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Re: Corte Madera Creek Flood Control Project EIS/EIR

Mr. Willis:

Marin Conservation League requests that the following be identified for all alternatives in the environmental review of the Corte Madera Creek flood control project.

1. Impact of project construction and project on habitat for fish and other wild-life, especially on the ability of fish to travel and thrive in the corridor. Factors could include speed of water; water temperature; adequacy of resting areas; bank vegetation and tree shade; retaining structures.
2. The relation to, and impact on, the Corps' project from projects in the Ross Valley Watershed Flood Control and Watershed Program. These include bridge and culvert improvements and construction of several detention basins. How would these projects work with and affect the Corps' project, and what would be the impact if portions of the County project, e.g. detention basins, were not constructed?
3. Impact of anticipated rise in bay levels. Marin County recently began a vulnerability evaluation on the potential effect of three different elevation changes in bay water on low-lying properties along the County bay shoreline. Would the rise in bay waters affect the creek's tidal reach, and/or alter boundaries of the area subject to flooding, and how would those affect the project?
4. Sediment buildup and dredging and/or other maintenance which would be required as a result of the project, in the project area or downstream, as a result of the project.
5. Effect on local drainage and tributaries.

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We request that alternatives include earthen berms rather than raised concrete walls and bio-technical measures rather than hard surface retaining incorporated wherever these are possible.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kate Powers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kate Powers
President