

Dear Marin County Board of Supervisors,

We write in great support of your plan to add the San Geronimo Golf Course to Open Space.

As environmental educators, open space is our classroom and our laboratory. These wild spaces are the places where our teaching comes alive, where children and adults make discoveries of their own, and where citizens young and old learn to give back through service work with Marin County Parks. The transition from golf course to wild lands will itself be a lesson in science and in hope that we can share with our students.

As environmental educators, climate change is a deep concern. By protecting large swaths of ecosystems, we can help maintain the natural resilience that is necessary to deal with the higher intensity levels of flooding, heat waves, and storms that we are already experiencing and can expect more of in the days to come. The golf course, being so close to MMWD lands and other open spaces, helps also to create wildlife corridors, lowering the incidence of wildlife and human conflicts.

We appreciate you seizing this opportunity to add to Marin County's open space legacy.

In support,

Marin County Environmental Educators, including

Julie Hanft, Marin GreenPlay Camp

Sharon Barnett, Science Specialist, Marin Country Day School & Co-owner, Marin Nature Adventures

Vicki Seastrom, Marin County Kindergarten Teacher and Grandmother

Wendy Dalia, Former Education Director, Richardson Bay Audubon Center