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Mr. Henry Agonia, Director
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Dear Mr. Agonia:

This letter is in response to your request for comments on the document, "California Wetlands An Element of the California Outdoor Recreation Plan". The document was reviewed at the Regular Meeting of the Sebastopol City Council on August 2, 1988.

The Sebastopol City Council finds the "California Wetlands" document to be a thorough compilation of the history, nature, and value of wetlands, particularly in California. The document clearly identifies the resource value of wetlands, the complex and piece-meal process of protection and management, and the urgent need for positive action to reverse the continued loss and degradation of wetlands in California.

We are surprised, however, that the report contains no mention of the Laguna de Santa Rosa, the second largest fresh water marsh in Northern California. We have enclosed a copy of "Laguna Advisory Committee Report to the City of Sebastopol" for your reference.

While this document is not intended to be California's comprehensive plan for wetlands, it is our hope that it will increase the general awareness of the value of wetlands, and lead to an overall plan for their protection. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this document.

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature of Anne Magnie in cursive script.
Anne Magnie
Mayor

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