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Marin County Board of Supervisors
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San Rafael, CA 94903

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Dear Supervisors:

Marin Conservation League supports the County's acquisition of the San Geronimo Valley Golf Course and urges you to vote to approve the purchase agreement at your meeting on November 14.

The San Geronimo Valley, in the County's Inland Rural Corridor, is designated for preservation of existing small communities. As the golf course site is zoned for resort and commercial recreation, its imminent closure raised the threat of development that could alter the valley's rural character, as well as add vehicular traffic to access roads from San Rafael and the Ross Valley. With the property in public ownership this risk would no longer exist and the County could embark on a process to consider the many possibilities for reuse, each of which deserves careful scrutiny.

The proposed purchase would advance and be consistent with goals of the Marin Countywide Plan and the San Geronimo Valley Community Plan to preserve and enhance the valley's natural resources and rural setting, resuscitate habitat for struggling aquatic species, and improve the overall watershed functioning with uses beneficial for the environment as well as residents.. As the site adjoins the Giacomini, Roy's Redwoods, and French Ranch open space preserves, restoration of significant portions of the golf course could improve the habitat connectivity that is so important for native wildlife.

Please take advantage of this opportunity while it is available, and approve the purchase agreement for the San Geronimo Valley Golf Course. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kate Powers". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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