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Director

RE: Managing trees and vegetation in the San Geronimo Valley Watershed

Dear Arborist,

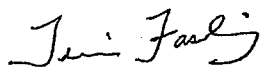
As you may know, there is currently a building moratorium prohibiting development in creek side Stream Conservation Areas in the San Geronimo Valley. The San Geronimo Valley watershed is home to one of the last productive runs of the federally endangered Coho salmon and threatened Steelhead trout in California. Creek side plants help support these important fish populations. We would appreciate your help in discouraging inappropriate tree and vegetation removal along creeks in this watershed. Below is a summary of the local Marin County laws that apply to creek side vegetation management.

In accordance with Marin County Code, Chapter 23.18, the removal of healthy native bank vegetation beyond that actually necessary for maintenance is prohibited. The removal of any vegetation in such a manner as to increase the vulnerability of a watercourse to erosion is also prohibited.

Before removing any native trees, residents must contact the Planning Division of the Marin County Community Development Agency (CDA) to determine whether or not a Tree Removal Permit is required or they can visit CDA's web site at <http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/CD/Main/index.cfm>. The Planning Division can also be reached at (415) 499-6269. Work within or next to a creek channel or bank may require a Creek Permit. For more information, contact the Marin County Department of Public Works, Division of Land Development, at 415-499-3755. Please note that vegetation and debris must be disposed of properly and must not be deposited into a watercourse, including its banks.

Thank you for your efforts to protect water quality and preserve riparian and native upland vegetation. For more information, see the enclosed *Fish Friendly Guide*.

Sincerely,



Terri Fashing
Stormwater Program Manager
Marin County Department of Public Works

Enclosure: *Fish Friendly Guide for San Geronimo Valley Residents*

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