



November 7, 2017

Supervisor Dennis Rodoni
Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 329
San Rafael, CA 94903

Dear Supervisor Rodoni:

On behalf of the Center for Biological Diversity's 3,800 members and supporters in Marin County, we would like to offer our support for the acquisition of the San Geronimo Valley Golf Course by Marin County.

Public acquisition of this land could benefit the recovery of coho salmon and steelhead trout, provide open space and public trails, and save scarce water resources.

The acquisition and restoration of the golf course property has been identified by the National Marine Fisheries Service as a high priority action for the recovery of critically endangered coho salmon and threatened steelhead trout. Permanent protection as public open space will preserve the more than \$1 million of creek salmon habitat enhancement projects that have already been implemented on the property. Further habitat restoration opportunities on the property would also benefit other wildlife species dependent on healthy riparian habitat.

Other benefits from converting the golf course to open space include: saving more than 49 million gallons of municipal water each year; reducing the amounts of pesticides and fertilizers that enter San Geronimo and Lagunitas Creeks; allowing restoration of floodplains that could reduce downstream flooding; and providing valuable trails and open space for the San Geronimo Valley.

We appreciate your efforts to secure this land for the benefit of the people and environment of Marin County.

Sincerely,

Jeff Miller
Conservation Advocate
Center for Biological Diversity