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Nov 6, 2017

Dear Honorable Mayor and Council,

Growing up a block off the Buena Vista Lagoon I have watched sorrowfully for decades as it has filled in due specifically to **excess sedimentation being unable to escape to the ocean.** The ONLY FEIR alternative that can remedy this is the Salt Water Alternative. Otherwise you will have a weedy marsh.

After 15 years of study including: hydrology, DEIR, FEIR, public outreach, agency involvement - the most sustainable and environmentally preferred alternative was in fact recommended in the FEIR.

Although the salt water alternative does not HAVE to be chosen I strongly urge our representative to SANDAG to support this alternative. Take a good look at San Elijo (the train is the best way). It is a functional wetland that also provides recreational opportunities, supports many hundreds of plant, fish and animal species and is an eco-tourism destination. It is beautiful and functional. It ameliorates the water pollution from dirty urban water before discharge to the ocean. This is desperately needed in our Buena Vista Watershed that is 303D impaired for: sediment, nitrates, phosphates, metals and both human and animal coliform bacteria. It is a breeding ground for mosquitos which spread increased numbers of diseases due to the warming of our climate.

The tricky part is the private ownership of both the weir and the surrounding land. Although there are some real challenges to implementing the Salt Water Alternative, like lateral pedestrian access and a jetty to keep the mouth open - they are doable and worthwhile. I wish we didn't need those things, (had that house not been built in the middle of the channel they may have been avoidable.)

It now see it as our governments job to work with the affected landowner to make the salt water alternative a reality. It in fact would greatly benefit Saint Malo by reducing both flooding and mosquito problems. They have been very closed minded and frankly uneducable on any view except their erroneous one. We need our functional wetlands because they are the rookeries of the ocean, no other alternative allows for this to be restored to it's highest and historical ecological function.

Please resist political pressure and the influence of a couple deep pockets and take the correct long term view for the long term sustainability of the Buena Vista Lagoon and our Oceans. You may well not see the completion of this project in your lifetime but rest assured future generations will thank you -

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I have followed the plight of the lagoon for many years and I am thrilled with the recommendation of SANDAG, with support of the BV Lagoon Foundation to return the lagoon to its natural saltwater state. In doing this, we increase California wetlands, minimize risk of mosquito born diseases and preserve beautiful natural California. It's a win for all of us. I encourage members of council to support the SANDAG recommendation.

Thank you
Meg Beauchamp

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