

Greeting all

This is information about the proposed draft riparian vegetation ordinance for the San Geronimo Valley.

As you know, an ordinance to protect riparian vegetation in the San Geronimo Valley is being prepared for consideration by the Marin County Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors, in conformance with an agreement with Salmon Protection and Watershed Network (SPAWN). The ordinance will comply with the Marin Countywide Plan policies, but will not fulfill or replace the plan's requirement to adopt a countywide Stream Conservation Area ordinance (SCA ordinance), nor will it include all elements that the SCA ordinance will address. The countywide SCA ordinance, once adopted, is programmed to replace the San Geronimo Valley specific ordinance.

Many comments have been received about the proposed San Geronimo Valley ordinance since the release of the draft Salmonid Enhancement Plan last fall. At a public workshop held on Sunday, May 16th, and in the days just before that workshop, many new ideas about ways to manage salmonid habitat protection were advanced by Task Groups that were formed for this purpose at the workshop on March 7th. County staff and contract legal counsel met on May 18th to discuss incorporating the many good and creative ideas into the overall strategy, including considering new provisions for the proposed ordinance.

To ensure that we have fully considered the package of regulatory and voluntary activities in concert, and to vet the draft ordinance internally, we have added two weeks to our schedule to release the draft ordinance. The draft will be circulated internally over the next two weeks. A draft package for public review will be distributed on **June 6**. A community workshop to discuss this draft was scheduled in consultation with workshop participants on Sunday. It will take place on **Wednesday, June 16th, from 6:30pm until 8:30 pm**. I am still securing a location for this discussion.

This draft has been long awaited and I realize there will be some frustration in this delay. I hope this extra time we are taking will make the product more responsive to concerns raised.

For those of you who were not at the workshop last Sunday, we also set a workshop in July to continue the extremely positive, productive work the Task Groups have been doing. That workshop will be on **Saturday, July 24th, from 8:30am until 12:30pm at the San Geronimo Golf Course**. As requested, I ordered healthier snacks this time, but getting a good head count will help me plan. The healthy treats are more costly and I don't want to over order.

I am working on the workshop notes, and awaiting electronic copies of several reports. As I get them, I will post them to the website set up for this effort
www.co.marin.ca.us/sgv

As you know, the website also links to the Marin Countywide Plan SCA policies, for your information.

Thank you for all your hard work!

Linda