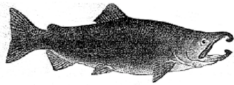


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Steve Thompson, Chairman
Marin County Planning Commission
3501 Civic Center Drive

Dear Mr. Thompson and fellow commissioners:

As you know, the Tomales Bay Association is on the list of concerned citizens' groups asking you to seriously consider the negative findings of the Draft Environmental Impact Report of Lawson's Landing on the unique mobile dunes and seasonal wetlands of Dillon Beach, on the vulnerability of Tomales Bay, and on the coastal waters of Marin County and California in general. We endorse the 35 page letter addressing specific concerns that was submitted several years ago under the lead of the Environmental Action Committee of West Marin. We are also one of the coalition groups along with the EAC which submitted its comments to you last week.

Tomales Bay has been despoiled by the human habitants on its borders for a long time. Every few years some e-Coli related infection sweeps the shellfish harvest. Homeowners along the bayside are working diligently to keep their systems in working order and to improve or replace poorly designed or malfunctioning systems. But, historically control over pollution in the area has been problematic, with Tomales Bay being listed as impaired for fecal contamination. To set a Baseline anytime in the past ignores the present impact of our hugely burgeoning population and the scorn and regret we could earn from the future. Nobody gets credit for the cost of a cleanup fund after the fact. Our concerns are with long overdue mitigation of an environmental disaster in the making - before it happens.

We really like the nice people who run Lawson's Landing, the Lawsons and Voglers. They seem to have good intentions, though it is not entirely clear in the DEIR where they would stop and the ultimate effects of the level of usage anticipated. We also think it is a nice thing to have a low-cost refuge for Sacramento Valley campers who don't choose to camp in the Sacramento Delta.

These folks can certainly speak for themselves. However, TBA must speak representing the residents of West Marin who must live with any casual decisions you make. We must also speak for the land, the endangered animals and the endangered waters. This constituency would otherwise have no voice.

Lawson's Landing could too easily be the tipping point for turning Tomales Bay into a cesspool. Increasingly crowded with RVs, tents, trailers, and manufactured homes, the campground usage appears ever more dangerous. It is just a very bad idea to overload the land, then attempt to trickle septic effluent through shifting sand dunes to the sea.

Kenneth J. Fox, President