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To: Theo Sanchez <Theo.Sanchez@cityofsanrafael.org>; Distrib- City Clerk <City.Clerk@cityofsanrafael.org>
Subject: Tiscornia Marsh Restoration Project DEIR

Dear Mr. Sanchez and City of San Rafael,

I have reviewed the DEIR for this project and would like to make a few comments for the record.

I am a long time resident of the Canal having moved here in 1960. I remember this area before Pickleweed Park, Spinnaker, and Baypoint existed. The Park and these developments are built on dredge spoils.

Back in the day, suction dredges pumped their spoils over the existing levees.

My first comment has to do with the "Diked Marsh" restoration plan.

This area is dried dredge spoils that have evolved over 40 or 50 years into the pickleweed, oak and scrub habitat that we see today. The plan is to lower the levee and add tidal channels to turn this area into a tidal marsh. My concern is the re-introduction of tidal flow will cause liquefaction of this sediment. Tidal action will cause erosion and carry out of this material resulting in sediment deposit into the San Rafael Creek navigable waters.

I believe this possibility needs to be examined in greater detail and the "Diked Marsh" conversion idea scrapped if warranted.

Secondly, this project does absolutely nothing to lessen the flooding prospects of the Canal area. The DEIR states in numerous places the flood protection is inconsistent along the entire length of the Creek. The stated goal and objective of " Increase the level of flood protection for the Canal neighborhood and other nearby communities of central San Rafael." is without merit. Flood protection should not be a consideration with regard to this project.

Finally, I am mostly in favor of this Project. Marsh restoration is a worthy pursuit. I would like to see the stipulation that only dredge material from the Creek be used for this project.

Sincerely,
Warren Weisenburg

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