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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTMs. Marie Meredith
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Dear Ms. Meredith:

The National Park Service is the largest landowner within the Tomales Bay watershed in West Marin County. Point Reyes National Seashore stretches along the western edge of Tomales Bay and extends one quarter mile into Tomales Bay waters. In turn, the Golden Gate National Recreation Area extends along a strip of land on the eastern shore of Tomales Bay.] 001

The long-term health of Tomales Bay is a major concern of Point Reyes National Seashore. In terms of waterfowl and other open-water birds, the Bay supports close to 25,000 individuals during the winter months. It also supports another 20,000 shorebirds during the winter. In addition, the Bay has a revived herring population and 18% of the state's commercial harvest of marine aquaculture. The healthy wildlife population is a reflection of the high water quality found throughout the Bay.] 002

Point Reyes National Seashore staff have reviewed the Draft EIR/EIS Santa Rosa Subregional Long-Term Wastewater Project. We are extremely concerned about the West County Alternatives (3A-3E).] In our opinion, the West County Alternatives will have direct long-term impacts on the recreational and natural resources of Tomales Bay and indirect effects on the land resources of Tomales Point.] Long and short-term effects on the resources mentioned found in Tomales Bay have not discussed, nor the consequences of increased nutrients, heavy metals, fresh water flows, and other constitutes of wastewater.] In addition, the cumulative impacts of this project and others proposed for Tomales Bay are not discussed.] 003 004 005 006 007

Legislation was submitted to Congress for an expansion of Point Reyes National Seashore that would encompass the Estero Americano and Estero de San Antonio and surrounding lands.] This proposal is not noted, nor is there a discussion of how the West County Alternatives will impact this proposal.] We believe the proposal may significantly impact this proposed legislation.] 008 009 010

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Finally, we feel the timeframe to review the document was not adequate. The three volume draft document and the 16 volumes of pertinent support documentation could not be adequately reviewed in the timeframe allowed. An extension of the review period should occur.

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We appreciate the opportunity to comment of the Draft EIS/EIR.

Sincerely,



Don L. Neubacher
Superintendent