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16. SINCE PUBLIC WORKS DECISION SINCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WARM SPRINGS DAM HAS HELD THE POTENTIAL TO DETERMINE THE FUTURE OF SANTA ROSA COUNTY IN SUCH DRAMATIC WAYS, THE PENDING WASTEWATER OUTCOME DETERMINES THE HEALTH AND INTEGRITY OF THE RUSSIAN RIVER, THE FATE OF OUR NATIONALLY-RECOGNIZED BIODIVERSITY AT THE ESTUARY OF SAN ANTONIO AND AMERICAN, AND THE FOOTPRINT OF FUTURE URBAN SPRAWL OR WASTE WATER DAM SITES ACROSS OUR REMAINING OPEN SPACES. THE NAME OF THE MONEY GAME FOR THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY REMAINS AND HAS ALWAYS BEEN, INCREASING THE OVERALL ASSESSED VALUATION OF DEVELOPABLE REAL ESTATE IN OUR COUNTY. FOUR THINGS ARE KEY TO THEIR PROFITS: AVAILABLE LAND TO SUBDIVIDE, PLENTIFUL WATER SUPPLY, ROADS, AND EXPANDED WASTE WATER DISPOSAL. PRIVATE PROFITS WILL BE HIGHER, OF COURSE, IF THE PUBLIC FORGETS THE BILL FOR THE URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE MADE NECESSARY BY THE NEW DEVELOPMENT. 001
- THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA GOT OFF TO A BAD START IN THEIR INITIAL APPROACH TO BEFRIENDING WEST COUNTY RANCHERS. THE CITY BEGAN THEIR EIR/EIS TRICKS BY SERVING MORE THAN A DOZEN PROPERTY OWNERS WITH A COURT ORDER DEMANDING ACCESS TO THEIR RANCHES FOR THE EXCAVATION OF LARGE TRENCHES, DETONATION OF EXPLOSIVES, AND OTHER INVASIVE GEOLOGIC TESTING. LAW-ABIDING RURAL FAMILIES WERE UNWILLINGLY DRAGGED INTO COURT IN SANTA ROSA TO DEFEND THEIR PRIVATE PROPERTY. THE LOGICAL RESULT WAS THE FORMATION OF A LANDOWNERS ORGANIZATION CALLED THE AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY RIGHTS ALLIANCE, OR APRA. 002
- WITH A TOTAL OF FIVE DAMSITES TARGETING THE WEST COUNTY, THE THREAT OF CONDEMNATION HAS BEEN LOOMING OVER MANY FAMILIES FOR EIGHT YEARS NOW. THE EIR/EIS EVALUATES 19,000 ACRES OF PRIVATELY OWNED AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY IN THE WEST COUNTY FOR PIPELINE CORRIDORS, DAMSITES, PUMP STATIONS, AND IRRIGATION PROJECTS. THIS IS AN AREA MORE THAN ONE-HALF THE SIZE OF THE ENTIRE CITY OF SANTA ROSA. WITHIN THIS "FOOTPRINT" OF POTENTIAL CONDEMNATION OF PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LAND, DOZENS OF RANCHERS ARE NOW ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN APRA OUT OF SELF-DEFENSE. 003
- THESE MITIGATION STRATEGIES REPRESENT A REVEALING STUDY OF THE EIR/EIS CONSULTANTS' WILD CREATIVITY. THE PROPOSED RANGE OF MITIGATIONS INCLUDE A HUGE CONCRETE BOX CULVERT WHICH WOULD SURROUND A PROPOSED SOUTH-COUNTY DAMSITE TO TRY TO PREVENT RUNOFF FROM ENTERING DOWNSTREAM CREEKS. IN THE WEST COUNTY, THE NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY HAS INDICATED THAT ANY CHANGE IN THE WATER 004
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QUALITY OF THE ESTEROS WHICH DEVIATES FROM THE CONDITION OF THESE WATERWAYS AT THE TIME OF SANCTUARY DESIGNATION IN 1982 WILL BE DEEMED SIGNIFICANT. TO TRY TO PREVENT RUNOFF OF AGRICULTURAL TAIL WATER INTO THE CREEKS FEEDING THE ESTEROS, THE CITY'S CONSULTANTS ARE PROPOSING CONSTRUCTION OF EARTHEN BERMS AROUND AGRICULTURAL FIELDS. IN ADDITION A NEW CITY-DICTATED IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT STRATEGY, WHICH SOUNDS LIKE AN INTRUSIVE VERSION OF SANTA ROSA'S LAND POLICE AS "BIG BROTHER" WOULD OVERSEE ALL AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS IN THESE AREAS.

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