



PETALUMA WETLANDS ALLIANCE

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Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Water Board
State WRCB
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Subject: Wetland Area and Protection Policy



Dear Ms. Townsend,

We would like to go on record as supporting new state regulations to protect wetlands in California which are not connected to navigable waterways. The federal Supreme Court struck down these protections recently, which was a big mistake. These wetlands are just as valuable as other wetlands when one considers their functions of detaining water, providing habitats for hundreds of species of birds, mammals, fish, and invertebrates. Such wetlands also provide food sources for humans and recreational opportunities for humans including small-craft boating, fishing, hunting, swimming, nature study, and just plain enjoyment of the natural wonders of our state.

Please help get these wetlands back under protective controls so that they are not developed or plowed up and planted.

Thank you,

Gerald L. Moore Ph.D.
Chairman, PWA