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**From:** Doug Ryan <dougryan999@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 5, 2021 3:08 PM  
**To:** Inquiry, Flood; michael.hornick@dhs.gov  
**Subject:** Comments for the flood control meeting

My name is Doug Ryan. I live at 74 Sir Francis Drake Blvd in Ross.  
Please include these comments as a public submission and please affirmatively confirm that will be done.

To be clear, my home will be negatively impacted by the San Anselmo Flood Risk Reduction project. The project will put more water into the creek downstream of the 634 San Anselmo Ave demolition, and my home will as a result flood with a less severe rain event, according to the County's models and surveys.

I have been told by county personnel there is a "small risk" for increased flood risk at my property. My understanding of FEMA regulations is the amount of tolerable risk is ZERO. And my understanding of FEMA regulations is the amount of additional water on a property located in the project zone is ZERO. My home will have at least two additional inches of water on my property.

I have been asking Liz Lewis, specifically, since September 23, 2020 what the definition of "significant" additional water on my property is, in inches. She has consistently refused to answer. When the public works director of ross asked her in a public meeting on 9/23/20 if four inches of water was significant, or twelve inches, she refused to answer. I am asking the Board to compel her to respond, and cite the relevant government code supporting her answer. My understanding of FEMA regulations is anything above ZERO is "significant" and requires mitigation.

Further, county personnel have been non responsive to information requests from myself and others and I am asking the Board to proactively monitor and compel responses to requests for information. Failure to do so contributes to the lack of transparency this project suffers from.

Liz Lewis stated in a recent San Anselmo Town Council meeting that the County would have to re-run the models with only the SAFRR and the Winship Bridge and review the results with FEMA. Please provide me a copy of the results of that model for my house when the model is run.

Further, there have been references to the Winship Bridge not being a flood control project. Please clarify that statement. And if it isn't a flood control project, please explain why the County is providing at the very least analytical support for the project. Also please be advised that by providing any support or funds for the Winship Bridge project, the County is exposing itself to liability should that project negatively impact my property.

The County has never surveyed underneath my house, to document the HVAC and electrical wiring and plumbing underneath my house either.

I am offering an open invitation for any of the flood control board to either schedule a meeting with me or a zoom call.

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