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Dear Lauren,

I am sure that you are aware of the terrible invasion of the Laguna de Santa Rosa by Ludwigia, and the agonizing decision of whether or not to use herbicides in its demolition, both to discourage the potential spread of West Nile diseases harmful to humans and Ludwigia's stifling of the natural habitat.

Runoff is one of the principal reasons the Ludwigia is now thriving in the Laguna.

It is self defeating to, on the one hand, spend huge amounts of money and effort to remove Ludwigia from the Laguna and on the other to encourage one of the very causes of this scourge to flourish.

Incidental runoff is not incidental. It is an ignorant, and often arrogant act and its perpetrators operate in what I call the "whoops mode": "let's do it until we're caught and then we'll pay a small fine".

Please do not allow its perpetuation.

A concerned citizen of the Laguna de Santa Rosa and Sebastopol.

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