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Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

Dear Marin County Supervisors,

On behalf of the over 5,600 Sierra Club members in Marin County, I submit to you this letter to express our support for the County of Marin's proposed acquisition of 157 acres in San Geronimo Valley currently operating as the San Geronimo Golf Course.

We view this acquisition as a unique opportunity to acquire and preserve valuable public open space; to connect Valley communities with habitat-friendly trails; and to restore vital habitat for native wildlife, particularly endangered Coho salmon, listed under both the California and federal Endangered Species Acts.

The inclusion of this property into the County Parks would provide a linked wildlife corridor connecting various preserves and open spaces, allowing wildlife a means to traverse the San Geronimo Valley safely.

Furthermore, the County's purchase of the property will help preserve the rural character of San Geronimo Valley and the unique identities of its communities.

The restoration of the property presents an opportunity to nurture the community and natural world, and to impart environmental values and practical skills to a new generation of environmental restorers and stewards.

We encourage the County to move quickly on this acquisition, as the land, zoned Recreational Commercial, is highly vulnerable to private development.

The Sierra Club looks forward to participating in the planning, development and management of what promises to be a premier open space acquisition.

Sincerely,

Max Perrey
Chair, Sierra Club Marin Group

cc: Max Korten, Marin County Parks Director