SECTION VI. Severance Clause. If any section of this ordinance is held invalid or unenforceable by any court and such judgment becomes final, then that section may be amended by a majority vote of this Board to conform with the judgment of such court, provided such amendment is consistent with the purpose and intent of this ordinance.

If any section, subsection, sentence, phrase or clause of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance. The people of Marinwood Community Services District hereby declare that they would have adopted this ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, phrase or clause thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, phrases or clauses may be declared invalid.

SECTION VII. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective not later than thirty (30) days after its adoption by the Board of Directors of Marinwood Community Services District, but shall not take effect unless and until it is approved by two-thirds of the voters voting upon this ordinance at an election to be held on March 2, 1999.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Marinwood Community Services District held this _______ of __________, 1999, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

Chair of the Board
ATTEST:
Thomas D. Horne, Secretary to the Board
IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL
MEASURE F

If this Measure is approved by a two thirds vote, the Marinwood Community Services District shall be authorized to amend Ordinance No. 13 by increasing the special tax for paramedic services effective July 1, 1999 in an amount not-to-exceed Fifty-Three Dollars ($53.00) per year for each living unit, and a maximum of Seven Cents (7¢) per square foot with a flat tax limit of Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) per One Cent (1¢) levied, for a maximum of Thirty-Five Hundred Dollars ($3,500.00) for each non-residential structure.

Dated: December 10, 1998

PATRICK K. FAULKNER
County Counsel

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE F

For over eighteen years Marinwood Community Services District, along with other unincorporated County areas, has contracted with the City of San Rafael for paramedic services. Your approval of Measure F is needed to keep the paramedic program in place and to meet the costs associated with increased service.

Since the paramedic service was initiated in 1980, there has been an 87% increase in emergency calls for paramedic service. In 1997 alone, paramedics responded to 269 calls for service in Marinwood, compared to 75 in 1993. To keep up with this need, two additional paramedic units have been added, with a fourth unit to be added in 1999. Operating costs, including personnel and supplies, have also increased.

To fully fund the paramedic program, the paramedic tax must be increased. This measure will raise the maximum tax rate to $53.00 for residential units and to 7 cents per square foot with a maximum of $3,500 for non-residential occupancies. Annual taxes will be based on actual costs, and cannot exceed the $53.00 maximum. During the 18-year history of the paramedic service, the average annual cost increase equaled only $1.78, well below the rate of inflation.

The proceeds from this tax can only be spent on the paramedic program.

Your Marinwood Community Services District Directors and Fire Commissioners urge you to vote YES on Measure F.

s/ Michael R. Ham, Board Director
Marinwood Community Services District

s/ David S. Mitchell, Board Director
Marinwood Community Services District

s/ R. Joseph Runco, Board Director
Marinwood Community Services District

s/ Genevieve T. Bolding, Member
Marinwood Community Services District
Park & Rec and Pool Commissions

s/ Donald B. Stiver, Member
Marinwood Fire Commission

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS MEASURE WAS SUBMITTED

End of Measure F