat has contributed to a 95 % reduction of Coho Salmon. The County identified the Lagunitas Creek Watershed as the “most important”<sup>8</sup> Coho Salmon run in all of California, and the San Geronimo Valley sustains a third of all salmonid spawning and rearing activity in the watershed. While the SCA may be small in scale, it is an excellent example of how streamside communities can do their part by integrating science-based protections to vulnerable habitats. Marin’s streams are in greater peril than when the SCAO was first proposed nearly 30 years ago. As the valley goes, so do the salmon, making it paramount to protect the riparian habitat we have left while we continue to work hard to restore the habitats that we’ve lost.

Let's think globally, act locally, and pass the expanded Stream Conservation Area Ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Webb  
Advocacy & Policy Manager  
Salmon Protection and Watershed Network

## Citations

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This letter represents community groups and nongovernmental organizations in Marin County that 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. Marin County is on the front lines of the Biodiversity crisis, as the loss of streamside habitat has contributed to a 95 % reduction of Coho Salmon. The County identified the Lagunitas Creek Watershed as the "most important" Coho Salmon run in all of California, and the San Geronimo Valley sustains a third of all salmonid spawning and rearing activity in the watershed. 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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Barbara Salzman  
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**From:** BILL REMPFER <billremper@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 14, 2022 10:49 AM  
**To:** Rodoni, Dennis  
**Cc:** Kutter, Rhonda; Barreto, Fernando; Connolly, Damon; Rice, Katie; BOS  
**Subject:** Re: Further Concerns regarding the San Geronimo Valley Stream Conservation Area Ordinance

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Dear Supervisor Rodoni,

I appreciate your comments. I had actually followed with interest the efforts of the Planning Commission before I first wrote you.

Given the critically important and far-reaching ramifications of the Ordinance, some potentially unexpected and unintended - especially in light of the recent reporting of James Barnes - I still believe it prudent to err on the side of caution and include a Sunset provision which would allow us to evaluate and address the Ordinance's effectiveness and short-comings over time. Absent same, I must respectfully request that as my Supervisor representing my expressed interests you vote "Nay" on the Ordinance. Thank you.

Best regards,  
Bill Rempfer

On 7/13/2022 4:31 PM, Rodoni, Dennis wrote:

Bill, thanks for your email and comments. I am sure you are aware this is a revised SCA that was adopted and supported in 2012 only to be stopped by CEQA issues. All those issues have been resolved including challenges by SPAWM with this ordinance, which the judge told us to adopt. This ordinance for the first time gives property owners a clear process to do work on their property, something they haven't had since 2012. This ordinance will require MC Fire and CDA to work together to develop clear guidelines about what vegetation management means in the SCA. Regards, Dennis

PS I am also attaching the Planning commission hearing on the SCA, hopefully you can review the staff presentation when you have time.

**From:** BILL REMPFER <billremper@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 13, 2022 3:25 PM  
**To:** Rodoni, Dennis <DRodoni@marincounty.org>  
**Cc:** Kutter, Rhonda <RKutter@marincounty.org>; Drumm, Kristin <KDrumm@marincounty.org>; Barreto, Fernando <fbarreto@marincounty.org>; BOS <BOS@marincounty.org>  
**Subject:** Further Concerns regarding the San Geronimo Valley Stream Conservation Area Ordinance

Dear Supervisor Rodoni,

Let me apologize for the prematurely abruptly shortened version of this note... the dog hit "send". To continue,

Early in June I had shared my concerns about the proposed Stream Conservation Area Ordinance with you and others, attached.

I just received notice of the July 19 meeting where the latest version of the Ordinance will be considered and voted on.

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**From:** wkallins@igc.org  
**Sent:** Friday, July 15, 2022 9:42 AM  
**To:** BOS  
**Subject:** Streamside ordinance

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I have a major concern about the revised anonymous reporting system that is being required in the new Streamside ordinance. I don't own streamside property so this doesn't affect me personally. But I have lots of friends who live along the creek and I want to make sure the 900 families who do live along the creek are treated fairly.

In the ordinance, which comes out of the settlement agreement, people can report an infraction to the county completely anonymously. This new system has me very concerned as it opens the door to harassment. The county currently has a reporting structure that keeps the complainant anonymous to the property owner but they do have to give their name to the county. This seems like a fairer system because the county can track those who are abusing the system. This current system should be kept in place for this ordinance.

The settlement agreement also asks the county to set up a restoration fund using impact fees which is also fine, as we all want to see that work done. But what if the same people reporting property owners along the creek anonymously (even to the county) and work for an organization that then subsequently gets contracts to do restoration work. Isn't this a conflict of interest?

The Board of Supervisors should make sure that this system is not abused by hostile neighbors or someone who can ultimately benefit financially.

Wendi Kallins

Forest Knolls

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**From:** carol fagan <carolffagan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 19, 2022 8:24 AM  
**To:** BOS; Rodoni, Dennis; Rice, Katie; Moulton-Peters, Stephanie; Arnold, Judy; Connolly, Damon  
**Subject:** SGV-SCO needs changes!!!

Dear Supervisors:

I am a current resident in San Geronimo and my family has lived in the SG Valley since 1968 so I am well aware of the decline of salmon as well as the politics in our area. I am in favor of protecting the creekside areas and wildlife in our County. However, regarding the proposed San Geronimo Valley - Stream Conservation Ordinance (SGV-SCO), I have several specific concerns about the way it is currently written. I would like you to address these concerns by sending the Ordinance back to staff for certain clarifications and changes, which won't harm the intent of the ordinance but will make it more fair for all involved.

Thank you,  
Carol Fagan RN  
San Geronimo

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2b. Insert a clause that specifically allows for removal of Douglas Fir trees within range of structures because they have very shallow root systems, are prone to rot in the creek zone, and therefore pose a danger to life and property; regardless of tree size, since the large ones are the most dangerous.

3a. Keep the County's existing and adequate anonymous complaint reporting system (wherein the complainant is known to the county but not to the person they are reporting) rather than adding a new, completely anonymous one specific to the SGV-SCO as prescribed in the Settlement Agreement. (See Page 8 item 2, [bos letter 07192022.pdf](#) ([marincounty.org](https://www.marincounty.org))).

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4a. Add a clause that the SGV-SCO be evaluated for renewal or discontinuation after five years, having considered data regarding changing numbers of returning salmon and financial impacts on streamside homeowners. Add this to the data which will be reported in the Biannual Report Metrics (page 8 and 9, [bos letter 07192022.pdf \(marincounty.org\)](#)).

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**From:** lenore arnoux <lenoreable@mac.com>  
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**To:** BOS; Rodoni, Dennis  
**Subject:** Stream ordinance

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Good morning. My name is Lenore Arnoux and my family has resided in the SG valley since 1985. Our property is along the creek so we are aware of the current decline of salmon in the Lagunitas Creek and astutely aware of the politics of this beautiful area.

I am in favor of protecting the creekside areas and wildlife in our County. However, regarding the proposed San Geronimo Valley - Stream Conservation Ordinance (SGV-SCO), I have several specific concerns about the way it is currently written. I would like you to address these concerns by sending the Ordinance back to staff for certain clarifications and changes, which won't harm the intent of the ordinance but will make it more fair for all involved.

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**Subject:** San Geronimo Valley Stream Conservation Ordinance

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Dear Supervisor,

Thank you for all your hard work representing the citizens of Marin. Regarding the proposed San Geronimo Valley - Stream Conservation Ordinance (SGV-SCO), we have several specific concerns.

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reporting) rather than adding a new, completely anonymous one specific to the SGV-SCO as prescribed in the Settlement Agreement.

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4a. Add a clause that the SGV-SCO be evaluated for renewal or discontinuation after five years, having considered data regarding changing numbers of returning salmon and financial impacts on streamside homeowners.

4b. If the SGV-SCO is renewed or made permanent, it will be in effect is creating an uncompensated conservation easement impacting specifically the 900 families that live along the SGV creek areas: real estate and insurance professionals have agreed that it would be a significant devaluation for the affected properties. Please consider a one-time reimbursement to cover the taking of development rights from these families; perhaps use MALT purchase of development rights as a model.

## SAN GERONIMO VALLEY STREAM SYSTEMS AND THEIR IMPORTANCE

PURPOSE: The purpose of this report is to describe San Geronimo Creek, one of the natural resources of the area and plan its use to best serve the needs of the community.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: San Geronimo Creek lies in the mid-portion of Marin County about 2.5 miles due west of San Rafael. It is one of the major tributaries of Lagunitas Creek (Papermill Creek) and flows a distance of 5.5 miles in a westerly direction through San Geronimo Valley to its confluence with the parent stream. Numerous small tributaries enter along its course from both sides of the Valley. The main stream gradient is slight averaging 70 foot drop per mile; while the tributaries draining the hillside slopes are all somewhat steeper. Elevations extend from 560 ft at White's Hill to 160 ft. at the mouth. The main stream flows a distance of 5.5 miles while the combined permanent flowing tributaries are 10.2 miles long. The entire watershed of the creek covers 102 square miles.

The flow regime in San Geronimo Creek ranges from a high of      ft. during peak runoff in winter storms to a low summer - fall flow of slightly less than one foot. Tributary flows are largely sustained by percolated of waters absorbed by the mountain slopes during the rainy season. Throughout the length of San Geronimo Valley the creek is slightly entrenched in the alluvial fill of the valley floor.

The streambed is composed mainly of rubble; gravel and sand with occasional bedrock outcroppings. Near its mouth is a bedrock narrow canyon area known locally as the "inkwells" that contain the only waterfall (5 ft. high) and deep pools (up to 7 ft.) in the stream. Otherwise pools seldom are over two feet in depth.

a distinctive scenic attraction throughout the valley. Throughout most of its distance it is still wild woodland with large rebarian trees providing shade. Three small towns, San Geronimo, Forest Knolls and Lagunitas along the lower section of the valley contain clustered residence whose frontage or rears border on the stream. In the valley proper there is a golf course and a large water treatment facility and several other public utility structures. The largest town, Woodacre, is located in a tributary valley on the south side. Most other residences are located in the tributary valleys on either side. However the majority of the watershed on both sides of the valley still remains in wild lands.

One major highway, a main interconnection between East and West Marin extends throughout the length of the Valley floor. An extensive network of paved roads exists throughout the residential areas, up the tributary canyons and periodically across the valley floor. In addition there exists an extensive network of unpaved roads on the hillside slopes.

#### SOILS:

TOPOGRAPHY: The Valley itself is approximately 15 miles long and 2 1/2 miles wide. A sizeable secondary finger valley exists in the Woodacre area. Other tributary canyons (4-5) are quite narrow and are less than 2 miles in length. The ridges on the north and south side of the valley are about 1000-1500 ft. high and possess moderately steep sideslopes.

## ECOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS

1. Fisheries Resources: San Geronimo Creek, as part of the Lagunitas Creek system supports runs of both silver salmon and steelhead. These fish in the fall and winter migrate upstream from the ocean via Tomales Bay into the San Geronimo Creek and its tributaries. Spawning occurs even in the small tributaries throughout San Geronimo Valley. The resulting juvenile fishes remain in the stream from 1-2 years before migrating downstream to the ocean to complete their life cycles. The use of these small streams as a spawning and nursery area is essential to the maintenance of these two species. The adults of the salmon and steelhead reared in this creek contribute to the ocean sport and commercial fishery. Once they leave tidewater and enter Lagunitas - San Geronimo Creeks the adults are fully protected. During the summer months the two year old juvenile steelhead are caught in the streams as "trout". Their presence is of primary importance in providing fishing recreation for children. Although the current size of these fish runs is not known there are still sufficient adults spawning each year to adequately utilize the existing habitat. Run size has declined over the past 25 years mainly from loss of suitable habitat due to soil erosion and sedimentation plus pollution.

Water Resource: No major dams or major water developments exist on San Geronimo Creek or its tributaries. In fact the only present direct consumptive uses are the diversion of SOME headwaters tributaries into storage tanks by Marin Municipal Water District for domestic and fire control purposes. No known damsites for potential impoundment of creek waters are known to exist. The principal water uses to which the creek is suited are fisheries, recreation, and scenic.



Water quality is currently fair, being influenced primarily by three factors: Turbidity and sedimentation from soil erosion throughout the drainage, partial pollution from residential septic tank systems and periodic pollutant discharges from the water treatment plant. Scenic or aesthetic aspects of the creek are affected by litter and trash dumping through residential and public use areas.

Wildlife: The creek bottom throughout the Valley with its marginal vegetation creates the living area for a large variety of mammals, birds and plants that would otherwise not be present. As long as the habitat of these species is protected and maintained they will continue to be present.

Recreation and Aesthetics: The creek and its tributary network throughout the Valley represent a natural asset to the community that should be both cherished and protected. Perhaps its most outstanding value is the scenic beauty it adds to the general rural character of the Valley. From many locations in the Valley you are within direct sight of the stream or its lush green vegetative covering of alders and willows. Stream areas of special importance for viewing in which the stream beauty should be specially maintained are noted on the map.

All areas through which the stream flows are currently in private ownership. However certain streamside areas do lend themselves to public use and should be so defined as open space and possibly for future public acquisition.

Public Health: The degree to which leakage from septic tank systems into the creek constitutes a health hazard has never been clarified. Studies made by the County Public Health Department and the Regional Water Quality Control Board indicate: (N. COMPTON)  
During the summer months there is considerable swimming and wading use of both lower San Geronimo Creek in the Inkwell area and Lagunitas Creek throughout Taylor State Park.

SPOTIFIC PROBLEMS AND THEIR SOLUTIONS IN RELATION TO MAJOR LAND AND  
WATER USES

1. Protection of the Stream as a Scenic Asset

Problem: As land use development encroaches on the stream margin the scenic value of San Geronimo Creek are continuously threatened with gradual deterioration. Each section of stream margin cleared, each new residence or public structure built adjacent to the stream destroys a small bit of its remaining value. We are all familiar with communities where stream misuse has continued to the point where the stream through the community is a nuisance flood channel rather than an aesthetic asset.

SOLUTION

Solution: This downward trend can be halted and the substantial scenic assets currently found in San Geronimo Creek retained through establishment in the overall area plan of stream protection zones. On the main stream this is recommended to extend 50 ft. horizontal distance on each bank measured from the high water mark. On the tributary streams 25 ft. width is recommended. By exercising some control and taking care of what land uses are made within the stream protection zone the integrity of the stream can be maintained. By observing certain controls within the SP Zone further deterioration of the stream values can be prevented. There are:

1. No construction of dwellings or structures within the SP Zone.
2. No operation of heavy equipment in or near stream channels without special written authority from the County Planning Department.
3. No cutting of trees or removal of vegetation within the SP Zone except by special permission from the County Planning Department.
4. Where ground surfaces are necessarily disturbed and bare soil exposed within the SP Zone it will be reseeded and the vegetative cover reestablished as soon as possible by the party or parties causing the disturbance.

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: nandearna@comcast.net

Submitted at: Mon, 07/18/2022 - 14:56

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

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

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.

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

Sincerely,

Nancy Hanson

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: susanna.frohman@gmail.com

Submitted at: Mon, 07/18/2022 - 13:41

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I am writing to urge you to pass the improved SCA Ordinance with all 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.

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 their likelihood.

I am excited to see the County allocating resources for increased enforcement to protect our streams! Equitable enforcement is key to achieving no net habitat loss through this Ordinance.

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,

Susanna Frohman

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: aercelawn@yahoo.com

Submitted at: Mon, 07/18/2022 - 12:02

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

To conserve the Coho Salmon, we must work together. They are counting on us to enact laws to protect the few survivors.

The San Geronimo Valley has to be protected to ensure the survival of the Coho Salmon population. No matter how many adjustments are made, if the SCA is not passed, Coho Salmon will become extinct from our waters forever.

We appreciate you including protections for Ephemeral streams! With the help of these measures, atmospheric rivers will be given the required buffers to prevent flooding.

I appreciate all the hard work you've put into this. I have high hopes that the Stream Conservation Ordinance will pass.

Sincerely,

Ayesha Ercelawn

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: bobfrank887@gmail.com

Submitted at: Mon, 07/18/2022 - 09:52

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. I am incredibly concerned about the future of the Coho Salmon, and I am asking you to approve the proposed SCA Ordinance. This Ordinance is the only thing that will genuinely protect the future of Coho Salmon.

Climate change, river damming, and urbanization is putting San Geronimo Valley Coho Salmon in danger of extinction. We must unite as a community to prevent the eradication of this species.

The fact that the SCA Ordinance is based on county-owned research from its Salmon Enhancement Plan gives me comfort. I find it encouraging that the County is giving science more weight than politics.

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

Sincerely,

Robert Frank

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: bobfrank887@gmail.com

Submitted at: Mon, 07/18/2022 - 09:51

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Thank you for taking the time to read my email. I am incredibly concerned about the future of the Coho Salmon, and I am asking you to approve the proposed SCA Ordinance. This Ordinance is the only thing that will genuinely protect the future of Coho Salmon.

Climate change, river damming, and urbanization is putting San Geronimo Valley Coho Salmon in danger of extinction. We must unite as a community to prevent the eradication of this species.

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Sincerely,

Robert Frank

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: [audrey.fusco@gmail.com](mailto:audrey.fusco@gmail.com)

Submitted at: Mon, 07/18/2022 - 09:20

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

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

The anonymous complaint process is an exciting idea to give folks more assurance that they will not face retribution for trying to protect vulnerable habitats.

Your care means a great deal to me. We are one step closer to making meaningful change because of your awareness of the gravity of this issue and your immediate actions.

Sincerely,

Audrey Fusco



# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: Zoolojest@gmail.com  
Submitted at: Sun, 07/17/2022 - 16:54

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

As Marin County continues to grow, the native Coho Salmon species is at risk of extinction. Become a part of the effort to ensure the survival of this species by joining us in supporting the proposed Stream Conservation Area Ordinance.

The county's desire to ensure no net habitat loss in the San Geronimo Valley is encouraging. It's great to know that critical ecosystems will be protected when the rest of the Bay Area is turning into concrete.

I appreciate you listening to this critical topic today. To guarantee a future of progress, we must act fast - time is running out.

Sincerely,

Roman LoBianco

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: tinaedmond@comcast.net

Submitted at: Thu, 07/14/2022 - 22:49

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I'm writing to ask you to pass the SCA Ordinance so we can finally do something about the Coho going extinct and stop the risk of flooding in the Geronimo valley from worsening.

Without your 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.

The fact that the SCA Ordinance is based on county-owned research from its Salmon Enhancement Plan gives me comfort. I find it encouraging that the County is giving science more weight than politics.

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

Sincerely,

Tina Edmond

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: lupe.xochitl@gmail.com

Submitted at: Thu, 07/14/2022 - 06:53

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

The anonymous complaint process is an exciting idea to give folks more assurance that they will not face retribution for trying to protect vulnerable habitats.

Thank you for hearing me out and recognizing how critical this shift is to the future of not just our planet but also the world of tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Guadalupe Killion

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: amoebaman@comcast.net

Submitted at: Wed, 07/13/2022 - 22:06

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

If immediate action is not taken, the native Coho Salmon species will become extinct as Marin County continues to urbanize. Join us as we include essential provisions into the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance to prevent the extinction of this species.

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

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

Sincerely,

Dean Hanson

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: nandearna@comcast.net

Submitted at: Wed, 07/13/2022 - 16:31

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. I am incredibly concerned about the future of the Coho Salmon, and I am asking you to approve the proposed SCA Ordinance. This Ordinance is the only thing that will genuinely protect the future of Coho Salmon.

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 do not want to be part of the generation that allows the salmon to go extinct but rather part of the group that saves them!

We appreciate you including protections for Ephemeral streams! With the help of these measures, atmospheric rivers of rain will be given the required buffers to prevent flooding.

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

Sincerely,

Nancy Hanson

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: laura.bailey327@gmail.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/13/2022 - 15:28

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

This is an excellent chance for the county to adopt a climate change policy that emphasizes finding solutions. Passing the SCA Ordinance would put an end to this 15-year battle.

Riparian habitats are used as energy buffers during flash floods 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.

Finally, you are offering assistance to safeguard our streams! I applaud your decision to give this Ordinance fair enforcement.

Without supporters like you, this battle would not be won. Your willingness to stand up for Coho Salmon when they cannot is much appreciated. I appreciate the impact you have made since we are running out of time to ensure the species' survival.

Sincerely,

Laura Bailey

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: jack@treespiritproject.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/13/2022 - 15:02

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

As Marin County continues to grow, the native Coho Salmon species is at risk of extinction. Become a part of the effort to ensure the survival of this species by joining us in supporting the proposed Stream Conservation Area Ordinance.

We appreciate you including protections for Ephemeral streams! With the help of these measures, atmospheric rivers will be given the required buffers to prevent flooding.

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,

Jack Gescheidt

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: [sartis@seaturtles.org](mailto:sartis@seaturtles.org)  
Submitted at: Wed, 07/13/2022 - 14:24

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

Let's move on from fighting! 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.

Thank you for adding anonymous complaints into this Ordinance, this model has proven successful in other counties, and I am excited to see this be put to work in the county.

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,

Scott Artis



# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: lishchris@yahoo.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/13/2022 - 14:02

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

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 to save this species from complete extinction.

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.

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 actual enforcement. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Christopher Lish

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: cindi@earthlink.net

Submitted at: Wed, 07/13/2022 - 13:55

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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 Board of Supervisors to protect the riparian habitat.

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

Clearly, enforcement capacity has been lacking in protecting this watershed. Adding extra enforcement plus new complaint processes will be excellent tools for the county to use to protect this watershed.

I appreciate it. We need you right now because it is indeed now or never. I am grateful for your desire to act and seek improved environmental conditions for us all.

Sincerely,

Cindi Darling

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: handsomehippie@yahoo.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/13/2022 - 13:49

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

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 to save this species from complete extinction.

If salmon have a chance at survival, ephemeral streams must be adequately protected. I appreciate the county for establishing this consistent 35-foot barrier in San Geronimo Valley.

Without supporters like you, this battle would not be won. Your willingness to stand up for Coho Salmon when they cannot is much appreciated. I appreciate the impact you have made since we are running out of time to ensure the species' survival.

Sincerely,

Redwood Bowers

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: fasano1000@aol.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/13/2022 - 13:48

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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 damning 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.

Thank you for addressing the biodiversity threat rather than just playing the political game. The revised SCA Ordinance offers several innovative policy options safeguarding San Geronimo's wildlife and citizens.

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,

Kimberly Fasano

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: tempjk@comcast.net

Submitted at: Wed, 07/13/2022 - 12:55

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

This is an excellent chance for the county to adopt a climate change policy that emphasizes finding solutions. Passing the SCA Ordinance would put an end to this 15-year battle.

As Marin County continues to grow, the native Coho Salmon species is at risk of extinction. Become a part of the effort to ensure the survival of this species by joining us in supporting the proposed Stream Conservation Area Ordinance.

I greatly thank 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.

Your care means a great deal to me. We are one step closer to making meaningful change because of your awareness of the gravity of this issue and your immediate actions.

Sincerely,

Jeff Kelley

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: gbezard@gmail.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/13/2022 - 12:43

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I am writing to urge you to pass the improved SCA Ordinance with all 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.

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.

I greatly appreciate the county adding additional enforcement capacity and an anonymous complaint system. The current model is not working, and I appreciate the county walking the walk and investing in the necessary resources to defend our watershed.

I'm so grateful that you took the time to make a difference. Without individuals like you, victory in this battle would not be conceivable. You are making a difference.

Sincerely,

Gwenn Bezard

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: redfoxwalks@gmail.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/13/2022 - 12:29

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I'm writing to urge you to approve the revised SCA Ordinance in its entirety. We must act right now if we want to be able to reduce climate change since it has taken far too long to implement these crucial measures.

As the amount of floods in Marin County rises due to climate change, the houses and wildlife in the region will suffer. Legislation must be passed to limit the negative consequences of urbanization and flash floods in Marin County.

Enforcement capacity and new reporting structures are necessary if we want these protections to become actualized. The county has done an incredible job at balancing all stakeholder's interests, and it would be a shame if it were not put to use due to a lack of enforcement.

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

Sincerely,

Peggy Merz

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: deidregreen@comcast.net

Submitted at: Wed, 07/13/2022 - 12:03

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I am asking the Board of Supervisors to approve the proposed SCA Ordinance. It is dire that we take the time to protect our Coho Salmon and other species native to San Geronimo Valley.

Climate change, river damming, and urbanization is putting San Geronimo Valley Coho Salmon in danger of extinction. We must unite as a community to prevent the eradication of this species.

People should not be afraid to follow the law! Thank you for adding anonymous complaints and additional enforcement capacity to help implement this Ordinance.

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

Sincerely,

DEIDRE SILVERMAN



# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: lonnajean@gmail.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/13/2022 - 12:00

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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!

Climate change, river damming, and urbanization is putting San Geronimo Valley Coho Salmon in danger of extinction. We must unite as a community to prevent the eradication of this species.

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

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

Sincerely,

lonna richmond

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: reginamcardiff@yahoo.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/13/2022 - 11:56

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

Thank you so much for addressing our vulnerable streamside habitat. I am grateful that the County has taken the initiative to get this done so that this Ordinance protects the vulnerable riparian habitat and protects the valley from flooding.

As you know, due to excessive land development and river damming, coho salmon are disappearing fast in San Geronimo Valley. To prevent the extinction of these crucial species, we must take immediate action.

I am thrilled that the County is championing environmental protections by using science to inform its policies and being proactive in defending the County from climate change.

I am so grateful that the county worked so hard to get this right!

Sincerely,

Regina Cardiff

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: abVollmer@gmail.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/13/2022 - 11:55

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

This is an excellent chance for the county to adopt a climate change policy that emphasizes finding solutions. Passing the SCA Ordinance would put an end to this 15-year battle.

The conservation of San Geronimo Valley's Coho Salmon habitat is critical to the species' long-term viability. Keeping Coho Salmon in our rivers is impossible if we don't pass the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance.

I greatly appreciate the county adding additional enforcement capacity and an anonymous complaint system. The current model is not working, and I appreciate the county walking the walk and investing in the necessary resources to defend our watershed.

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

Sincerely,

Alexander Vollmer

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: ahtossa@hotmail.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/13/2022 - 11:28

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I am asking the Board of Supervisors to approve the proposed SCA Ordinance. It is dire that we take the time to protect our Coho Salmon and other species native to San Geronimo Valley.

As development destroys their natural habitats, coho salmon are in danger of becoming extinct altogether if you don't act now. Preserve the fish of San Geronimo Valley for future generations.

The county's desire to ensure no net habitat loss in the San Geronimo Valley is encouraging. It's great to know that critical ecosystems will be protected when the rest of the Bay Area is turning into concrete.

I appreciate you listening to this critical topic today. To guarantee a future of progress, we must act fast - time is running out.

Sincerely,

Ahtoss Fullerton

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: ingridw@pacbell.net

Submitted at: Wed, 07/13/2022 - 11:25

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

Without rapid action, the Coho Salmon will become extinct. Ensure the survival of this species by requiring that their habitats be protected under the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance.

Enforcement capacity and new reporting structures are necessary if we want these protections to become actualized. The county has done an incredible job at balancing all stakeholder's interests, and it would be a shame if it were not put to use due to a lack of enforcement.

I appreciate it. We need you right now because it is indeed now or never. I am grateful for your desire to act and seek improved environmental conditions for us all.

Sincerely,

ingrid woods

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: [diane\\_demee\\_benoit@yahoo.com](mailto:diane_demee_benoit@yahoo.com)

Submitted at: Wed, 07/13/2022 - 11:17

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

To conserve the Coho Salmon, we must work together. They are counting on us to enact laws to protect the few survivors.

If immediate action is not taken, the native Coho Salmon species will become extinct as Marin County continues to urbanize. Join us as we include essential provisions into the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance to prevent the extinction of this species.

The previous SCA Ordinance was somewhat ambiguous with all the caveats and exemptions. All valley stakeholders will benefit significantly from the 35-foot barrier proposed in the Ordinance.

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

Sincerely,

Diane Demee-Benoit

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: engineerskot@gmail.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/13/2022 - 11:09

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

Without your 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.

Enforcement capacity and new reporting structures are necessary if we want these protections to become actualized. The county has done an incredible job at balancing all stakeholder's interests, and it would be a shame if it were not put to use due to a lack of enforcement.

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,

Skot McDaniel

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: [thomas.ervin@comcast.net](mailto:thomas.ervin@comcast.net)

Submitted at: Wed, 07/13/2022 - 11:09

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

Marin residents should be very concerned about the biodiversity crisis and the probability of flooding in San Geronimo Valley. This SCA Ordinance would provide an innovative solution for some of our most vulnerable locations.

More damaging 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 greatly thank 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.

Finally, we can move beyond this battle and start to mend. Please make the proper decision that benefits everybody!

Sincerely,

Thomas Ervin



# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: wright.melvyn@gmail.com

Submitted at: Mon, 07/11/2022 - 23:30

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

Dear Marin County Supervisors,

I have owned my home in Woodacre for 49 years, and for the last 16 years have volunteered thousands of hours working towards habitat reformation for all wildlife, including the endangered coho salmon and threatened steelhead trout. I have read and approve of the Revised Stream Conservation Ordinance for San Geronimo Valley. The standards address longstanding concerns that have needed resolution for many years. Hopefully we are now close to having an ordinance we can all live with.

Of special interest to me is protection for ephemeral and intermittent streams. When adequately vegetated, these waterways provide habitat and corridors for wildlife. Such streams provide clean water and more gradual drainage into the main stream (here, the San Geronimo Creek). In contrast, disturbed, unprotected and unvegetated drainage can flood the system and deposit silt on salmonid nests (redds) thus suffocating the eggs and embryos before they hatch.

For these and other reasons included in the proposal (i.e., reducing concrete buildouts in critical areas, developing a science-based habitat restoration program, and creating a solid but equitable enforcement procedure) I support the enactment of the revised ordinance now under consideration.

Thank you,

Mel Wright  
Woodacre

Sincerely,

Mel Wright

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: arianna.iranpour@gmail.com

Submitted at: Mon, 07/11/2022 - 21:04

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

The county must regulate 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 preventing natural habitats' destruction.

The prior SCA Ordinance was confusing because of the restrictions and exclusions. The 35-foot barrier suggested in the proposed Ordinance will benefit all valley stakeholders.

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,

Arianna Iranpour

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: shamim.moosavi@gmail.com

Submitted at: Mon, 07/11/2022 - 21:03

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

The county must regulate 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 preventing natural habitats' destruction.

The prior SCA Ordinance was confusing because of the restrictions and exclusions. The 35-foot barrier suggested in the proposed Ordinance will benefit all valley stakeholders.

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,

Shamim Mousavi

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: shamim.moosavi@gmail.com

Submitted at: Mon, 07/11/2022 - 20:57

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

The county must regulate 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 preventing natural habitats' destruction.

The prior SCA Ordinance was confusing because of the restrictions and exclusions. The 35-foot barrier suggested in the proposed Ordinance will benefit all valley stakeholders.

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,

Shamim Mousavi

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: aliavirzi426@gmail.com

Submitted at: Mon, 07/11/2022 - 17:49

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I appreciate all the effort put into the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance. To conserve salmon and stop floods, please pass the new SCA regulations.

Facing climate change, the damning 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.

Thank you for adding anonymous complaints into this Ordinance, this model has proven successful in other counties, and I am excited to see this be put to work in the county.

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

Sincerely,

Alia Virzi

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: jakemathis@berkeley.edu

Submitted at: Mon, 07/11/2022 - 15:37

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

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 to save this species from complete extinction.

The fact that the SCA Ordinance is based on county-owned research from its Salmon Enhancement Plan gives me comfort. I find it encouraging that the County is giving science more weight than politics.

I applaud the County for taking the time to do this properly since I know it has been a lengthy process. It gives me encouragement for the future of Marin County.

Sincerely,

Jake Mathis

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: sallybeauford@yahoo.com

Submitted at: Mon, 07/11/2022 - 14:59

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I am writing to urge you to pass the improved SCA Ordinance with all 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.

San Geronimo Valley Coho Salmon are in danger of extinction due to climate change, river damming, and urbanization. To prevent the extinction of this species, we must band together as a community.

Finally, you are supplying resources to protect our streams! I appreciate you all adding equitable enforcement to this Ordinance.

Without supporters like you, this battle would not be won. Your willingness to stand up for Coho Salmon when they cannot is much appreciated. I appreciate the impact you have made since we are running out of time to ensure the species' survival.

Sincerely,

sally beauford

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: pjoanides@gmail.com

Submitted at: Mon, 07/11/2022 - 12:50

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

To conserve the Coho Salmon, we must work together. They are counting on us to enact laws to protect the few survivors.

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.

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

patricia joanides



# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: kateames@hotmail.com

Submitted at: Mon, 07/11/2022 - 11:58

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I am asking the Board of Supervisors 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.

Due to excessive land development and river damming, coho salmon are disappearing fast in San Geronimo Valley. To prevent the extinction of these crucial species, we must take immediate action.

The prior SCA Ordinance was confusing because of the restrictions and exclusions. The 35-foot barrier suggested in the proposed Ordinance will benefit all valley stakeholders.

I appreciate you listening to this critical topic today. To guarantee a future of progress, we must act fast - time is running out.

Sincerely,

Kate Ames

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: keithandmia@mindspring.com

Submitted at: Mon, 07/11/2022 - 11:53

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

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.

I am excited to see the County allocating resources for increased enforcement to protect our streams! Equitable enforcement is key to achieving no net habitat loss through this Ordinance.

Thank you for hearing me out and recognizing how critical this shift is to the future of not just our planet but also the world of tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Mia Laurence

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: bluerockiguana@gmail.com

Submitted at: Mon, 07/11/2022 - 10:44

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

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

Thank you for adding anonymous complaints into this Ordinance, this model has proven successful in other counties, and I am excited to see this be put to work in the county.

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,

Laura Cunningham

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: alicia.m.retes@gmail.com

Submitted at: Mon, 07/11/2022 - 10:43

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

The county must regulate 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 preventing natural habitats' destruction.

Finally, you are supplying resources to protect our streams! I appreciate you all adding equitable enforcement to this Ordinance.

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,

Alicia Retes

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: suziqsterling@gmail.com

Submitted at: Mon, 07/11/2022 - 10:27

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

Please adopt the SCA Ordinance to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act, protect people from floods, and preserve streams.

Due to excessive land development and river damming, coho salmon are disappearing fast in San Geronimo Valley. To prevent the extinction of these crucial species, we must take immediate action.

People should not be afraid to follow the law! Thank you for adding anonymous complaints and additional enforcement capacity to help implement this Ordinance.

I appreciate you listening to me despite having a hectic day. It is crucial to take action right now to ensure good change for the future.

Sincerely,

Suzanna Sterling

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: elenalaughlin@gmail.com

Submitted at: Mon, 07/11/2022 - 05:30

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Elena Laughlin

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: billdittmann07@gmail.com

Submitted at: Sun, 07/10/2022 - 16:45

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

Marin residents should be very concerned about the biodiversity crisis and the probability of flooding in San Geronimo Valley. This SCA Ordinance would provide an innovative solution for some of our most vulnerable locations.

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.

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.

Your care means a great deal to me. We are one step closer to making meaningful change because of your awareness of the gravity of this issue and your immediate actions.

Sincerely,

Bill Dittmann

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: jpizzo2012@gmail.com

Submitted at: Sun, 07/10/2022 - 14:31

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

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.

The fact that the SCA Ordinance is based on county-owned research from its Salmon Enhancement Plan gives me comfort. I find it encouraging that the County is giving science more weight than politics.

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 actual enforcement. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Julie Pizzo



# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: anillopedro@gmail.com

Submitted at: Sun, 07/10/2022 - 09:23

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

Without your support, Coho Salmon will become extinct as developers are destroying their natural habitats. Save our fish and guarantee their long-term survival in San Geronimo Valley.

The county's desire to ensure no net habitat loss in the San Geronimo Valley is encouraging. It's great to know that critical ecosystems will be protected when the rest of the Bay Area is turning into concrete.

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,

PETER ring-revotskie

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: [petra.jones@bigpond.com](mailto:petra.jones@bigpond.com)

Submitted at: Sat, 07/09/2022 - 21:05

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

During flash floods, riparian habitats are utilized as energy buffers to slow the streamflow while absorbing the impact of the flood. If demolished by concrete, flood storms will become increasingly more destructive, threatening the local environment and aquatic life.

Thank you for adding anonymous complaints into this Ordinance, this model has proven successful in other counties, and I am excited to see this be put to work in the county.

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,

Petra Jones

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: kellyberr@hotmail.com

Submitted at: Sat, 07/09/2022 - 19:00

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

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

The previous SCA Ordinance was somewhat ambiguous with all the caveats and exemptions. All valley stakeholders will benefit significantly from the 35-foot barrier proposed in the Ordinance.

Thank you for standing up for the earth. We should be proud of ourselves for getting this Stream Conservation Area Ordinance passed.

Sincerely,

Kelly Berry

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: rexellen08@yahoo.com

Submitted at: Sat, 07/09/2022 - 17:27

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I am asking the Board of Supervisors 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 climate change increases, the number of floods seen in Marin County, surrounding homes, and wildlife within the streams will be detrimental. We must pass legislation to reduce the harmful effects of urbanization and flash floods.

Clearly, enforcement capacity has been lacking in protecting this watershed. Adding extra enforcement plus new complaint processes will be excellent tools for the county to use to protect this watershed.

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,

Rita Cross

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: sheri@fifthplane.com

Submitted at: Sat, 07/09/2022 - 10:14

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

Riparian habitats are used as energy buffers during flash floods 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.

I am pretty appreciative of the county for acting to address the biodiversity threat rather than just talking the talk. The revised SCA Ordinance offers several innovative policy options safeguarding Valley and Salmon citizens.

I applaud the County for taking the time to do this properly since I know it has been a lengthy process. It gives me encouragement for the future of Marin County.

Sincerely,

Sheri Cooper

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: staceypogo@gmail.com

Submitted at: Sat, 07/09/2022 - 09:56

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

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

The anonymous complaint system is a significant addition! Folks need additional reassurances that if they want to do the right thing, they will not be retaliated against. To my understanding, anonymous complaints have worked well in other counties, and I am excited to see it be put to work here in Marin.

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,

stacey pogorzelski

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: ruejol54@gmail.com

Submitted at: Sat, 07/09/2022 - 07:54

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I am asking the Board of Supervisors 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 Marin County continues to grow, the native Coho Salmon species is at risk of extinction. Become a part of the effort to ensure the survival of this species by joining us in supporting the proposed Stream Conservation Area Ordinance.

Clearly, this watershed hasn't been protected by enough people with the power to enforce the law. The county will be able to save this watershed with the help of more authorities and new ways to file complaints.

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,

Ellen Gardner

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: ljpenrose@gmail.com

Submitted at: Sat, 07/09/2022 - 07:51

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

The disastrous effects of flash flooding are destroying Marin County's land. We must act to limit the amount of flash flooding and its impact 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 artificial stream banks, we will lose this natural buffer and significantly increase the damage done to our land by flash flooding.

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.

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,

Linda Penrose



# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: gretchenmathis@comcast.net

Submitted at: Sat, 07/09/2022 - 06:46

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

As the amount of floods in Marin County rises due to climate change, the houses and wildlife in the region will suffer. Legislation must be passed to limit the negative consequences of urbanization and flash floods in Marin County.

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.

I appreciate it. We need you right now because it is indeed now or never. I am grateful for your desire to act and seek improved environmental conditions for us all.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Mathis

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: [kellipetersen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kellipetersen@sbcglobal.net)

Submitted at: Sat, 07/09/2022 - 05:02

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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 last of the Coho Salmon, which have lived in Marin County's waterways for millions of years, will be wiped out if nothing is done. Change must be made to save Coho Salmon habitats and ensure their future in Marin.

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

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

Sincerely,

Kelli Petersen

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: bethtouchette@yahoo.com

Submitted at: Fri, 07/08/2022 - 23:12

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Touchette

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: gloria@baron2design.com

Submitted at: Fri, 07/08/2022 - 17:25

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I am asking the Board of Supervisors to approve the proposed SCA Ordinance. It is dire that we take the time to protect our Coho Salmon and other species native to San Geronimo Valley.

As the amount of floods in Marin County rises due to climate change, the houses and wildlife in the region will suffer. Legislation must be passed to limit the negative consequences of urbanization and flash floods in Marin County.

Enforcement capacity and new reporting structures are necessary if we want these protections to become actualized. The county has done an incredible job at balancing all stakeholder's interests, and it would be a shame if it were not put to use due to a lack of enforcement.

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,

Gloria Baron

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: ruthk.nash94@gmail.com

Submitted at: Fri, 07/08/2022 - 16:55

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

Due to excessive land development and river damming, coho salmon are disappearing fast in San Geronimo Valley. To prevent the extinction of these crucial species, we must take immediate action.

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 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,

Ruth K Nash

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: gcerri847@gmail.com

Submitted at: Fri, 07/08/2022 - 16:32

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

This is an excellent chance for the county to adopt a climate change policy that emphasizes finding solutions. Passing the SCA Ordinance would put an end to this 15-year battle.

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.

If salmon have a chance at survival, ephemeral streams must be adequately protected. I appreciate the county for establishing this consistent 35-foot barrier in San Geronimo Valley.

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

Sincerely,

Gayle Cerri

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: dj\_fischer@yahoo.com

Submitted at: Fri, 07/08/2022 - 16:22

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I'm writing to urge you to approve the revised SCA Ordinance in its entirety. We must act right now if we want to be able to reduce climate change since it has taken far too long to implement these crucial measures.

As Marin County continues to urbanize, the native Coho Salmon species will go extinct if no quick action is taken. Join us as we amend the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance to add protections that will avoid the extinction of this species.

The previous SCA Ordinance was somewhat ambiguous with all the caveats and exemptions. All valley stakeholders will benefit significantly from the 35-foot barrier proposed in the Ordinance.

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy day to listen to me. Acting upon this now is essential to secure positive change for the future.

Sincerely,

Dennis Fischer

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: [sglitman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sglitman@sbcglobal.net)

Submitted at: Fri, 07/08/2022 - 16:20

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

Please pass the SCA Ordinance! We need a tool to save our streams that act as a great buffer from flooding caused by climate change.

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

The anonymous complaint process is an exciting idea to give folks more assurance that they will not face retribution for trying to protect vulnerable habitats.

I appreciate all the hard work you've put into this. I have high hopes that the Stream Conservation Ordinance will pass.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Lapine



# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: trimusic18@yahoo.com

Submitted at: Fri, 07/08/2022 - 15:38

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

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

The anonymous complaint process is an exciting idea to give folks more assurance that they will not face retribution for trying to protect vulnerable habitats.

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

Sincerely,

Kathy Cullen

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: judymarinsierra@gmail.com

Submitted at: Fri, 07/08/2022 - 15:14

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

As development destroys their natural habitats, coho salmon are in danger of becoming extinct altogether if you don't act now. Preserve the fish of San Geronimo Valley for future generations.

The anonymous complaint process is an exciting idea to give folks more assurance that they will not face retribution for trying to protect vulnerable habitats.

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

Sincerely,

Judy Schriebman

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: annamint@comcast.net

Submitted at: Fri, 07/08/2022 - 15:00

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

As the amount of floods in Marin County rises due to climate change, the houses and wildlife in the region will suffer. Legislation must be passed to limit the negative consequences of urbanization and flash floods in Marin County.

The fact that the SCA Ordinance is based on county-owned research from its Salmon Enhancement Plan gives me comfort. I find it encouraging that the County is giving science more weight than politics.

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy day to listen to me. Acting upon this now is essential to secure positive change for the future.

Sincerely,

Anna Minton

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: lonnajean@gmail.com

Submitted at: Fri, 07/08/2022 - 14:45

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

Please adopt the SCA Ordinance to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act, protect people from floods, and preserve streams.

The last of the Coho Salmon, which have lived in Marin County's waterways for millions of years, will be wiped out if nothing is done. Change must be made to save Coho Salmon habitats and ensure their future in Marin.

I am pretty appreciative of the county for acting to address the biodiversity threat rather than just talking the talk. The revised SCA Ordinance offers several innovative policy options safeguarding Valley and Salmon citizens.

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

Sincerely,

lonna richmond

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: lizdodge@icloud.com  
Submitted at: Fri, 07/08/2022 - 13:25

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

As the amount of floods in Marin County rises due to climate change, the houses and wildlife in the region will suffer. Legislation must be passed to limit the negative consequences of urbanization and flash floods in Marin County.

I am excited to see the County allocating resources for increased enforcement to protect our streams! Equitable enforcement is key to achieving no net habitat loss through this Ordinance.

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,

Elizabeth Dodge

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: mmaguire@crcnetworks.com

Submitted at: Fri, 07/08/2022 - 11:45

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I hope that the SCA Ordinance is passed! We need to see genuine leadership from the Board of Supervisors in order to preserve the riparian habitat for Coho Salmon.

Coho Salmon are vanishing quickly in San Geronimo Valley due to excessive urban planning and river damming. We must act right now to stop the extinction of this vital species.

Finally, you are offering assistance to safeguard our streams! I applaud your decision to give this Ordinance fair enforcement.

I applaud the County for taking the time to do this properly since I know it has been a lengthy process. It gives me encouragement for the future of Marin County.

Sincerely,

Matt Maguire

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: jlsnotiger@aol.com

Submitted at: Fri, 07/08/2022 - 11:10

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

Marin residents should be very concerned about the biodiversity crisis and the probability of flooding in San Geronimo Valley. This SCA Ordinance would provide an innovative solution for some of our most vulnerable locations.

Without your 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.

I appreciate your efforts in ensuring no habitat loss in San Geronimo Valley. I hope the county can continue developing regulations such as these throughout the rest of Marin.

Thank you for hearing me out and recognizing how critical this shift is to the future of not just our planet but also the world of tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Joyce Seymour

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: worldphoenixrising@gmail.com

Submitted at: Fri, 07/08/2022 - 10:48

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

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

I am pretty appreciative of the county for acting to address the biodiversity threat rather than just talking the talk. The revised SCA Ordinance offers several innovative policy options safeguarding Valley and Salmon citizens.

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,

Lu Morano



# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: tsteiner@tirn.net

Submitted at: Fri, 07/08/2022 - 10:41

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

Marin residents should be very concerned about the biodiversity crisis and the probability of flooding in San Geronimo Valley. This SCA Ordinance would provide an innovative solution for some of our most vulnerable locations.

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.

I appreciate you including safeguards for Ephemeral streams! With the help of these safeguards, periodic atmospheric rivers will be given the required buffers to prevent flooding.

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

Sincerely,

Todd Steiner

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: walker@wellkind.org  
Submitted at: Fri, 07/08/2022 - 10:36

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

Marin residents should be very concerned about the biodiversity crisis and the probability of flooding in San Geronimo Valley. This SCA Ordinance would provide an innovative solution for some of our most vulnerable locations.

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.

I appreciate you including safeguards for Ephemeral streams! With the help of these safeguards, periodic atmospheric rivers will be given the required buffers to prevent flooding.

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

Sincerely,

Walker Laughlin

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: maggiekh337@gmail.com

Submitted at: Fri, 07/08/2022 - 09:44

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

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

Finally, you are supplying resources to protect our streams! I appreciate you all adding equitable enforcement to this Ordinance.

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

Sincerely,

Maggie Keil

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: lauriejavier@yahoo.com

Submitted at: Fri, 07/08/2022 - 07:56

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I'm writing to ask you to pass the SCA Ordinance so we can finally do something about the Coho going extinct and stop the risk of flooding in the Geronimo valley from worsening.

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 to save this species from complete extinction.

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

Sincerely,

LAURIE JAVIER

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: misspeng.emily@gmail.com

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 23:22

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. I am asking you to pass this SCA Ordinance that follows CEQA, protects the fish, and saves the valley from flooding.

As Marin County continues to urbanize, the native Coho Salmon species will go extinct if no quick action is taken. Join us as we amend the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance to add protections that will avoid the extinction of this species.

I am pretty appreciative of the county for acting to address the biodiversity threat rather than just talking the talk. The revised SCA Ordinance offers several innovative policy options safeguarding Valley and Salmon citizens.

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

Sincerely,

Emily Peng

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: rkcuneo@att.net

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 22:55

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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 Board of Supervisors to protect the riparian habitat.

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 more significant damage to the species within the water and the land surrounding it.

Clearly, enforcement capacity has been lacking in protecting this watershed. Adding extra enforcement plus new complaint processes will be excellent tools for the county to use to protect this watershed.

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

Sincerely,

Katherine Cuneo

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: daswain1@gmail.com

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 22:00

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I'm writing to ask you to pass the SCA Ordinance so we can finally do something about the Coho going extinct and stop the risk of flooding in the Geronimo valley from worsening.

More damaging 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 am excited to see the County allocating resources for increased enforcement to protect our streams! Equitable enforcement is key to achieving no net habitat loss through this Ordinance.

I appreciate you listening to me despite having a hectic day. It is crucial to take action right now to ensure good change for the future.

Sincerely,

David Swain

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: daswain1@gmail.com

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 21:59

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I hope that the SCA Ordinance is passed! We need to see genuine leadership from the Board of Supervisors in order to preserve the riparian habitat for Coho Salmon.

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 to save this species from complete extinction.

I appreciate your efforts in ensuring no habitat loss in San Geronimo Valley. I hope the county can continue developing regulations such as these throughout the rest of Marin.

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,

David Swain



# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: lynnaxelrod@hotmail.com

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 20:50

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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 support, Coho Salmon will become extinct as developers are destroying their natural habitats. Save our fish and guarantee their long-term survival in San Geronimo Valley.

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.

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,

Lynn Axelrod

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: pammanwaring@yahoo.com

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 19:42

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

The ongoing climate crisis is only showing an increased amount of flash flooding. 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 your efforts in ensuring no habitat loss in San Geronimo Valley. I hope the county can continue developing regulations such as these throughout the rest of Marin.

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,

pamela manwaring

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: joen8ture@gmail.com

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 19:37

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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 last of the Coho Salmon, which have lived in Marin County's waterways for millions of years, will be wiped out if nothing is done. Change must be made to save Coho Salmon habitats and ensure their future in Marin.

The county's desire to ensure no net habitat loss in the San Geronimo Valley is encouraging. It's great to know that critical ecosystems will be protected when the rest of the Bay Area is turning into concrete.

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

Sincerely,

Joe Mueller

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: talbot.nkt@gmail.com

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 19:23

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

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 am happy that the County is championing environmental protections by using science to inform its policies. It makes me proud to see our elected officials being proactive in defending the County from climate change.

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,

Michael Talbot

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: pamgreen11@yahoo.com

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 18:11

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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!

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 for addressing the biodiversity threat rather than just playing the political game. The revised SCA Ordinance offers several innovative policy options safeguarding San Geronimo's wildlife and citizens.

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

Sincerely,

Pamela Green

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: pamgreen11@yahoo.com

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 18:11

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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 for addressing the biodiversity threat rather than just playing the political game. The revised SCA Ordinance offers several innovative policy options safeguarding San Geronimo's wildlife and citizens.

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

Sincerely,

Pamela Green

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: wlteufel@comcast.net

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 17:33

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

The disastrous effects of flash flooding are destroying Marin County's land. We must act to limit the amount of flash flooding and its impact 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 artificial stream banks, we will lose this natural buffer and significantly increase the damage done to our land by flash flooding.

The prior SCA Ordinance was confusing because of the restrictions and exclusions. The 35-foot barrier suggested in the proposed Ordinance will benefit all valley stakeholders.

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

Sincerely,

William Teufel MD

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: Lelze06@yahoo.com  
Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 17:31

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. I am incredibly concerned about the future of the Coho Salmon, and I am asking you to approve the proposed SCA Ordinance. This Ordinance is the only thing that will genuinely protect the future of Coho Salmon.

During flash floods, riparian habitats are utilized as energy buffers to slow the streamflow while absorbing the impact of the flood. If demolished by concrete, flood storms will become increasingly more destructive, threatening the local environment and aquatic life.

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 taking the time out of your busy day to listen to me. Acting upon this now is essential to secure positive change for the future.

Sincerely,

Laura Elze



# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: erichmorey@gmail.com

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 17:25

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

As Marin County continues to grow, the native Coho Salmon species is at risk of extinction. Become a part of the effort to ensure the survival of this species by joining us in supporting the proposed Stream Conservation Area Ordinance.

I appreciate your efforts in ensuring no habitat loss in San Geronimo Valley. I hope the county can continue developing regulations such as these throughout the rest of Marin.

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,

eric morey

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: wisewomyn7@yahoo.com

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 17:18

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

As the amount of floods in Marin County rises due to climate change, the houses and wildlife in the region will suffer. Legislation must be passed to limit the negative consequences of urbanization and flash floods in Marin County.

I am happy that the County is championing environmental protections by using science to inform its policies. It makes me proud to see our elected officials being proactive in defending the County from climate change.

Your care means a great deal to me. We are one step closer to making meaningful change because of your awareness of the gravity of this issue and your immediate actions.

Sincerely,

Anne Susnow

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: barbogard@gmail.com

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 16:23

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

Thank you for addressing the vulnerable Salmon habitat! I am writing to ask that you pass the new SCA 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 more significant damage to the species within the water and the land surrounding it.

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

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

Sincerely,

Barbara Bogard

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: sharonlynn7@comcast.net

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 15:23

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

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

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.

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 actual enforcement. Thank you.

Sincerely,

lynn arsanis

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: susan@susanivescommunications.com

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 15:14

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I am asking you to approve the County's proposed SCA Ordinance. This Ordinance is based on science and in the best interest of not only Marin County wildlife but also homeowners.

During flash floods, riparian habitats are utilized as energy buffers to slow the streamflow while absorbing the impact of the flood. If demolished by concrete, flood storms will become increasingly more destructive, threatening the local environment and aquatic life.

People should not be afraid to follow the law! Thank you for adding anonymous complaints and additional enforcement capacity to help implement this Ordinance.

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,

Susan Ives

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: nkubik@aol.com

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 15:09

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

The San Geronimo Valley has to be protected to ensure the survival of the Coho Salmon population. No matter how many adjustments are made, if the SCA is not passed, Coho Salmon will become extinct from our waters forever.

Thank you for addressing the biodiversity threat rather than just playing the political game. The revised SCA Ordinance offers several innovative policy options safeguarding San Geronimo's wildlife and citizens.

I appreciate all the hard work you've put into this. I have high hopes that the Stream Conservation Ordinance will pass.

Sincerely,

nancy kubik

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: beyourowncoach@sbcglobal.net

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 15:01

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I hope that the SCA Ordinance is passed! We need to see genuine leadership from the Board of Supervisors in order to preserve the riparian habitat for Coho Salmon.

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 more significant damage to the species within the water and the land surrounding it.

I am thrilled to see that the County strongly supports environmental safeguards and that its policies are based on its research. Observing our elected authorities taking the initiative to protect the County from climate change makes me proud.

Without supporters like you, this battle would not be won. Your willingness to stand up for Coho Salmon when they cannot is much appreciated. I appreciate the impact you have made since we are running out of time to ensure the species' survival.

Sincerely,

Jeff McKay

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: jessmlerner@gmail.com

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 14:30

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I am asking the Board of Supervisors 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.

If immediate action is not taken, the native Coho Salmon species will become extinct as Marin County continues to urbanize. Join us as we include essential provisions into the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance to prevent the extinction of this species.

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

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

Sincerely,

Jess Lerner



# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: awmikeallen@yahoo.com

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 13:59

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I am asking you to approve the County's proposed SCA Ordinance. This Ordinance is based on science and in the best interest of not only Marin County wildlife but also homeowners.

As development destroys their natural habitats, coho salmon are in danger of becoming extinct altogether if you don't act now. Preserve the fish of San Geronimo Valley for future generations.

Enforcement capacity and new reporting structures are necessary if we want these protections to become actualized. The county has done an incredible job at balancing all stakeholder's interests, and it would be a shame if it were not put to use due to a lack of enforcement.

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,

Arthur Allen

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: mpolick415@icloud.com

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 13:55

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

As Marin County continues to urbanize, the native Coho Salmon species will go extinct if no quick action is taken. Join us as we amend the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance to add protections that will avoid the extinction of this species.

Thank you for adding anonymous complaints into this Ordinance, this model has proven successful in other counties, and I am excited to see this be put to work in the county.

Without supporters like you, this battle would not be won. Your willingness to stand up for Coho Salmon when they cannot is much appreciated. I appreciate the impact you have made since we are running out of time to ensure the species' survival.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Melissa Polick

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: soxdawn@yahoo.com

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 13:53

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I am asking the Board of Supervisors to approve the proposed SCA Ordinance. It is dire that we take the time to protect our Coho Salmon and other species native to San Geronimo Valley.

The county must regulate 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 preventing natural habitats' destruction.

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

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy day to listen to me. Acting upon this now is essential to secure positive change for the future.

Sincerely,

Dawn Williamson

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: jimagination@yahoo.com

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 13:45

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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!

As the amount of floods in Marin County rises due to climate change, the houses and wildlife in the region will suffer. Legislation must be passed to limit the negative consequences of urbanization and flash floods in Marin County.

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

Sincerely,

Jim Hurley

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: [debra.amerson@gmail.com](mailto:debra.amerson@gmail.com)

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 13:43

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

More damaging 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.

The fact that the SCA Ordinance is based on county-owned research from its Salmon Enhancement Plan gives me comfort. I find it encouraging that the County is giving science more weight than politics.

I appreciate all the hard work you've put into this. I have high hopes that the Stream Conservation Ordinance will pass.

Sincerely,

Debra Amerson

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: scottwebb02@gmail.com

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 13:11

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

The conservation of San Geronimo Valley's Coho Salmon habitat is critical to the species' long-term viability. Keeping Coho Salmon in our rivers is impossible if we don't amend the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance.

Finally, you are supplying resources to protect our streams! I appreciate you all adding equitable enforcement to this Ordinance.

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

Sincerely,

Scott Webb

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: abbywords@yahoo.com

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 12:15

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

Marin residents should be very concerned about the biodiversity crisis and the probability of flooding in San Geronimo Valley. This SCA Ordinance would provide an innovative solution for some of our most vulnerable locations.

More damaging 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 addressing the biodiversity threat rather than just playing the political game. The revised SCA Ordinance offers several innovative policy options safeguarding San Geronimo's wildlife and citizens.

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

Sincerely,

Abby Cunningham

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: kenbsemail@aol.com

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 11:49

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

Yo, lets protect these fish and their habitat.

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

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.

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.

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

Sincerely,

Ken Ballinger



# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: CMOUSE1945@AOL.COM

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 11:17

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I am asking the Board of Supervisors 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.

If immediate action is not taken, the native Coho Salmon species will become extinct as Marin County continues to urbanize. Join us as we include essential provisions into the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance to prevent the extinction of this species.

The former version of the SCA Ordinance included far too many exclusions. To ensure baseline protections, this 35-foot buffer is a fantastic compromise.

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

Sincerely,

CARLA DAVIS

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: deannaje@gmail.com

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 10:33

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

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.

I am excited to see the County allocating resources for increased enforcement to protect our streams! Equitable enforcement is key to achieving no net habitat loss through this Ordinance.

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,

Deanna Jeung

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: vickiml10008@gmail.com

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 10:30

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

If immediate action is not taken, the native Coho Salmon species will become extinct as Marin County continues to urbanize. Join us as we include essential provisions into the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance to prevent the extinction of this species.

I appreciate you including safeguards for Ephemeral streams! With the help of these safeguards, periodic atmospheric rivers will be given the required buffers to prevent flooding.

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

Sincerely,

Vicki Leeds

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: Renee.green@teganlighting.com

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 10:16

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

I am happy that the County is championing environmental protections by using science to inform its policies. It makes me proud to see our elected officials being proactive in defending the County from climate change.

I appreciate all the hard work you've put into this. I have high hopes that the Stream Conservation Ordinance will pass.

Sincerely,

Renee Schofield

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: maryechase45@gmail.com

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 09:53

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

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.

I am grateful the county added some teeth to this Ordinance, so it does not become a paper document. We see the decline of some of California's most critical salmon habitats, and we need programs that involve added enforcement capacity and anonymous complaints about this to work.

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,

Mary Chase

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: nielshcarlsen@gmail.com

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 09:28

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

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.

I am grateful the county added some teeth to this Ordinance, so it does not become a paper document. We see the decline of some of California's most critical salmon habitats, and we need programs that involve added enforcement capacity and anonymous complaints about this to work.

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,

niels carlsen

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: nanjohng@gmail.com

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 09:24

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

San Geronimo Valley Coho Salmon are in danger of extinction due to climate change, river damming, and urbanization. To prevent the extinction of this species, we must band together as a community.

Enforcement capacity and new reporting structures are necessary if we want these protections to become actualized. The county has done an incredible job at balancing all stakeholder's interests, and it would be a shame if it were not put to use due to a lack of enforcement.

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

Sincerely,

John Gallagher

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: [licitafernandez@comcast.net](mailto:licitafernandez@comcast.net)

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 09:20

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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!

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.

We appreciate you including protections for Ephemeral streams! With the help of these measures, atmospheric rivers will be given the required buffers to prevent flooding.

Without supporters like you, this battle would not be won. Your willingness to stand up for Coho Salmon when they cannot is much appreciated. I appreciate the impact you have made since we are running out of time to ensure the species' survival.

Sincerely,

Licita Fernandez



# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: shawspirit@cox.net

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 09:10

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

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

I appreciate your efforts in ensuring no habitat loss in San Geronimo Valley. I hope the county can continue developing regulations such as these throughout the rest of Marin.

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,

Lisa Moreno

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: jennifer@jennifernlawson.com

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 09:03

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I am asking you to approve the County's proposed SCA Ordinance. This Ordinance is based on science and in the best interest of not only Marin County wildlife but also homeowners.

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.

The former version of the SCA Ordinance included far too many exclusions. To ensure baseline protections, this 35-foot buffer is a fantastic compromise.

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

Sincerely,

Jennifer Lawson

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: robyn.newkirk@alumni.dominican.edu

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 08:55

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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!

If nothing is done, the last of the Coho Salmon, who have spent millions of years inhabiting the streams of Marin County, will perish. Change is required to conserve Coho Salmon habitats and guarantee their survival in Marin.

I am happy that the County is championing environmental protections by using science to inform its policies. It makes me proud to see our elected officials being proactive in defending the County from climate change.

I appreciate you listening to me despite having a hectic day. It is crucial to take action right now to ensure good change for the future.

Sincerely,

Robyn Newkirk

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: lishchris@yahoo.com

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 08:00

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

Facing climate change, the damning 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 previous SCA Ordinance was somewhat ambiguous with all the caveats and exemptions. All valley stakeholders will benefit significantly from the 35-foot barrier proposed in the Ordinance.

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,

Christopher Lish

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: filaberg@comcast.net

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 07:55

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I am asking you to approve the County's proposed SCA Ordinance. This Ordinance is based on science and in the best interest of not only Marin County wildlife but also homeowners.

More damaging 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 greatly thank 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 you taking the time to consider my opinion, and I hope you do the right thing for the environment.

Sincerely,

Denise Filakosky

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: elizabethburgis@gmail.com

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 07:47

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

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

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Burgis

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: [nick.yiangou@gmail.com](mailto:nick.yiangou@gmail.com)

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 07:45

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I am asking the Board of Supervisors 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 your 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.

Enforcement capacity and new reporting structures are necessary if we want these protections to become actualized. The county has done an incredible job at balancing all stakeholder's interests, and it would be a shame if it were not put to use due to a lack of enforcement.

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,

Nick Yiangou

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: picchina@ymail.com

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 07:39

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

Finally, you are supplying resources to protect our streams! I appreciate you all adding equitable enforcement to this Ordinance.

I'm so grateful that you took the time to make a difference. Without individuals like you, victory in this battle would not be conceivable. You are making a difference.

Sincerely,

Cinzia B.



# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: watermarin@comcast.net

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 07:31

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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 conservation of San Geronimo Valley's Coho Salmon habitat is critical to the species' long-term viability. Keeping Coho Salmon in our rivers is impossible if we don't pass the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance.

The previous SCA Ordinance was somewhat ambiguous with all the caveats and exemptions. All valley stakeholders will benefit significantly from the 35-foot barrier proposed in the Ordinance.

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

Sincerely,

Laura Chariton

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: rgondell@hotmail.com

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 07:23

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

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

Finally, you are supplying resources to protect our streams! I appreciate you all adding equitable enforcement to this Ordinance.

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,

Robert Gondell

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: shirleymills12@yahoo.co.uk

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 06:59

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

Riparian habitats are used as energy buffers during flash floods 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.

Finally, you are offering assistance to safeguard our streams! I applaud your decision to give this Ordinance fair enforcement.

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

Sincerely,

shirley mills

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: [dianne@effectiveactionconsulting.com](mailto:dianne@effectiveactionconsulting.com)

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 06:07

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

If nothing is done, the last of the Coho Salmon, who have spent millions of years inhabiting the streams of Marin County, will perish. Change is required to conserve Coho Salmon habitats and guarantee their survival in Marin.

The prior SCA Ordinance was confusing because of the restrictions and exclusions. The 35-foot barrier suggested in the proposed Ordinance will benefit all valley stakeholders.

I appreciate all the hard work you've put into this. I have high hopes that the Stream Conservation Ordinance will pass.

Sincerely,

Dianne Morrison

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: marcy\_roth@yahoo.com

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 05:53

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I hope that the SCA Ordinance is passed! We need to see genuine leadership from the Board of Supervisors in order to preserve the riparian habitat for Coho Salmon.

The last of the Coho Salmon, which have lived in Marin County's waterways for millions of years, will be wiped out if nothing is done. Change must be made to save Coho Salmon habitats and ensure their future in Marin.

I appreciate your efforts in ensuring no habitat loss in San Geronimo Valley. I hope the county can continue developing regulations such as these throughout the rest of Marin.

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

Sincerely,

ROTH MARCY

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: joanesq93@gmail.com

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 05:51

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I appreciate all the effort put into the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance. To conserve salmon and stop floods, please pass the new SCA regulations.

Without your support, Coho Salmon will become extinct as developers are destroying their natural habitats. Save our fish and guarantee their long-term survival in San Geronimo Valley.

I appreciate your efforts in ensuring no habitat loss in San Geronimo Valley. I hope the county can continue developing regulations such as these throughout the rest of Marin.

I appreciate it. We need you right now because it is indeed now or never. I am grateful for your desire to act and seek improved environmental conditions for us all.

Sincerely,

Joan Smith

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: ingridramsay@gmail.com

Submitted at: Thu, 07/07/2022 - 00:14

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

To conserve the Coho Salmon, we must work together. They are counting on us to enact laws to protect the few survivors.

Facing climate change, the damning 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.

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.

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

Sincerely,

Ingrid Ramsay

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: gbezard@gmail.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 23:59

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

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

The fact that the SCA Ordinance is based on county-owned research from its Salmon Enhancement Plan gives me comfort. I find it encouraging that the County is giving science more weight than politics.

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,

Gwenn Bezard



# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: kdplaw99@gmail.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 23:46

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

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

The fact that the SCA Ordinance is based on county-owned research from its Salmon Enhancement Plan gives me comfort. I find it encouraging that the County is giving science more weight than politics.

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,

Kim Pedersen

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: [suzie.gonzales@gmail.com](mailto:suzie.gonzales@gmail.com)

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 23:40

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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 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.

Thank you for addressing the biodiversity threat rather than just playing the political game. The revised SCA Ordinance offers several innovative policy options safeguarding San Geronimo's wildlife and citizens.

I'm so grateful that you took the time to make a difference. Without individuals like you, victory in this battle would not be conceivable. You are making a difference.

Sincerely,

Suzanne E Gonzales

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: warren.gold@ucsf.edu

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 23:28

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

Please adopt the SCA Ordinance to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act, protect people from floods, and preserve streams.

As Marin County continues to urbanize, the native Coho Salmon species will go extinct if no quick action is taken. Join us as we amend the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance to add protections that will avoid the extinction of this species.

The anonymous complaint system is a significant addition! Folks need additional reassurances that if they want to do the right thing, they will not be retaliated against. To my understanding, anonymous complaints have worked well in other counties, and I am excited to see it be put to work here in Marin.

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

Sincerely,

Warren M. Gold

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: mmrrser@gmail.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 23:17

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

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

The fact that the SCA Ordinance is based on county-owned research from its Salmon Enhancement Plan gives me comfort. I find it encouraging that the County is giving science more weight than politics.

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,

Marianna Riser

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: sherirollison@comcast.net

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 23:11

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

More damaging 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.

The prior SCA Ordinance was confusing because of the restrictions and exclusions. The 35-foot barrier suggested in the proposed Ordinance will benefit all valley stakeholders.

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,

Sheri Rollison

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: lesliki@yahoo.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 22:57

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

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.

I am grateful the county added some teeth to this Ordinance, so it does not become a paper document. We see the decline of some of California's most critical salmon habitats, and we need programs that involve added enforcement capacity and anonymous complaints about this to work.

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,

Leslie Colyer

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: jsenatororcutt@gmail.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 22:34

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

More damaging 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.

The prior SCA Ordinance was confusing because of the restrictions and exclusions. The 35-foot barrier suggested in the proposed Ordinance will benefit all valley stakeholders.

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,

J Senator

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: wgold@me.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 22:26

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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, 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.

Protections are only as good as the enforcement resources available. I am grateful for the county stepping up and deciding to invest in protecting riparian habitats.

I'm so grateful that you took the time to make a difference. Without individuals like you, victory in this battle would not be conceivable. You are making a difference.

Sincerely,

Warren M. Gold



# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: libbstick@gmail.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 22:26

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

More damaging 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.

The prior SCA Ordinance was confusing because of the restrictions and exclusions. The 35-foot barrier suggested in the proposed Ordinance will benefit all valley stakeholders.

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,

Elizabeth Mcquiston

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: [ian@noahfamily.org](mailto:ian@noahfamily.org)

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 22:22

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

As the amount of floods in Marin County rises due to climate change, the houses and wildlife in the region will suffer. Legislation must be passed to limit the negative consequences of urbanization and flash floods in Marin County.

I am pretty appreciative of the county for acting to address the biodiversity threat rather than just talking the talk. The revised SCA Ordinance offers several innovative policy options safeguarding Valley and Salmon citizens.

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,

Ian Noah

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: listjeff@comcast.net

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 22:02

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. I am asking you to pass this SCA Ordinance that follows CEQA, protects the fish, and saves the valley from flooding.

Without your support, Coho Salmon will become extinct as developers are destroying their natural habitats. Save our fish and guarantee their long-term survival in San Geronimo Valley.

Since the 35-foot buffer was suggested in the County's Salmon Enhancement Plan for San Geronimo Valley, I applaud the County for utilizing its research to inform its policy-making.

I applaud the County for taking the time to do this properly since I know it has been a lengthy process. It gives me encouragement for the future of Marin County.

Sincerely,

Jeff Lopic

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: garyb24s@gmail.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 21:35

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

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.

I am pretty appreciative of the county for acting to address the biodiversity threat rather than just talking the talk. The revised SCA Ordinance offers several innovative policy options safeguarding Valley and Salmon citizens.

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

Sincerely,

Gary Dowling

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: todd.makinen@gmail.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 21:33

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. I am incredibly concerned about the future of the Coho Salmon, and I am asking you to approve the proposed SCA Ordinance. This Ordinance is the only thing that will genuinely protect the future of Coho Salmon.

Facing climate change, the damning 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.

I am excited to see the County allocating resources for increased enforcement to protect our streams! Equitable enforcement is key to achieving no net habitat loss through this Ordinance.

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 actual enforcement. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Todd Makinen

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: AAQuoyeser@aol.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 21:21

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. I am asking you to pass this SCA Ordinance that follows CEQA, protects the fish, and saves the valley from flooding.

Climate change, river damming, and urbanization is putting San Geronimo Valley Coho Salmon in danger of extinction. We must unite as a community to prevent the eradication of this species.

We appreciate you including protections for Ephemeral streams! With the help of these measures, atmospheric rivers will be given the required buffers to prevent flooding.

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

Sincerely,

Alison Quoyeser

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: rosnron@comcast.net

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 21:20

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

This is an excellent chance for the county to adopt a climate change policy that emphasizes finding solutions. Passing the SCA Ordinance would put an end to this 15-year battle.

Facing climate change, the damning 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.

Clearly, this watershed hasn't been protected by enough people with the power to enforce the law. The county will be able to save this watershed with the help of more authorities and new ways to file complaints.

I'm so grateful that you took the time to make a difference. Without individuals like you, victory in this battle would not be conceivable. You are making a difference.

Sincerely,

Rosalind Patterson

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: deidregreen@comcast.net

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 21:17

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

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.

I am pretty appreciative of the county for acting to address the biodiversity threat rather than just talking the talk. The revised SCA Ordinance offers several innovative policy options safeguarding Valley and Salmon citizens.

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

Sincerely,

DEIDRE SILVERMAN



# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: [terriegreen@marincityclimateresilience.org](mailto:terriegreen@marincityclimateresilience.org)

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 21:11

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. I am incredibly concerned about the future of the Coho Salmon, and I am asking you to approve the proposed SCA Ordinance. This Ordinance is the only thing that will genuinely protect the future of Coho Salmon.

Facing climate change, the damning 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.

I am excited to see the County allocating resources for increased enforcement to protect our streams! Equitable enforcement is key to achieving no net habitat loss through this Ordinance.

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 actual enforcement. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Terrie Green

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: amatlock51@yahoo.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 21:07

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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 conservation of San Geronimo Valley's Coho Salmon habitat is critical to the species' long-term viability. Keeping Coho Salmon in our rivers is impossible if we don't pass the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance.

I am happy that the County is championing environmental protections by using science to inform its policies. It makes me proud to see our elected officials being proactive in defending the County from climate change.

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,

Angela Gantos

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: margiehalladin@yahoo.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 21:06

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I urge you to accept the appropriate adjustments to the 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 more significant damage to the species within the water and the land surrounding it.

Finally, you are offering assistance to safeguard our streams! I applaud your decision to give this Ordinance fair enforcement.

I'm so grateful that you took the time to make a difference. Without individuals like you, victory in this battle would not be conceivable. You are making a difference.

Sincerely,

Margie Halladin

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: kristinwomack@yahoo.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 20:51

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I'm writing to ask you to pass the SCA Ordinance so we can finally do something about the Coho going extinct and stop the risk of flooding in the Geronimo valley from worsening.

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

Enforcement capacity and new reporting structures are necessary if we want these protections to become actualized. The county has done an incredible job at balancing all stakeholder's interests, and it would be a shame if it were not put to use due to a lack of enforcement.

Thank you for standing up for the earth. We should be proud of ourselves for getting this Stream Conservation Area Ordinance passed.

Sincerely,

Kristin Womack

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: rhonda.giannini@gmail.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 20:49

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I am asking the Board of Supervisors to approve the proposed SCA Ordinance. It is dire that we take the time to protect our Coho Salmon and other species native to San Geronimo Valley.

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

I am grateful the county added some teeth to this Ordinance, so it does not become a paper document. We see the decline of some of California's most critical salmon habitats, and we need programs that involve added enforcement capacity and anonymous complaints about this to work.

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

Sincerely,

Rhonda Giannini

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: allison711@gmail.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 20:48

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

As Marin County continues to urbanize, the native Coho Salmon species will go extinct if no quick action is taken. Join us as we amend the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance to add protections that will avoid the extinction of this species.

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

Sincerely,

Allison Blakely

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: hcsloane@earthlink.net

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 20:47

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

San Geronimo Valley Coho Salmon are in danger of extinction due to climate change, river damming, and urbanization. To prevent the extinction of this species, we must band together as a community.

Thank you for adding anonymous complaints into this Ordinance, this model has proven successful in other counties, and I am excited to see this be put to work in the county.

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,

Harold Sloane

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: jwlodaver@comcast.net

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 20:41

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

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

Sincerely,

Joan Wlodaver



# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: [debyrogers@earthlink.net](mailto:debyrogers@earthlink.net)

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 20:40

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I'm writing to ask you to pass the SCA Ordinance so we can finally do something about the Coho going extinct and stop the risk of flooding in the Geronimo valley from worsening.

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

Enforcement capacity and new reporting structures are necessary if we want these protections to become actualized. The county has done an incredible job at balancing all stakeholder's interests, and it would be a shame if it were not put to use due to a lack of enforcement.

Thank you for standing up for the earth. We should be proud of ourselves for getting this Stream Conservation Area Ordinance passed.

Sincerely,

Debra Rogers

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: rusistan@gmail.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 20:38

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

Due to excessive land development and river damming, coho salmon are disappearing fast in San Geronimo Valley. To prevent the extinction of these crucial species, we must take immediate action.

Finally, you are supplying resources to protect our streams! I appreciate you all adding equitable enforcement to this Ordinance.

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,

Rus Postel

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: mjrousseau2001@yahoo.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 20:34

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I hope that the SCA Ordinance is passed! We need to see genuine leadership from the Board of Supervisors in order to preserve the riparian habitat for Coho Salmon.

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

Protections are only as good as the enforcement resources available. I am grateful for the county stepping up and deciding to invest in protecting riparian habitats.

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,

Mary Rousseau

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: pkahn@att.net

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 20:34

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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 Board of Supervisors to protect the riparian habitat.

Facing climate change, the damning 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 fact that the SCA Ordinance is based on county-owned research from its Salmon Enhancement Plan gives me comfort. I find it encouraging that the County is giving science more weight than politics.

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

Sincerely,

Pamela Kahn

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: pkahn@att.net

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 20:33

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Sincerely,

Pamela Kahn

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: glalthen@gmail.com  
Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 20:29

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I am asking the Board of Supervisors to approve the proposed SCA Ordinance. It is dire that we take the time to protect our Coho Salmon and other species native to San Geronimo Valley.

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.

Finally, you are supplying resources to protect our streams! I appreciate you all adding equitable enforcement to this Ordinance.

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,

Gary Althen

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: sacjunk@gmail.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 20:28

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I appreciate all the effort put into the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance. To conserve salmon and stop floods, please pass the new SCA regulations.

As Marin County continues to grow, the native Coho Salmon species is at risk of extinction. Become a part of the effort to ensure the survival of this species by joining us in supporting the proposed Stream Conservation Area Ordinance.

Clearly, this watershed hasn't been protected by enough people with the power to enforce the law. The county will be able to save this watershed with the help of more authorities and new ways to file complaints.

I appreciate you listening to this critical topic today. To guarantee a future of progress, we must act fast - time is running out.

Sincerely,

Sandra Levine MD

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: chrismalo1954@gmail.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 20:27

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I'm writing to ask you to pass the SCA Ordinance so we can finally do something about the Coho going extinct and stop the risk of flooding in the Geronimo valley from worsening.

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

Enforcement capacity and new reporting structures are necessary if we want these protections to become actualized. The county has done an incredible job at balancing all stakeholder's interests, and it would be a shame if it were not put to use due to a lack of enforcement.

Thank you for standing up for the earth. We should be proud of ourselves for getting this Stream Conservation Area Ordinance passed.

Sincerely,

Chris Malo



# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: dinosuar@aol.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 20:24

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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 Board of Supervisors to protect the riparian habitat.

Facing climate change, the damning 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 fact that the SCA Ordinance is based on county-owned research from its Salmon Enhancement Plan gives me comfort. I find it encouraging that the County is giving science more weight than politics.

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

Sincerely,

John Vos

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: renepvoss@gmail.com  
Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 20:22

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I hope that the SCA Ordinance is passed! We need to see genuine leadership from the Board of Supervisors in order to preserve the riparian habitat for Coho Salmon.

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

Protections are only as good as the enforcement resources available. I am grateful for the county stepping up and deciding to invest in protecting riparian habitats.

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,

Rene Voss

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: samesamejane@gmail.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 20:17

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I'm writing to ask you to pass the SCA Ordinance so we can finally do something about the Coho going extinct and stop the risk of flooding in the Geronimo valley from worsening.

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

Enforcement capacity and new reporting structures are necessary if we want these protections to become actualized. The county has done an incredible job at balancing all stakeholder's interests, and it would be a shame if it were not put to use due to a lack of enforcement.

Thank you for standing up for the earth. We should be proud of ourselves for getting this Stream Conservation Area Ordinance passed.

Sincerely,

Evan Jane Kriss

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: samaureen@comcast.net

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 20:11

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

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 their likelihood.

The anonymous complaint system is a significant addition! Folks need additional reassurances that if they want to do the right thing, they will not be retaliated against. To my understanding, anonymous complaints have worked well in other counties, and I am excited to see it be put to work here in Marin.

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

Sincerely,

Maureen Groper

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: egruenke@gmail.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 20:10

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I appreciate all the effort put into the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance. To conserve salmon and stop floods, please pass the new SCA regulations.

As Marin County continues to grow, the native Coho Salmon species is at risk of extinction. Become a part of the effort to ensure the survival of this species by joining us in supporting the proposed Stream Conservation Area Ordinance.

Clearly, this watershed hasn't been protected by enough people with the power to enforce the law. The county will be able to save this watershed with the help of more authorities and new ways to file complaints.

I appreciate you listening to this critical topic today. To guarantee a future of progress, we must act fast - time is running out.

Sincerely,

Elaine Gruenke

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: patravasio@comcast.net

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 20:05

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

Please pass the SCA Ordinance! We need a tool to save our streams that act as a great buffer from flooding caused by climate change.

More damaging 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 am happy that the County is championing environmental protections by using science to inform its policies. It makes me proud to see our elected officials being proactive in defending the County from climate change.

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,

Patricia Ravasio

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: juliaalthoff@mac.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 20:01

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I'm writing to ask you to pass the SCA Ordinance so we can finally do something about the Coho going extinct and stop the risk of flooding in the Geronimo valley from worsening.

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Enforcement capacity and new reporting structures are necessary if we want these protections to become actualized. The county has done an incredible job at balancing all stakeholder's interests, and it would be a shame if it were not put to use due to a lack of enforcement.

Thank you for standing up for the earth. We should be proud of ourselves for getting this Stream Conservation Area Ordinance passed.

Sincerely,

Julia Althoff

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: mabirnbaum1@gmail.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 19:58

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I appreciate all the effort put into the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance. To conserve salmon and stop floods, please pass the new SCA regulations.

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Clearly, this watershed hasn't been protected by enough people with the power to enforce the law. The county will be able to save this watershed with the help of more authorities and new ways to file complaints.

I appreciate you listening to this critical topic today. To guarantee a future of progress, we must act fast - time is running out.

Sincerely,

Mark Birnbaum



# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: lremy@well.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 19:52

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

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 prior SCA Ordinance was confusing because of the restrictions and exclusions. The 35-foot barrier suggested in the proposed Ordinance will benefit all valley stakeholders.

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

Sincerely,

Linda Remy

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: drstevewalsh@aol.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 19:51

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

Please pass the SCA Ordinance! We need a tool to save our streams that act as a great buffer from flooding caused by climate change.

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Sincerely,

Steve Walsh

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: cgralapp@gmail.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 19:50

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I appreciate all the effort put into the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance. To conserve salmon and stop floods, please pass the new SCA regulations.

As Marin County continues to grow, the native Coho Salmon species is at risk of extinction. Become a part of the effort to ensure the survival of this species by joining us in supporting the proposed Stream Conservation Area Ordinance.

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I appreciate you listening to this critical topic today. To guarantee a future of progress, we must act fast - time is running out.

Sincerely,

Chris Gralapp

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: sunshine.weismehl@gmail.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 19:44

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I'm writing to ask you to pass the SCA Ordinance so we can finally do something about the Coho going extinct and stop the risk of flooding in the Geronimo valley from worsening.

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Thank you for standing up for the earth. We should be proud of ourselves for getting this Stream Conservation Area Ordinance passed.

Sincerely,

Sunshine Weismehl

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: susanmackenzie@earthlink.net

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 19:43

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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 Board of Supervisors to protect the riparian habitat.

Without rapid action, the Coho Salmon will become extinct. Ensure the survival of this species by requiring that their habitats be protected under the Stream Conservation Area 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.

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

Sincerely,

Susan MacKenzie

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: ejsettel28@gmail.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 19:43

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I'm writing to ask you to pass the SCA Ordinance so we can finally do something about the Coho going extinct and stop the risk of flooding in the Geronimo valley from worsening.

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

Enforcement capacity and new reporting structures are necessary if we want these protections to become actualized. The county has done an incredible job at balancing all stakeholder's interests, and it would be a shame if it were not put to use due to a lack of enforcement.

Thank you for standing up for the earth. We should be proud of ourselves for getting this Stream Conservation Area Ordinance passed.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Settel

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: mike\_e\_cass@yahoo.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 19:43

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

During flash floods, riparian habitats are utilized as energy buffers to slow the streamflow while absorbing the impact of the flood. If demolished by concrete, flood storms will become increasingly more destructive, threatening the local environment and aquatic life.

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.

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

Sincerely,

Mike Cass

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: mcvey.dennis@gmail.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 19:40

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I'm writing to ask you to pass the SCA Ordinance so we can finally do something about the Coho going extinct and stop the risk of flooding in the Geronimo valley from worsening.

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

Enforcement capacity and new reporting structures are necessary if we want these protections to become actualized. The county has done an incredible job at balancing all stakeholder's interests, and it would be a shame if it were not put to use due to a lack of enforcement.

Thank you for standing up for the earth. We should be proud of ourselves for getting this Stream Conservation Area Ordinance passed.

Sincerely,

Dennis McVey



# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: gonative@sonic.net

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 19:40

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I appreciate all the effort put into the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance. To conserve salmon and stop floods, please pass the new SCA regulations.

As Marin County continues to grow, the native Coho Salmon species is at risk of extinction. Become a part of the effort to ensure the survival of this species by joining us in supporting the proposed Stream Conservation Area Ordinance.

Clearly, this watershed hasn't been protected by enough people with the power to enforce the law. The county will be able to save this watershed with the help of more authorities and new ways to file complaints.

I appreciate you listening to this critical topic today. To guarantee a future of progress, we must act fast - time is running out.

Sincerely,

Allison Levin

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: jaynecerny@gmail.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 19:38

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

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.

Clearly, enforcement capacity has been lacking in protecting this watershed. Adding extra enforcement plus new complaint processes will be excellent tools for the county to use to protect this watershed.

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,

Jayne Cerny

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: [toni@wild-carrots.com](mailto:toni@wild-carrots.com)

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 19:37

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I appreciate all the effort put into the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance. To conserve salmon and stop floods, please pass the new SCA regulations.

As Marin County continues to grow, the native Coho Salmon species is at risk of extinction. Become a part of the effort to ensure the survival of this species by joining us in supporting the proposed Stream Conservation Area Ordinance.

Clearly, this watershed hasn't been protected by enough people with the power to enforce the law. The county will be able to save this watershed with the help of more authorities and new ways to file complaints.

I appreciate you listening to this critical topic today. To guarantee a future of progress, we must act fast - time is running out.

Sincerely,

Toni Littlejohn

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: mprice@the-acorn.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 19:36

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

As Marin County continues to grow, the native Coho Salmon species is at risk of extinction. Become a part of the effort to ensure the survival of this species by joining us in supporting the proposed 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.

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,

Marilyn Price

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: [brian@briancrawford.info](mailto:brian@briancrawford.info)

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 19:35

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I'm writing to ask you to pass the SCA Ordinance so we can finally do something about the Coho going extinct and stop the risk of flooding in the Geronimo valley from worsening.

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

Enforcement capacity and new reporting structures are necessary if we want these protections to become actualized. The county has done an incredible job at balancing all stakeholder's interests, and it would be a shame if it were not put to use due to a lack of enforcement.

Thank you for standing up for the earth. We should be proud of ourselves for getting this Stream Conservation Area Ordinance passed.

Sincerely,

Brian Crawford

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: [pirronecenter@gmail.com](mailto:pirronecenter@gmail.com)

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 19:35

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

Riparian habitats are used as energy buffers during flash floods 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.

I am happy that the County is championing environmental protections by using science to inform its policies. It makes me proud to see our elected officials being proactive in defending the County from climate change.

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

Sincerely,

Annette Pirrone

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: sankavo1@hotmail.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 15:44

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. I am asking you to pass this SCA Ordinance that follows CEQA, protects the fish, and saves the valley from flooding.

San Geronimo Valley Coho Salmon are in danger of extinction due to climate change, river damming, and urbanization. To prevent the extinction of this species, we must band together as a community.

The anonymous complaint process is an exciting idea to give folks more assurance that they will not face retribution for trying to protect vulnerable habitats.

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

Sincerely,

sandy kavoyianni

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: scottwebb02@gmail.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 15:14

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. I am asking you to pass this SCA Ordinance that follows CEQA, protects the fish, and saves the valley from flooding.

The disastrous effects of flash flooding are destroying Marin County's land. We must act to limit the amount of flash flooding and its impact 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 artificial stream banks, we will lose this natural buffer and significantly increase the damage done to our land by flash flooding.

We appreciate you including protections for Ephemeral streams! With the help of these measures, atmospheric rivers will be given the required buffers to prevent flooding.

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,

Scott Webb



# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: lbkflorida@gmail.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 12:15

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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 Board of Supervisors to protect the riparian habitat.

Coho Salmon are vanishing quickly in San Geronimo Valley due to excessive urban planning and river damming. We must act right now to stop the extinction of this vital species.

The former version of the SCA Ordinance included far too many exclusions. To ensure baseline protections, this 35-foot buffer is a fantastic compromise.

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

Sincerely,

Lori Beth Kidd

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: [alassio91@aol.com](mailto:alassio91@aol.com)

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 09:15

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

The prior SCA Ordinance was confusing because of the restrictions and exclusions. The 35-foot barrier suggested in the proposed Ordinance will benefit all valley stakeholders.

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

Sincerely,

Marina Tiedemann

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: brucecratty@gmail.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 07:52

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

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 their likelihood.

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

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,

Bruce Cratty

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: materi44@bresnan.net

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 07:08

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I am asking you, the Planning Commission, to approve the proposed SCA Ordinance. It is dire that we take the time to protect our Coho Salmon and other species native to San Geronimo Valley.

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.

Protections are only as good as the enforcement resources available. I am grateful for the county stepping up and deciding to invest in protecting riparian habitats.

Finally, we can move beyond this battle and start to mend. Please make the proper decision that benefits everybody!

Sincerely,

Sandra Materi

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: annemaz1971@yahoo.com

Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 06:34

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

If immediate action is not taken, the native Coho Salmon species will become extinct as Marin County continues to urbanize. Join us as we include essential provisions into the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance to prevent the extinction of this species.

Thank you for adding anonymous complaints into this Ordinance, this model has proven successful in other counties, and I am excited to see this be put to work in the county.

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

Sincerely,

Anne Mazzone

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: ale.sole1956@libero.it  
Submitted at: Wed, 07/06/2022 - 01:20

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

As Marin County continues to urbanize, the native Coho Salmon species will go extinct if no quick action is taken. Join us as we amend the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance to add protections that will avoid the extinction of this species.

If salmon have a chance at survival, ephemeral streams must be adequately protected. I appreciate the county for establishing this consistent 35-foot barrier in San Geronimo Valley.

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

Sincerely,

Alessandra Sorrentino

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: mollymccoy276@outlook.com

Submitted at: Tue, 07/05/2022 - 22:44

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

Marin residents should be very concerned about the biodiversity crisis and the probability of flooding in San Geronimo Valley. This SCA Ordinance would provide an innovative solution for some of our most vulnerable locations.

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

Clearly, this watershed hasn't been protected by enough people with the power to enforce the law. The county will be able to save this watershed with the help of more authorities and new ways to file complaints.

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

Sincerely,

Molly McCoy

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: throwaways@yahoo.com

Submitted at: Tue, 07/05/2022 - 22:11

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

As development destroys their natural habitats, coho salmon are in danger of becoming extinct altogether if you don't act now. Preserve the fish of San Geronimo Valley for future generations.

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

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy day to listen to me. Acting upon this now is essential to secure positive change for the future.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Mitchell



# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: gurdin@hotmail.com

Submitted at: Tue, 07/05/2022 - 21:49

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

As the amount of floods in Marin County rises due to climate change, the houses and wildlife in the region will suffer. Legislation must be passed to limit the negative consequences of urbanization and flash floods in Marin County.

I appreciate you including safeguards for Ephemeral streams! With the help of these safeguards, periodic atmospheric rivers will be given the required buffers to prevent flooding.

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,

J. Barry Gurdin

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: jlhiowa2@yahoo.com

Submitted at: Tue, 07/05/2022 - 19:39

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

As Marin County continues to grow, the native Coho Salmon species is at risk of extinction. Become a part of the effort to ensure the survival of this species by joining us in supporting the proposed Stream Conservation Area Ordinance.

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.

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,

Jessica Heiden

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: bandaloro2020@gmail.com

Submitted at: Tue, 07/05/2022 - 19:15

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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

As Marin County continues to grow, the native Coho Salmon species is at risk of extinction. Become a part of the effort to ensure the survival of this species by joining us in supporting the proposed Stream Conservation Area Ordinance.

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.

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,

Bernadette Andaloro

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: elvenmommy3@yahoo.com

Submitted at: Tue, 07/05/2022 - 19:05

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

I am writing to urge you to pass the improved SCA Ordinance with all 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.

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 their likelihood.

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.

Thank you for hearing me out and recognizing how critical this shift is to the future of not just our planet but also the world of tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Edelen

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: lzchin@hotmail.com

Submitted at: Tue, 07/05/2022 - 18:48

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

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 for adding anonymous complaints into this Ordinance, this model has proven successful in other counties, and I am excited to see this be put to work in the county.

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,

Laura Chinofsky

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: dgobthunder@hotmail.com

Submitted at: Tue, 07/05/2022 - 18:27

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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 Board of Supervisors to protect the riparian habitat.

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

I am grateful the county added some teeth to this Ordinance, so it does not become a paper document. We see the decline of some of California's most critical salmon habitats, and we need programs that involve added enforcement capacity and anonymous complaints about this to work.

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,

Daniel OBrien

# Final Vote for the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance!

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Submitted by: orca.song10@gmail.com

Submitted at: Tue, 07/05/2022 - 17:34

Dear Marin Board of Supervisors ,

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.

As development destroys their natural habitats, coho salmon are in danger of becoming extinct altogether if you don't act now. Preserve the fish of San Geronimo Valley for future generations.

Since the 35-foot buffer was suggested in the County's Salmon Enhancement Plan for San Geronimo Valley, I applaud the County for utilizing its research to inform its policy-making.

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,

Michelle Krueger