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OPEN LETTER  
TO THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SEBASTOPOL, CALIFORNIA

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Subj: Encroachment on the Laguna de Santa Rosa

The City of Sebastopol is presently considering a major development request which ignores and/or violates both the letter and the intent of existing laws governing the subject environmental resource.

I submit that the City has no authority to issue any use permit encroaching on the Laguna without full compliance with all the requirements of the following laws:

- 1) National Environmental Policy Act (1969, as amended)
- 2) President Jimmy Carter's Executive Orders in furtherance of Item 1 --
  - a) #11988 concerning flood plain management
  - b) #11990 concerning wetlands protection
  - c) #12088 concerning contamination of fresh water resources
- 3) California Environmental Quality Act (based on Porter-Cologne Act, 1970)
- 4) National Flood Insurance Agency (current regulations)

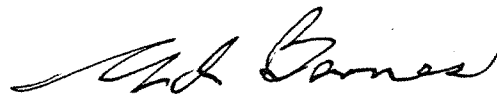
Further, in order to comply with the above laws, definitive concurrence and/or permission by each of the following agencies or departments must be obtained.

Federal: Environmental Protection Agency and U. S. Army, Corps of Engineers

State & County: All departments and/or agencies having any element of jurisdiction.\*

The City of Sebastopol should be mindful that matters of this magnitude and importance should not be attempted without a comprehensive Environmental Impact Report and full legal compliance. Negative declaration is not an acceptable option.

Continued degradation of the Laguna de Santa Rosa must be halted.



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