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*Handout*

*Agenda Item 2M*  
*Date February 26, 2016*

February 25, 2016

Raul M. Rojas, County Purchasing Agent, Director, Public Works  
County of Marin  
Department of Public Works  
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RE: Miller Creek Maintenance Activity

Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District (District) owns approximately 1.4 miles of lower Miller Creek. Sediment from upper and middle Miller Creek continuously accumulates on neighboring and District creek property. The sediment is approaching the District's treatment plant sewer outfall requiring the District's action. The District has completed studies, developed drawings and obtained permits for a dredging project to address accumulated sediment on the District's portion of Miller Creek. The total cost for the dredging project is anticipated to be in excess of \$1.5 million.

The District has three sewer mains that cross Miller Creek. Each sewer main has been lined to provide additional strength and prevent leakage, due to the deepening of Miller Creek, at a cost of approximately \$150,000.

Several years ago the District attempted to implement erosion protection measures to protect the sewer main located on Marin County property just south of Janette Prandi Way. The erosion at this location was accelerated, and continues to be, accelerated by a portion of a tree that was left by maintenance crews. However, bank erosion was the cause of the tree falling into the creek due to the lack of proper riparian management upstream, channeling the stream which creates greater hydraulic force leading to downcutting and streambank erosion. After considerable effort the District resorted to relocating the sewer main at a cost of \$99,000.

It has been brought to our attention that maintenance work continues next to the Lucas Valley bridge close to the intersection of Lucas Valley Road and Mount Lassen Drive. We believe this activity will result in additional sediment conveyance, impact habitat and is not a holistic approach to watershed management.

We recognize that the County has limited funding and is dealing with past development decisions causing increased runoff from a lack of watershed management. The District has sought to develop a partnership to address the Miller Creek and Lucas Valley Watershed issues. We request that you consider working collaboratively on solutions to resolve upstream Miller Creek erosion and Watershed issues. The District has successful longstanding partnerships with

Marin Municipal Water District (recycled water), North Marin Water District (recycled water) and Marin County Parks (McInnis Marsh Restoration).

Because of the critical nature of these issues, the District is considering taking a greater role that would hopefully be amenable to the County. The District has had great success obtaining grants and funding. We are hopeful that action will be taken soon.

Sincerely,

Judy Schriebman  
Board President  
Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District

cc: LGVSD Board of Directors