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Dear Council Members,

I have been following the notices from FEMA and the MC FCWCD. It appears that each of the two entities has a different set of model criteria used to assess flood risk.

FEMA's preferred model seems antiquated given the lower readings their one-dimensional model projects. These lower readings may be unrealistic considering the heavy rainfalls we have been experiencing in recent years. Due to weather and climate changes, new hazards come with today's flood events. Analysis needs updating to meet new challenges. Ignoring reality does not appear to be in the public's best interest. Yet FEMA mitigation is attached to uncomplainingly accepting the lower readings in the FEMA selected CLOMR process.

Meanwhile, Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District is working off newer models that provide more realistic projections. There are clear discrepancies between FEMA and the hybrid models used for SAFRR and CMC FRMP. The models shown to the public in years of project presentations do not 'mesh' with FEMA models projections. Something is wrong. When residents may see as much as 3 feet higher water surface elevations in creeks during the heavy rainfalls, why are FEMA models being used?

If newer hybrid models are used, are property owners to be restricted to (a) no required mitigation and (b) LOMR's after-the-fact construction, over which the public has little say? These restrictions will leave property owners no recourse should the approved projects fail to fulfill their promised results.

When someone tells me I will not flood, but cannot produce any documentation to support their claims, I feel the flood district is misleading both the residents and town council on this issue.

I have a home on the bank of the creek in question, at the confluence of Ross Creek & Corte Madera Creek, just 0.3 miles from Ross Town Hall. My property at 20 Sylvan Lane is totally unprotected from flood risk. My home was impacted by the 1982 Flood in both my Crawl Space, where mechanical systems & equipment for the house are located, and my entire First Floor level. My home was impacted by the 2005 Flood, again in my Crawl Space, where mechanical systems & equipment for the house are located.

The 'SAFRR' project will clearly put more water into Corte Madera Creek which raises the likelihood of flooding my property. Yet my property is not listed in the SAFRR CLOMR process. I have received no

Notice, the district has not studied the effects on my property, nor have they visited my property, yet project proponents continue to assure me, my property will not flood as a result of the project.

I simply do not believe that the flood waters stop at the Winship Bridge. And I am not alone.

Residents, taxpayers, and voters need more and straight answers from Marin flood district representatives. Please do not support this project without Exercising Due Diligence regarding All Ross Residents, not simply the Majority of Ross Residents.

Sincerely,

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