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Completed by: Alisa Somera

Date September 8, 2016

Completed by: Alisa Somera

Date September 22, 2016

1 [Urging the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to Expand Public Access to the  
2 Peninsula Watershed Lands]

3 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to provide enhanced**  
4 **public access to existing roads and trails in the Peninsula Watershed Lands consistent**  
5 **with the goals of protecting the water supply and the environmental quality of the area.**

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7 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's (SFPUC) Peninsula  
8 Watershed encompasses approximately 23,000 acres of land in San Mateo County and is a  
9 state-designated Fish and Wildlife Refuge; and

10 WHEREAS, The Peninsula Watershed (Watershed) is a component of the Hetch  
11 Hetchy Regional Water System and home to the highest concentration of native, rare,  
12 threatened, and endangered species in the nine-county Bay Area region; and

13 WHEREAS, As one of the region's unique natural habitats, the Peninsula Watershed  
14 provides significant and valued recreational and educational opportunities for the community  
15 throughout the San Francisco Bay Area and Northern California through the use of its public  
16 trail system; and

17 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Interior has a 19,000 acre Scenic  
18 Easement on the western portion of the Watershed and a 4,000 acre Scenic and Recreation  
19 easement on the eastern side of the watershed administered by the GGNRA; and

20 WHEREAS, Access to open space for both San Francisco residents and other  
21 residents of the Bay Area has been a longstanding concern of the City; and

22 WHEREAS, The Peninsula Watershed's two regional trail systems are the Crystal  
23 Springs Regional Trail, operated and maintained by San Mateo County Parks, and the Bay  
24 Area Ridge Trail, operated and maintained by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

1 and connecting the Sweeney Ridge Trail operated by the Golden Gate National Recreation  
2 Area (GGNRA); and

3 WHEREAS, These regional trails, and related connectors, provide 31 miles of existing  
4 trail access to the Peninsula Watershed; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2001, the SFPUC adopted the Peninsula Watershed Management Plan  
6 (PWMP) and the PWMP Final Environmental Impact Report, and this context provides the  
7 policy and environmental compliance framework in which future management actions on the  
8 Peninsula Watershed are considered; and

9 WHEREAS, Other Bay Area water districts, including the Marin Municipal Water District  
10 and the East Bay Municipal Utility District, allow public access to their lands and that the  
11 public regularly shares service roads with maintenance vehicles in these and other public  
12 lands; and

13 WHEREAS, The SFPUC, San Mateo County Parks, and the GGNRA have all declared  
14 support for opening the existing Whiting Ridge Trail to public access, but no concrete plans  
15 have been developed; and

16 WHEREAS, In its 2015 General Management Plan, the GGNRA, the administrator of  
17 the Scenic and Recreation Easements over the watershed, has encouraged construction of a  
18 new multi-use trail on watershed lands from Cañada Rd to Skyline Boulevard North of the  
19 Phleger Estate unit of the GGNRA and South of CA-92; and

20 WHEREAS, As an alternative to constructing a new multi-use trail, the SFPUC is  
21 working with the GGNRA and the San Mateo County Parks Department to use existing trails  
22 to connect the Crystal Springs Regional Trail to the Bay Area Ridge Trail through the Phleger  
23 Estate; and

24 WHEREAS, The SFPUC recognizes that additional educational opportunities can be  
5 increased, consistent with the goals and objectives of the PWMP with the construction of new

1 recreational trails combined with improvements to existing trails and appropriate staffing and  
2 maintenance of the Watershed Trail System; and

3 WHEREAS, Currently public access to the Fifield-Cahill Ridge Trail is available only  
4 through a docent-led program three days a week; and

5 WHEREAS, The SFPUC's Bay Area Ridge Trail Extension project plans to provide an  
6 additional sixteen miles of trail access and to implement a well-controlled and closely  
7 monitored annual permit system that would allow public access beyond the current docent  
8 program; and

9 WHEREAS, The SFPUC is working with the Planning Department on an initial study of  
10 environmental review of the Bay Area Ridge Trail Extension and of implementing an annual  
11 permit system, and any permit system would be developed in full compliance with a certified  
12 California Environmental Quality Act document; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors strongly supports increased  
14 recreational access to the Peninsula Watershed for educational use that is compatible with  
15 protecting both drinking water quality and threatened and endangered plant and wildlife,  
16 consistent with the PWMP; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors strongly supports the PUC's  
18 current efforts to develop a permit system for public access to the Fifield-Cahill Ridge Trail  
19 consistent with the PWMP; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the SFPUC to expedite  
21 implementation of this permit system for the existing portion of the Cahill-Fifield trail by the  
22 summer of 2017 instead of waiting for the construction of the extension to the Ridge Trail;  
23 and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the SFPUC to continue  
2 the docent program alongside of the permit system to provide educational opportunities for  
3 the public to learn more about the watershed; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the SFPUC to work in  
5 collaboration with the San Mateo County Parks Department, the GGNRA, and the California  
6 State Parks System to focus on closing gaps on the Bay Area Ridge Trail and other regional  
7 trails on the Peninsula Watershed, which includes the following:

8 - the operation of the entire 16 miles of the Bay Area Ridge Trail on SFPUC  
9 property, which includes constructing the Bay Area Ridge Trail south of CA-92 to the GGNRA  
10 Phleger Estate and taking the trail easement from the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council for the 2  
11 mile section north of Highway 92 through Skylawn Cemetery to Cemetery Gate on Cahill  
12 Ridge; and

13 - the design and construction of the North San Andreas Trail Connector; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the SFPUC to develop a  
15 report on the feasibility of providing additional access to the watershed beyond what is  
16 included in the current PWMP, subject to necessary environmental review and developed in  
17 coordination with all of the interested agencies, organizations, and individuals, including the  
18 following:

19 - working with the GGNRA and San Mateo County Parks to determine what steps  
20 are necessary to open the Whiting Ridge Trail to public access, subject to necessary federal  
21 and state environmental review and approval requirements;

22 - considering possible routes for further public access to existing service roads  
23 focused connections to the Crystal Springs Regional Trail, the Bay Area Ridge Trail, the trail  
24 system in the Corral de Tierra unit of the GGNRA, and other trail alignments in the San Mateo  
5 County Trails Plan; and be it

1 - considering the opening of other such routes north of Highway CA-92 that would  
2 permit access to a variety of scenic loop routes for hikers and riders; and

3 - considering the reopening of Old Cañada Road on the west side of Upper  
4 Crystal Springs Reservoir and the construction of a new multi-use trail on watershed lands  
5 from this road to the Ridge Trail south of CA-92; and, be it.

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests the SFPUC to report  
7 on its progress developing these plans, including the projects already approved as well as the  
8 potential revisions to the PWMP listed here, by March 31, 2017.

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# Peninsula Watershed Education and Recreation Improvements

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**September 12, 2016**

**Tim Ramirez**

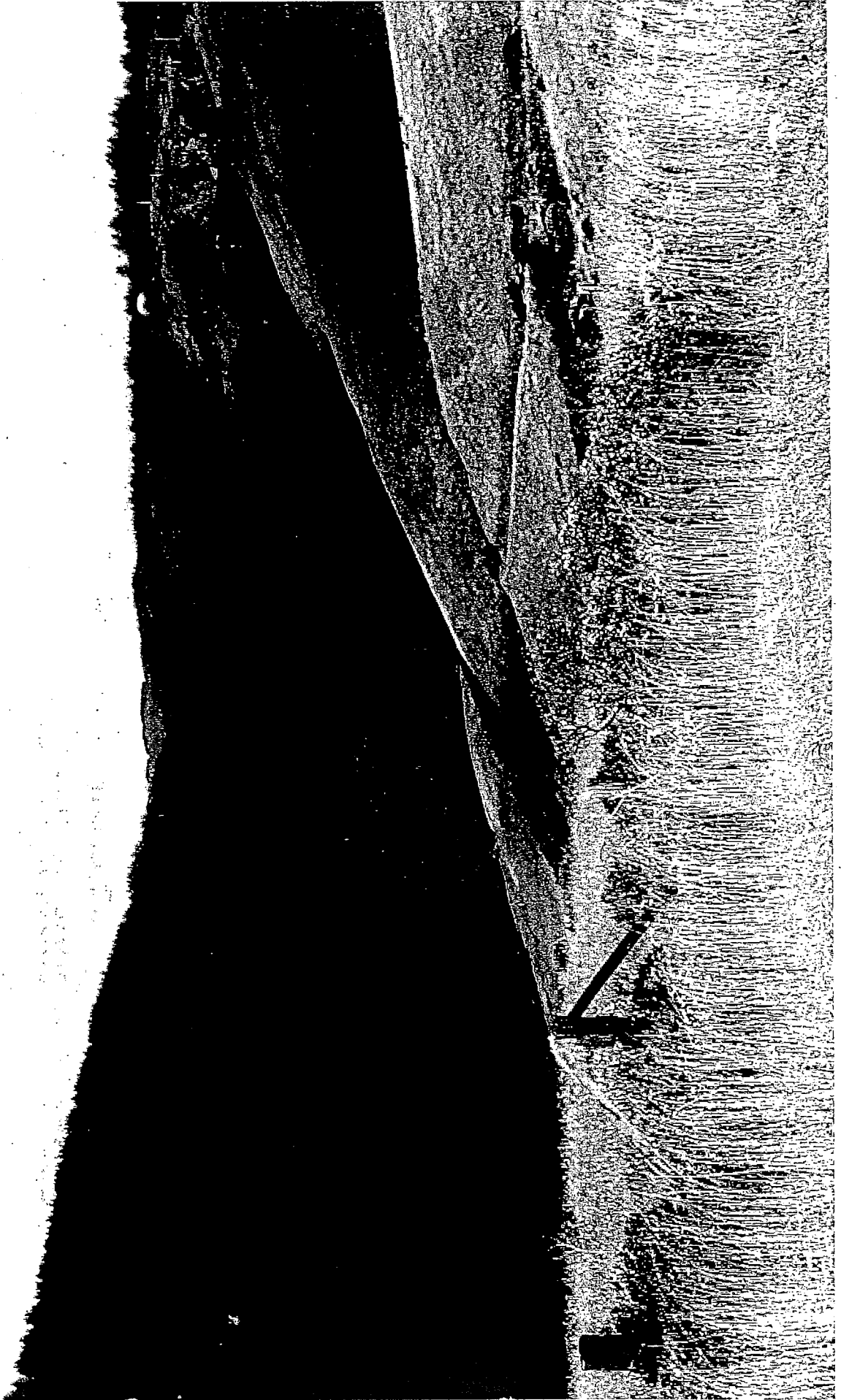
# Peninsula Watershed

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- 23,000 acres purchased from the Spring Valley Water Company in 1930, owned and managed by the SFPUC
- San Mateo and Pilarcitos Creek watersheds
- Drainage area feeding into San Andreas, Crystal Springs, and Pilarcitos Reservoirs
- State-designated Fish and Wildlife Refuge
- Federal scenic and recreation easements administered by the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA)
- Part of the UNESCO Golden Gate Biosphere Reserve



# Peninsula Watershed – Pilarcitos Creek Canyon



# Peninsula Watershed Management

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- Peninsula Watershed Management Plan, adopted in 2002, provides land management guidance
- Watershed management goals include:
  - Maintain and improve source water quality to protect public health and safety (Primary);
  - Preserve and enhance the ecological and cultural resources of the watershed (Secondary); and
  - Provide for educational and recreational opportunities compatible with other goals (Secondary).
- Water Enterprise Environmental Stewardship Policy, adopted in 2006, builds on the foundation of the PWMP, and supports protection and restoration of native species and their habitat



# Peninsula Watershed Trails

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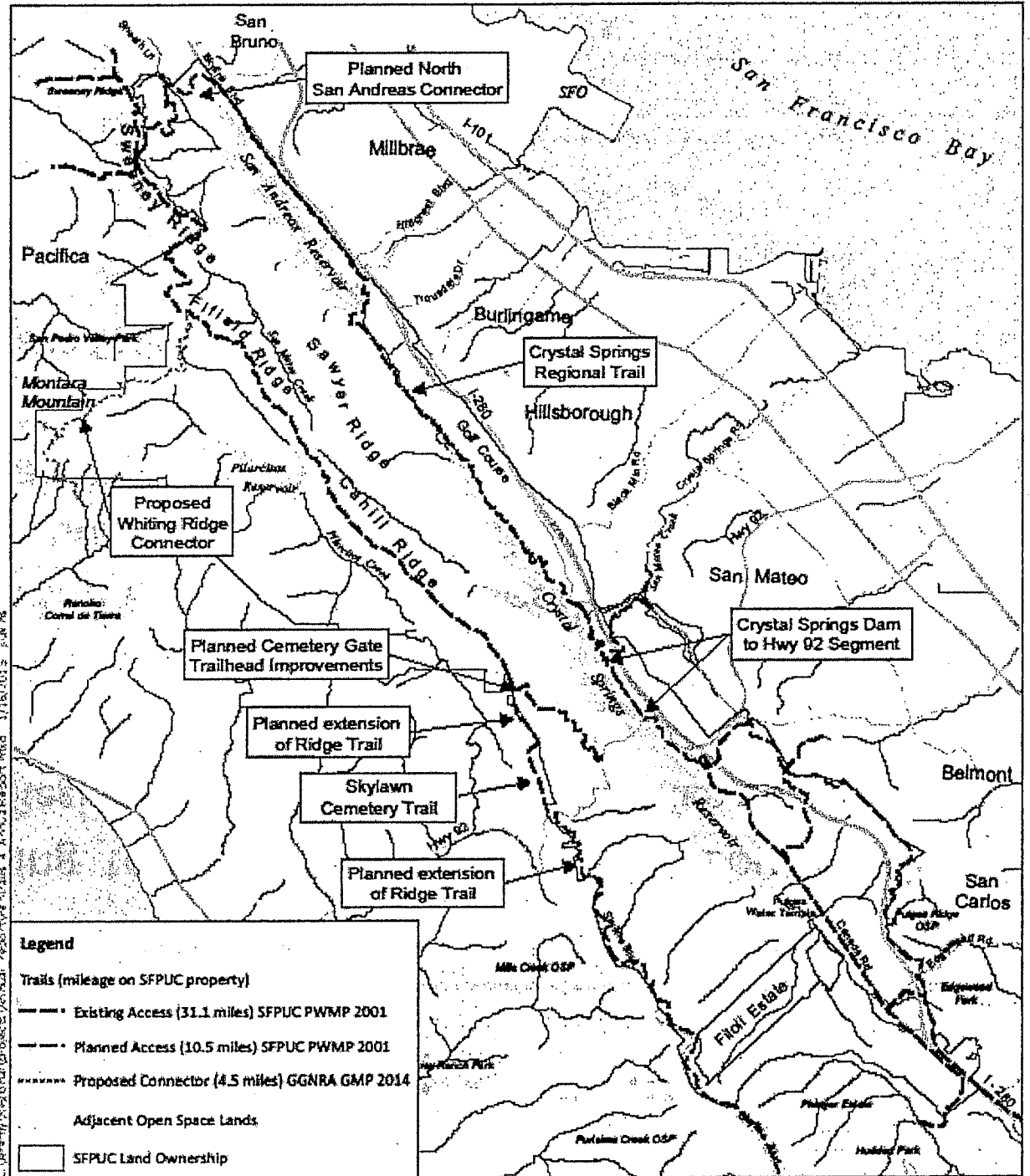
- 31 miles of existing trails, with 2 primary north-south trails
  - Crystal Springs Regional Trail – managed by San Mateo County
  - Bay Area Ridge Trail – managed by the SFPUC
- As anticipated in the Peninsula Watershed Management Plan, we've been pursuing 3 new significant trail projects (11 additional trail miles)
  - Bay Area Ridge Trail Extension
  - North San Andreas Trail Connector
  - Crystal Springs Regional Trail Improvements



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# Peninsula Watershed and Trails

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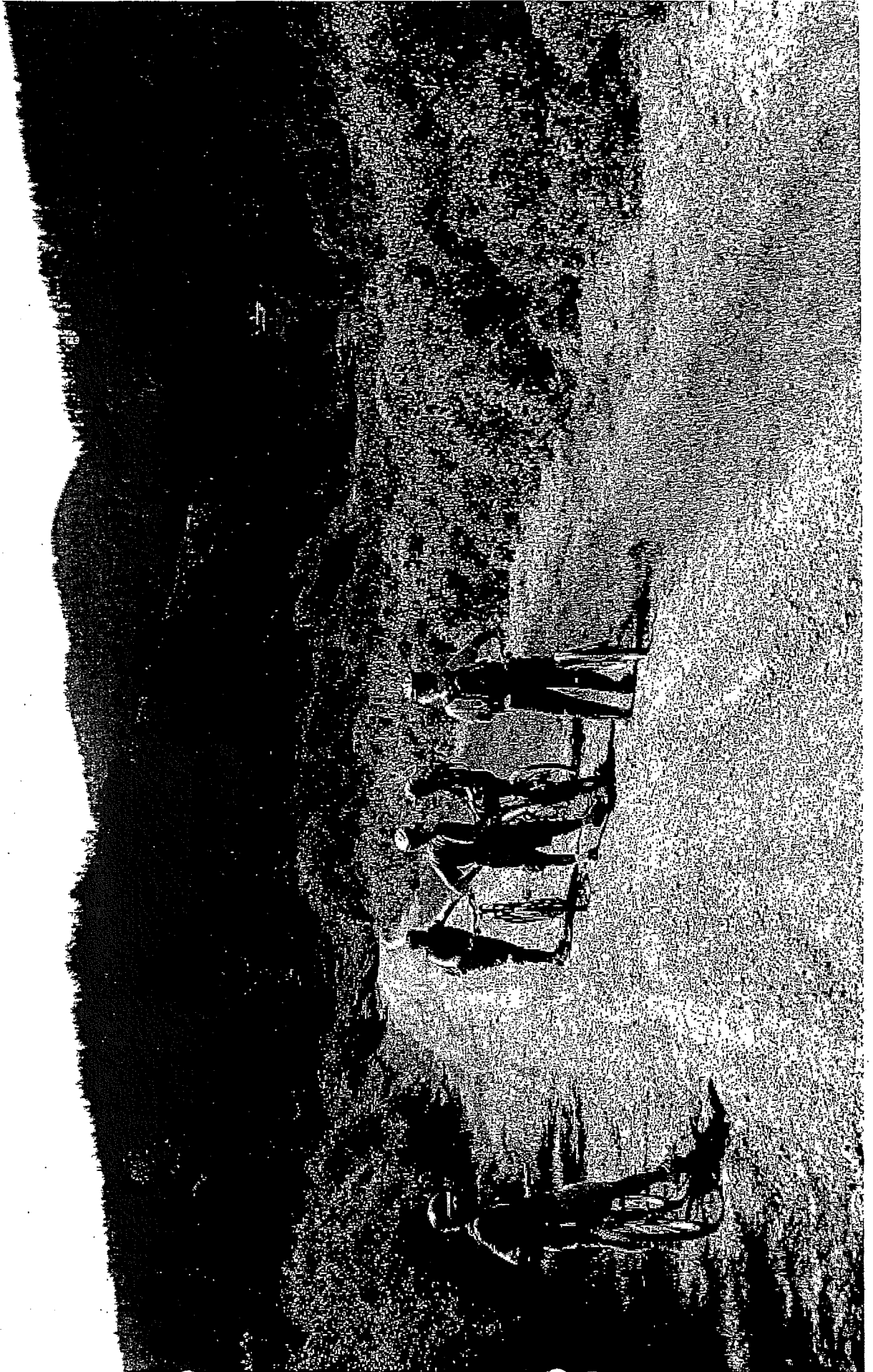


# Trail Projects

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- Bay Area Ridge Trail Extension, 6 miles between Highway 92 and GGNRA's Phleger Estate
  - Initial Study and initiate formal public review – by December 2016
  - Complete federal and state environmental review – 2017
  - Start Construction – Spring/Summer 2018
  - Trail Opening – December 2018
  
- North San Andreas Trail Connector
  - Conceptual Design to be complete by December 2016
  - Construction anticipated in Spring/Summer 2019

# Peninsula Watershed Fifield-Cahill Ridge Trail



# Trail Projects

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- Crystal Springs Regional Trail Improvements (San Mateo County Parks)
  - Lower Crystal Springs Dam to Highway 92 – SFPUC funded security and watershed fencing components
  - South of Highway 92 – permitting issues, project currently on hold
  - East-perimeter trails

# Proposed Trail Project

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- Whiting Ridge Connector
  - Proposed in GGNRA General Management Plan (2014)
  - Not included in SFPUC Peninsula Watershed Management Plan (2002)
  - Recent property acquisitions by GGNRA (Rancho Corral de Tierra) and Peninsula Open Space Trust make consideration of this proposal timely
  - Consistent with Peninsula Watershed Management Plan strategy to ensure public access is compatible with other watershed management goals (perimeter of the watershed, link to other regional trail systems)
  - Discussions are underway to further develop this proposal



# Trail Management

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- Current SFPUC Bay Area Ridge Trail (Fifield/Cahill) management is via docent-led groups.
- We propose to move to an annual permit system coupled with the Bay Area Ridge Trail Extension:
  - Access would be provided 7 days per week, dawn to dusk.
  - It would ensure that trail users are aware of their responsibilities when accessing the trail.
  - It would provide a measure of trail use to the SFPUC.

# Summary

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- We've been moving forward with 3 significant trail projects identified in the Peninsula Watershed Management Plan.
- Coordination and cooperation has been good with the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council, the GGNRA, and San Mateo County Parks.
- The proposed Whiting Ridge connector is a new, promising opportunity.

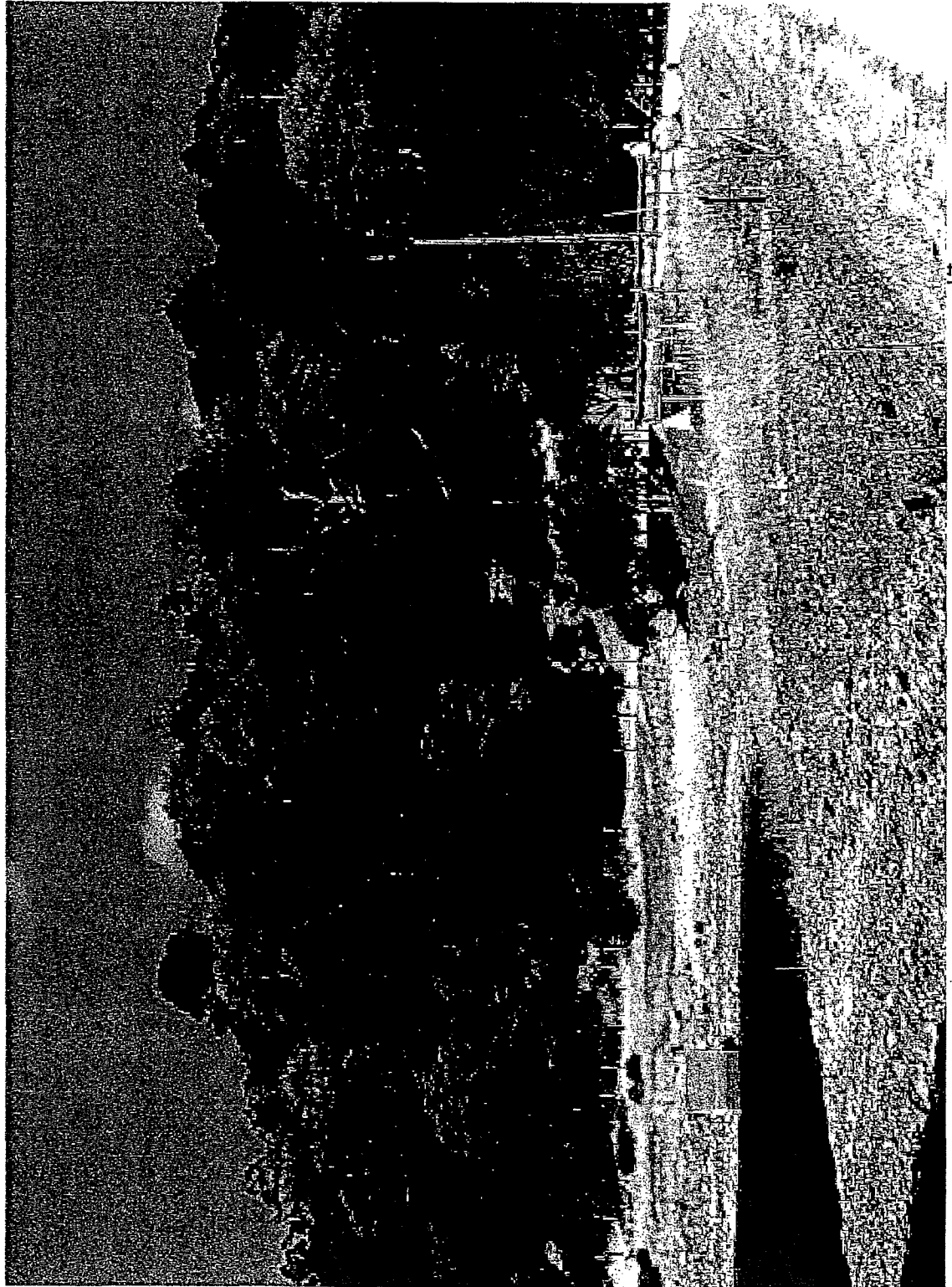
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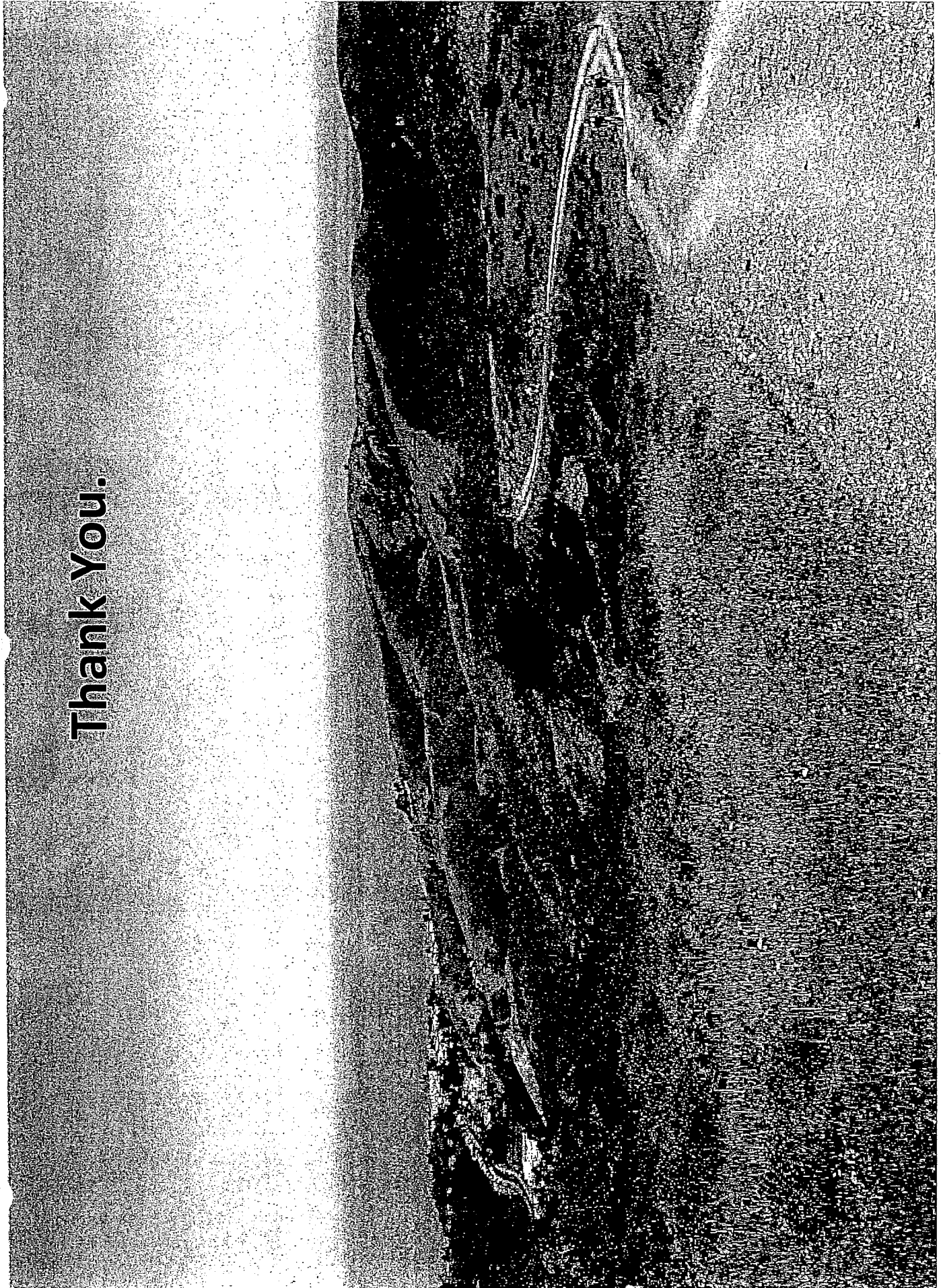
- Development of an annual permit system for SFPUC Bay Area Ridge Trail use will increase education and recreation opportunities.
- Existing and proposed future operation of the trails need to be constantly balanced with drinking water and ecological protection goals.



# Hazard Tree Removal



**Thank You.**



"Clearly opening the SF Watershed is a social justice issue, and I urge you to do the right thing, just as been done in Marin, and the East Bay.

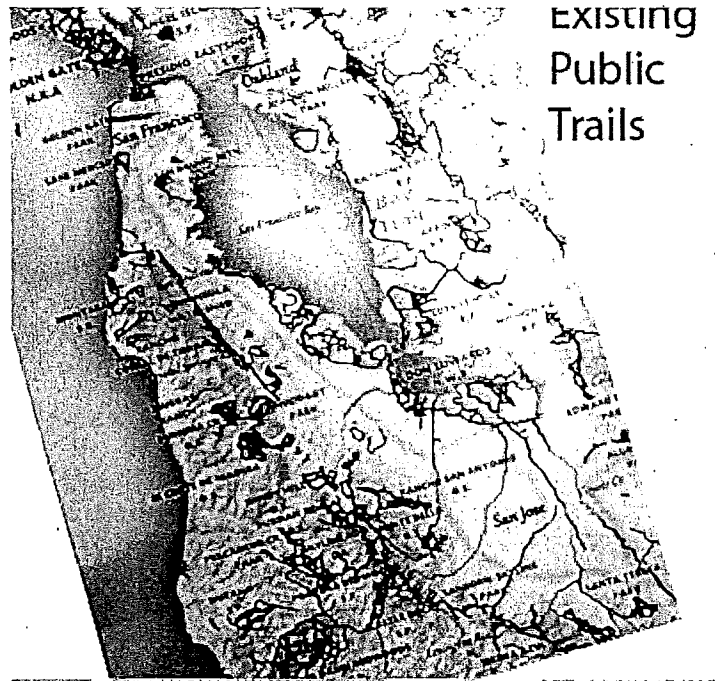
It's not easy to have a spiritual nature experience with a docent led hike"

-Jamie Fox

"I am for Preservation and Conservation of Natural Habitats from Development, and Destruction... But not for denying humanity and other living things the opportunity to live, exist, and visit all these places which belong to them by Nature's birth right!

More efforts should be made to <sup>educate</sup> educate people and not to keep them out! "

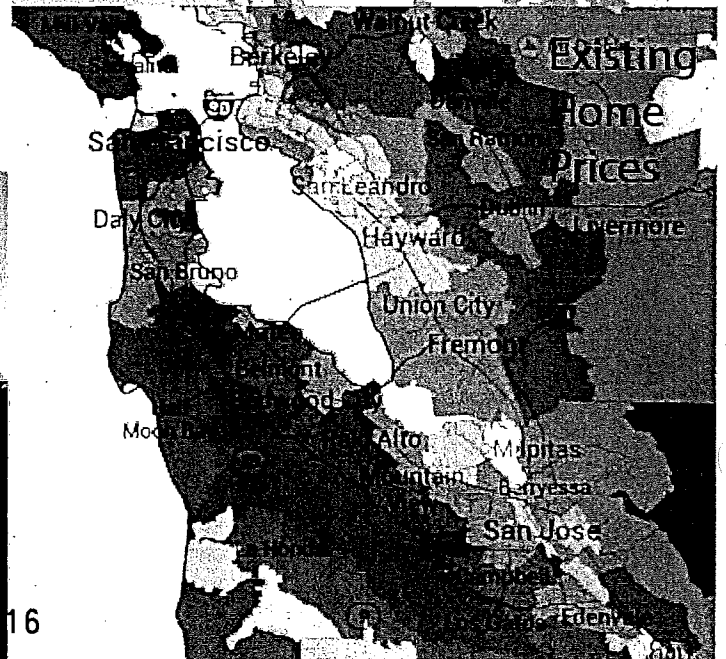
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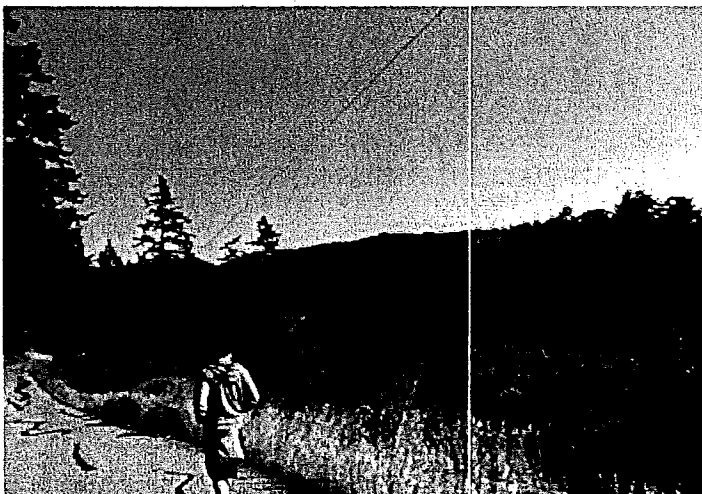
EXISTING Public Trails



Existing Public Land



Existing Home Prices



**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Alex Abbas <alex@abbas.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 28, 2016 5:27 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); commissioners@sfwater.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); Mar, Eric (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS)  
**Cc:** dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** Resolution 160183

Dear Supervisors Cohen, Peskin and Wiener:

Please include this email as part of the public record.

I would like to express my support for improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Peninsula Watershed. This area is beautiful network of wide, durable fire roads that I've only had the pleasure of visiting once because of the restrictions on access, but there's no good reason not to open them up. Reservoir security, fire safety, and environmental issues have all been mentioned but none of them are a problem. The costs would be minimal and the recreational value would be great.

Please support Resolution 160183 and to have SFPUC work cooperatively with San Mateo County to improve access for hikers, bicycles, and equestrians to the watershed.

Thank you for your public service.

Dr. Alexander R. Abbas

San Carlos resident

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Rex Harris <rexhunter8@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 28, 2016 5:00 PM  
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**Subject:** SF Watershed upcoming vote

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I would like to express my support for improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Peninsula Watershed. This issue is very important to me and my family. The public has been closed off from the Watershed's scenic, historical and recreational experiences for too long. Please do what you can to help achieve access reform.

I support the resolution (SFBOS file # 160183) to allow responsible access to the SFPUC watershed lands over existing service road such as Fifield-Cahill Ridge, Pilarcitos Road, Whiting Ridge, Old Cañada, and to historical sites for the following reasons:

- Access to the watershed's existing dirt roads would allow hikers, cyclists and equestrians to visit the area's largest and most scenic unused, publicly held open space, integrating National, State and County parklands across the San Francisco Peninsula.
- At this time there are no significant, scientific concerns over water security, fire safety or environmental stewardship. Prior to opening a complete environmental investigation will surface any environmental issues that need to be addressed.
- The "trails", dirt roads actually, are currently used by SFPUC trucks on a daily basis. They could easily be designated as a trail system, much as is done in the Marin County and Santa Clara County Watersheds.

Please support of Resolution 160183 and for SFPUC to work cooperatively with San Mateo County to improve access to the watershed. Thank you for your public service.

Rex Harris  
773.562.2157



## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**Subject:** Please Open the SF Watershed!

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Thank you for your public service.

Richard McLaughlin

Bay Area Resident for 59 years

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Victoria Whisner <[viciwhiz@charter.net](mailto:viciwhiz@charter.net)>  
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**Subject:** Public Access to the SF Watershed

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Vici Whisner  
[viciwhiz@charter.net](mailto:viciwhiz@charter.net) 408 776 3903

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Cathy Apsley <chapsley@yahoo.com>  
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**Subject:** Increased access to the watershed

Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I write to you today to encourage you to vote in favor of increasing access to the Crystal Springs watershed/SFPUC lands. I am sure you are aware of the many studies coming out recently showing how important access to nature is important to maintaining mental health as well as combatting stress and obesity. I found the one conducted here in the Bay Area by Stanford University very enlightening: "After some preliminary tests, half the participants walked for 90 minutes through a grassland dotted with oak trees and shrubs ("views include neighboring, scenic hills, and distant views of the San Francisco Bay"). The other half took a jaunt along El Camino Real, a four-lane, traffic-logged street in Palo Alto. The nature walkers showed decreases in rumination and in activity in their subgenual prefrontal cortices. The urban walkers showed no such improvements." The very urban environment of San Francisco and northern San Mateo County have quite a paucity of trails suitable for the kind of inexpensive "self-treatment" that the watershed's existing roads could easily provide. San Mateo County has recognized a need to assist residents of the southeastern county's "park-poor" communities with connecting with more wild spaces, and has instituted a shuttle program to Huddart and to Edgewood Park to support that. What will you do for your constituents?

At the Land Use subcommittee hearing a couple of weeks ago, I heard more than one speaker who was opposed to increased access say that the watershed was "never meant to be a park" and implied that it was some kind of wilderness, untouched by human hands, and therefore should remain closed. I disagree with that characterization and that rationale. The watershed lands have been inhabited for at least 5,000 years! When Padre Francisco Palou came through, going between Mission Dolores, the asistencia in San Mateo, and Mission Santa Clara, he noted that there were at least five villages there. The lands were logged, farmed, and ranched in support of the Missions and then the ranchos. After the Americans arrived, the area was logged some more, mined for cinnabar, quarried for stone, farmed, ranched, and had a thriving dairy industry. Three towns existed there, two school houses, and a hotel/resort/stagecoach stop that served as a polling place in San Mateo County's first election. The man credited as being the Father of California Viticulture, Agoston Haraszthy, planted his first California vineyard on his land in the watershed. Now, of course, the watershed is dammed, crisscrossed with service roads, bisected by two freeways, and adjacent to a golf course, a quarry, and Ox Mountain Landfill. Obviously, the land retains a great deal of value as habitat for wildlife, and would have a great deal of value to residents in need of nature-based recreation, but I think you can see that the watershed land is in no way equivalent to a federally-designated wilderness. Ironically, if it *were* a federally-designated wilderness area, it would be easily accessible to the public via a permit system. Can we not do the same?

Another point that was put forth was that the watershed needed to be restricted to protect endangered species. Can I offer up a comparison to Edgewood County Park and Natural Preserve? Edgewood park abuts the southwestern border of the watershed and shares many characteristics. Like the watershed, it also hosts a range of endangered plants and animals. Both preserves feature chaparral, oaks, and grasslands with views of the forested ridge to the west. Close to the San Andreas fault, they share a special feature, serpentine soil. Serpentine is so nutrient-poor, that only California native plants that are adapted to it can effectively grow

there. Some of those plants support animal life that are adapted to specific plants, like the endangered Bay Checkerspot butterfly. Plants (and their corresponding animals) are under threat in both preserves due to car exhaust from the 280 freeway and Cañada Road. The nitrogen in the exhaust has been shown to be slowly, incrementally, changing the balance of nutrients in the soil so that it favors the serpentine endemics less, and weedy invasives more.

Due to proximity to neighborhoods and in the interest of preserving water quality, neither controlled burns or grazing is very feasible at these preserves. Edgewood's response has been to mow, and also enlist a cadre of volunteer "Weed Warriors", who meet 1-3 times a week, year round, helping to control the invasives and foster the native plants and animals. The watershed's response is a fence. "Doing nothing is not an option anymore in a lot of areas," says biologist Stuart Weiss with the Creekside Center for Earth Observation, which has worked on key habitat projects... "The age of fencing areas off and letting them take care of themselves—those are long gone if they ever existed. So finding ways to have very careful stewardship and management is going to be absolutely essential over the long run if we're going to preserve biodiversity." Rather than fence out visitors out of fear that they will damage the ecosystem, can we not invite them to help preserve it? Hikers and bikers are encouraged to visit Edgewood unaccompanied (see aforementioned shuttle bus), or participate in docent-led wildflower and wildlife walks. In addition to the docents and Weed Warriors, volunteers in the park work to support the Bay Checkerspot butterfly population and have completed a flora for the park on iNaturalist; I would love to see a flora for the watershed! The Bay Area Ridge Trail, which we expect to go through the watershed, sponsors trail maintenance days (such as the one coming up November 5). Can we enlist them to do the same in the watershed? I think citizen engagement would be healthy for the watershed rather than detrimental.

As it stands, what is probably the most delicate part of watershed property is the part that is already open: the Sawyer Camp/Crystal Springs trail. This is also the part where the water is closest and most vulnerable. Given that, how can it not make sense to open some roads that are much further away from the water, up on the ridgeline where they connect to other existing parks to permitted access?

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Catherine Apsley

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 27, 2016 12:48 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); commissioners@sfwater.org  
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**Subject:** Support for Resolution to Allow Improved Access to the SF Watershed (SFBOS file # 160183)

Greetings Supervisors,

I support the resolution (SFBOS file # 160183) to allow responsible access to the SFPUC watershed lands over existing service road such as Fifield-Cahill Ridge, Pilarcitos Road, Whiting Ridge, Old Cañada, and to historical sites.

I'm a resident of District 1 in SF. I love to hike and ride my bike around the Bay Area. Opening the existing dirt roads in the watershed to hikers, cyclists and equestrians, without a scheduled docent led tour, is a very simple and responsible way to increase access the natural beauty of our region, and to create more opportunities for citizens to build health and wellness. I'm aware of the arguments against opening the watershed, and I've personally found them to be lacking in sound judgement. I'm a nature enthusiast, and care deeply about the preservation of the environment. I believe that increasing recreational opportunities in this area goes hand in hand with preserving the environment, as users will be exposed to natural beauty and be more inclined to protect it. I don't believe that an area needs to be closed off to be preserved. Recreation and preservation are not mutually exclusive, they are actually intertwined and support each other.

I ask you to please support Resolution 160183 and for SFPUC to work cooperatively with San Mateo County to improve access to the watershed.

Thank you for your time and your service to our city and region.

Cheers,  
Jason Beck

San Francisco

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**Subject:** SFBOS File #160183 - SUPPORT of Resolution to Increase Access to the SFPUC's Peninsula Watershed Lands  
**Attachments:** Kremen Open Crystal Springs watershed to the public.pdf; sup v3.pdf

Dear Supervisors

Attached and copied below is my letter in support of the resolution that you will be considering today to increase access to the SFPUC's Peninsula Lands

Additionally attached is a copy of a published Op-Ed I wrote on the subject that appeared in the San José Mercury News last week.

Regards,

Gary Kremen

Board Member, Santa Clara Valley Water District (for identification only)  
Proposition 39 Citizen Oversight Committee (for identification only)  
Board Member, UC Merced (for identification only)

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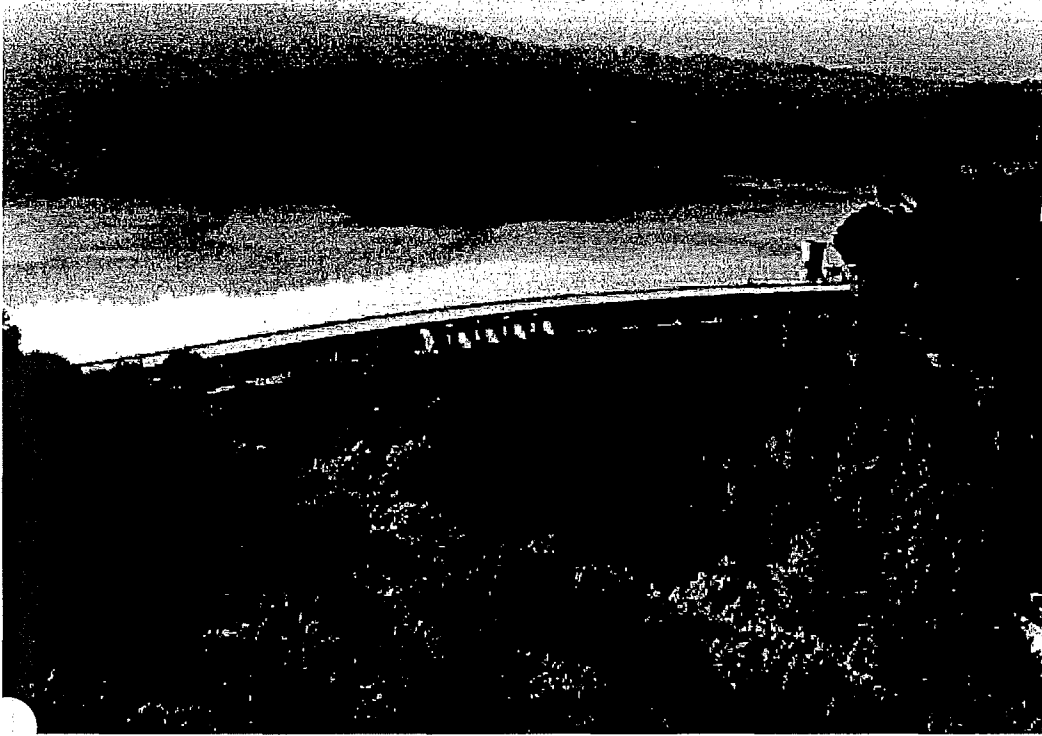
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## Kremen: Open Crystal Springs watershed to the public



The Crystal Springs dam creates a picturesque reservoir people should be able to walk around. (John Green/San Mateo County Times)

By GARY KREMEN

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John Muir, the founder of the Sierra Club, opined: "In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks." Many Peninsula residents cherish his words and desire to be with nature after work or on the weekends, but time after time we find crowded trails with no parking nor public transportation access.

Just off I-280 is the beautiful and forbidden Crystal Springs. Managed by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), with two-thirds of the costs paid by the ratepayers of San Mateo and Santa Clara County, has extremely restricted public access.

This is not for environmental or water quality reasons, as the 23,000+ acres are full of existing roads that are used daily by SFPUC employees and private entities. The centerpiece is an artificial reservoir with water imported from hundreds of miles away. The land, far from being pristine, was logged, farmed and ranched as early as the 1860s.

The access system to this public land is through an inadequate docent program that effectively restricts entry from those who work during the day, those with families with complex schedules as well as those using public transportation. Withholding of admission to the existing road network is unprecedented and an issue of social justice. It is especially unjustified today, when nearly every open space parking lot in the urban Bay Area is full on weekends.

It is no coincidence that limited access to open space disproportionately hits those who don't live in affluent communities adjacent to open space, and those who do not have the time to drive a high carbon footprint hour to find accessible open space.

Folks with money can also take the time to drive that hour to open space in Marin, Coyote Valley or along the southernmost areas of the San Mateo coast. Crystal Springs presents an amazing opportunity to "walk with nature" and help end the obesity epidemic. Members of organizations such as Bay Area Ridge Trail Council, SF Peninsula Open Space Coalition, Save Our Recreation, Open Space Alliance, the San Francisco Watershed and various biking groups recently testified their support for responsible public access including

fully funding rangers for patrols.

Adding access using existing roads would connect State-County-National Park islands of publicly managed lands. To continue the elitist docent led access program only perpetuates the current shameful exclusionary policy that serves a tiny fraction of the public. Instead there should be unrestricted daylight admittance or in worse case, an online registration system with a cell phone activated lock system.

Opponents of access discuss water quality, endangered species and trash. In practice, these have been shown to be non-issues. Other agencies such as the Santa Clara Valley Water District, where I am a board member, and the East Bay Municipal Utility District concluded that responsible public access does not endanger water quality. Environmental concerns have already been addressed in the studies of the entire Crystal Springs property.

The Land Use Committee of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors on Sept. 12 took a baby step toward ending the exclusionary regime. Through the leadership of Supervisors Scott Wiener and John Avalos, the committee voted to forward a resolution to increase responsible access to our lands. This pro-social justice, pro-public health resolution, while non-binding and watered down by opponents' voices, will be voted on by the full Board of Supervisors in the next few weeks.

I urge you to contact the supervisors to not only accept the resolution but broaden it to fully fund daylight access to the existing Crystal Springs road network.

Gary Kremen is a board member of Santa Clara Valley Water District and a founding member of the Open the SF Watershed movement. He wrote this for The Mercury News.



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**From:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 27, 2016 11:59 AM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** File 160183 FW: Support Opening the Watershed

**From:** Andy Nourse [mailto:andy@tiedye.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 27, 2016 11:14 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Support Opening the Watershed

I am a Kings Mountain resident and I support the proposal to open trails in the watershed.

I moved here 24 years ago and took up mountain biking shortly thereafter. I would welcome the new trails, which would connect to some existing trails, and allow me to avoid having to ride on Highway 35 so much.

Sincerely

Andrew Nourse  
40 Forest Road  
Woodside (Kings Mountain)

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**From:** Scott Legocki <stlegocki@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 27, 2016 11:35 AM  
**To:** Kim, Jane (BOS)  
**Cc:** Mar, Eric (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Cohen, Malia (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); dpine@smcgov.org; commissioners@sfwater.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS); cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** San Francisco's Resolution 160183

Please include my comments below as part of the public record

Dear Ms. Kim:

I would like to express my support for improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Peninsula Watershed. This issue is very important to me and my family. The public has been closed off from the Watershed's scenic, historical and recreational experiences for too long. Please do what you can to help achieve access reform.

I support the resolution (SFBOS file # 160183) to allow responsible access to the SFPUC watershed lands over existing service road such as Fifield-Cahill Ridge, Pilarcitos Road, Whiting Ridge, Old Cañada, and to historical sites for the following reasons:

-Access to the watershed's existing dirt roads would allow hikers, cyclists and equestrians to visit the area's largest and most scenic unused, publicly held open space, integrating National, State and County parklands across the San Francisco Peninsula.

-At this time there are no significant, scientific concerns over water security, fire safety or environmental stewardship. Prior to opening a complete environmental investigation will surface any environmental issues that need to be addressed.

-The "trails", dirt roads actually, are currently used by SFPUC trucks on a daily basis. They could easily be designated as a trail system, much as is done in the Marin County and Santa Clara County Watersheds.

Please also retire the "mandatory docent system". There are times when we will need to enjoy these lands without being forced into a large group. This approach works well in other watershed lands across the state, there's no reason it shouldn't work on the Peninsula.

Please support of Resolution 160183 and ensure SFPUC works cooperatively with San Mateo County to improve access to the watershed.

Scott T Legocki  
Resident of SOMA in the City and County of San Francisco

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**Cc:** Somera, Alisa (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); commissioners@sfgwater.org; Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Andy Howse; CKrenz; gkremen@valleywater.org  
**Subject:** SFBOS File #160183 - SUPPORT of Resolution to Increase Access to the SFPUC's Peninsula Watershed Lands  
**Attachments:** DP Letter.09.26.16.doc

Honorable Supervisors:

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Regards,

Dave

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September 26, 2016

Honorable San Francisco Board of Supervisors

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San Mateo County Supervisor, District 1

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**Subject:** Please vote for public access to the SF Watershed today

Dear Honorable Supervisors,

Please include this email as part of the public record.

I beg you to vote yes on today's vote for resolution 160183.

I am 25 year resident of SF and depend on local open space for access to the outdoor for myself and my family. I am dependent on public transportation and current ranger-led hikes do not suite my schedule or desperate need for silence and isolation that only open access can provide.

Public access in the SF Watershed, and open space in general is a social justice, equity issue. I support the resolution (SFBOS file # 160183) to allow responsible access to the SFPUC watershed lands over existing service road such as Fifield-Cahill Ridge, Pilarcitos Road, Whiting Ridge, Old Cañada, and to historical sites for the following reasons:

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Thank you for your public service.

Sincerely,

Mark Prior  
San Francisco Resident (543 Grove St, 94102)

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Justin Maxwell <soc@code404.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 26, 2016 12:32 PM  
**To:** Mar, Eric (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Campos, David (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS)  
**Cc:** dpine@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; commissioners@sflower.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Please support SFBOS file #160183 and open access to the watershed trails

Please include my comments below as part of the public record

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Dear Supervisors:

I would like to express my support for improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Peninsula Watershed. This issue is very important to me and my family. The public has been closed off from the Watershed's scenic, historical and recreational experiences for too long. Please do what you can to help achieve access reform.

I support the resolution (SFBOS file # 160183) to allow responsible access to the SFPUC watershed lands over existing service road such as Fifield-Cahill Ridge, Pilarcitos Road, Whiting Ridge, Old Cañada, and to historical sites for the following reasons:

-Access to the watershed's existing dirt roads would allow hikers, cyclists and equestrians to visit the area's largest and most scenic unused, publicly held open space, integrating National, State and County parklands across the San Francisco Peninsula.

-At this time there are no significant, scientific concerns over water security, fire safety or environmental stewardship. Prior to opening a complete environmental investigation will surface any environmental issues that need to be addressed.

-The "trails", dirt roads actually, are currently used by SFPUC trucks on a daily basis. They could easily be designated as a trail system, much as is done in the Marin County and Santa Clara County Watersheds.

Please also retire the "mandatory docent system" for this trail. There are times when we will need to enjoy these lands with out being forced into a large group. This approach works well in other watershed lands across the state, there's no reason it shouldn't work on the Peninsula.

As a San Mateo county resident, I ask that you please support expanded access and see to it that our County works cooperatively with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, The San Francisco Planning department and the GGNRA to achieve access reform.

Thank you for your public service,

Justin Maxwell  
380 Conil Way  
Portola Valley CA 94028





## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 26, 2016 1:26 PM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors; Somera, Alisa (BOS); Young, Victor  
**Subject:** File 160183 FW: Peninsula Watershed Lands

**From:** Carolyn Chaney [mailto:cchaney@sfsu.edu]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 26, 2016 1:14 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Peninsula Watershed Lands

I know there is a lot of pressure to open up the Peninsula Watershed for recreation. The dream to create a Bay Area trail system with links to other existing trails is compelling. I am an environmentalist and an avid hiker, and I am currently serving as a docent for woodland hikes in Filoli, a carefully regulated preserve. So of course I would want to see the Crystal Springs reservoir opened up for hiking...but wait...

\* The watershed protects my water...the best water in the world. Won't an open watershed provide easier access to terrorists and others who would love to contaminate my water? Even the increase in trash will be significant...every time I hike in the Pulgas Ridge Preserve (just over the hill from the watershed) I bring out plastic sacks of dog poop (from other people's dogs), plastic bottles, and other trash. For some reason, many people think that if they hide their waste or trash behind a tree or by throwing it into the poison oak, it ceases to exist.


\*Although I have plenty of places to roam (county parks, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space Preserves, etc.) what about the mountain lions and other wildlife? Recently lions have been seen regularly in my Emerald Hills neighborhood, perhaps because their available habitat is becoming smaller and smaller. Everyone deserves a place to roam freely...and that includes the big cats. Much better in the watershed than my back yard! And we have bald eagles nesting here on the peninsula for the first time in many years...would they love to see hikers peering into their aeries?

\* Wouldn't an influx of hikers increase the fire danger in the watershed? A number of our wilderness fires have been caused by illegal campfires. And an uncontrolled fire in the watershed would be catastrophic to the water supply, the wildlife, and to those of us who live in close proximity.

\* Won't increased traffic damage the plants that keep my water clean and pure? I love it that the watershed is home to old growth Doug firs and other special plants. These would be devastated by off trail explorations and by weed seeds that will arrive on hiker's pant legs.

So, no, I can live with the many recreational opportunities I already have on the peninsula, including hundreds of miles of trails to explore. Let's not open up our precious watershed to increased unmonitored traffic. Please, keep my water clean and protected, save the habitat of our bald eagles, big cats and other species that call the watershed home. Let's keep the docent program, which allows controlled access...it works. I have been able to visit the watershed on several occasions...all it takes is a quick visit to [SFWater.org](http://SFWater.org) and a click of the mouse on my preferred date. If necessary, let's expand the docent program. I would be willing to volunteer, and I know other docents for Filoli, MidPen, and Jasper Ridge who could help. When we docents lead hikes, we can monitor activities of hikers and leave behind no trace...plus our hikers have opportunities to learn about the plant and animal habitats we are visiting.

Please do not urge the SF PUC to expand public access to the Peninsula Watershed lands.

Carolyn Chaney   
<[cchaney@sfsu.edu](mailto:cchaney@sfsu.edu)>

**160183 [Urging the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to Expand Public Access to the Peninsula Watershed Lands] Sponsors: Avalos; Wiener and Campos** Resolution urging the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to provide enhanced public access to existing roads and trails in the Peninsula Watershed Lands consistent with the goals of protecting the water supply and the environmental quality of the area. 03/01/2016; REFERRED to the Land Use and Transportation Committee. **Question: Shall this Resolution be ADOPTED? Referred Without Recommendation from the Land Use and Transportation Committee***Present: Supervisors Cohen, Wiener, Peskin*

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Kevin Lee <kevinlee324@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 26, 2016 2:06 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); commissioners@sfwater.org  
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**Subject:** Public access to the SF Watershed RE: SFBOS 160183

Dear honorable Supervisors,

Please include this email as part of the public record.

Public access in the SF Watershed, and open space in general is a social justice, equity issue. I support the resolution (SFBOS file # 160183) to allow responsible access to the SFPUC watershed lands over existing service road such as Fifield-Cahill Ridge, Pilarcitos Road, Whiting Ridge, Old Cañada, and to historical sites for the following reasons:

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Thank you for your public service.

Kevin Lee, Palo Alto resident since 1998

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** mself.com@gmail.com on behalf of Matthew Self <matthew@mself.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 26, 2016 2:25 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); commissioners@sflower.org  
**Cc:** dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; Don Horsley; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** In support of responsible public access to the SFPUC watershed

Honorable Supervisors,

Please open the SFPUC watershed to greater public access. As the population on the Peninsula continues to surge, the need for opportunities to experience nature and get healthy exercise will only continue to increase. I believe that much greater public access can be offered without damaging the environment or the watershed. The issues are manageable.

I have taken one of the docent-led bike rides on Fifield-Cahill Ridge, and it opened my eyes to what I had been missing for the previous 40 years. I am an avid hiker and cyclist, but the extra burden of scheduling a docent-led tour was significant. I couldn't pick what time to go, or ride at my own pace, or enjoy the setting just on my own. Weekend hikes and bike rides aren't the kind of activity that one plans out weeks in advance. Having used the docent-led program, I don't feel that it is a sufficient or workable solution.

SFPUC manages these lands as a public trust. What is the greatest public benefit that these lands can offer? I believe that much greater (but responsible) public access is needed.

Regards,

--Matthew Self

Matthew Self  
Redwood City

Please include this email as part of the public record.

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 26, 2016 2:58 PM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors; Somera, Alisa (BOS); Young, Victor  
**Subject:** File 160183 FW: Please do not allow the SF PUC to increase recreational use of Crystal Springs Watershed  
**Attachments:** Peninsula Watershed

**From:** Valerie Baldwin [mailto:valbaldwin@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 26, 2016 2:25 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Carolyn Chaney <cchaney@sfsu.edu>  
**Subject:** Please do not allow the SF PUC to increase recreational use of Crystal Springs Watershed

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please vote today not to allow the your Public Utilities Commission to expand use of the San Francisco Watershed. I know groups of bike enthusiasts have been pressuring the PUC to open the land to trail biking but please do not let a small group of people damage that last place in the Bay Area that allows wildlife to live undisturbed and our water to remain pure.

San Francisco had the amazing forethought to preserve this land to keep the Hetch Hetchy water in Crystal Springs clean. So why change that? I am sure most dirt bikers are responsible, but it only take a few rogue bikers to tear up pristine area, disrupt wildlife and pollute.

I was skeptical when the watershed was opened to docent lead hikers, but this is a controlled use. I am tool old to take advantage of that but I am sure its wonderful. Let leave it at that.

We have an amazing amount of open space available to hikers, bikers and horseback riders around the Bay Area. We do not need more.

Thank you for reading this.

Valerie Baldwin  
[valbaldwin@gmail.com](mailto:valbaldwin@gmail.com)

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Stan Gage <stan@ostassoc.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 26, 2016 5:12 PM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS); commissioners@sfwater.org; Don Horsley; Charles Krenz  
**Subject:** Re Crystal Springs

It is after considerable reflection that I have to express my opposition to the proposal to open the Crystal Springs Watershed to increased public access. I am among the lucky few that have had to opportunity to view parts of this watershed from the inside as a member of one of the tours provided to members of BAWSCA by the SFPUC. The area around the Pilarcitos Reservoir is particularly beautiful and it would be a wonderful asset to have open to the public. However, as much as this place of beauty would be valuable for all, the risks are simply far to great to allow unsupervised access to this area by the general public. To say there are no increased risks of fire, environmental damage or pollution is simply asking all of us to ignore the reality of what may befall this area when far to many people wish to avail themselves of this opportunity. Witness Yosemite or Yellowstone on any summer day and realize that a local attraction of this quality may fall to the same fate of overcrowding, trash, fire risk and pollution.

As I write today at 5:00 PM the outside temperature in the hills is 92 degrees and the relative humidity is 13%. Talk to any body involved in wild land fire suppression and they will tell you that you simply don't put out a fire under these conditions. You can only try to protect selected assets until mother nature decides to lower the temperature and up the humidity. I have personally extinguished (carrying water in my boots for lack of any other vessel) smoldering fires that irresponsible people have built near lakes in the Sierra and failed to realize that these campfires are difficult to extinguish and do in fact travel under ground. Anyone who has lived near or utilized any of the trails here in Portola Valley is well aware of the trash, cigarette butts, feces and occasional campfires that are left for others to clean up.

Simply put, the rewards in this situation while great are are not commensurate with the increased risks. We have a huge range of open space opportunities on the Peninsula. I strongly believe though that unsupervised access to this watershed should remain as is.

Stanley R. Gage

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** James <eejfox@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 26, 2016 10:00 PM  
**To:** Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Campos, David (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); commissioners@sfwater.org  
**Cc:** Robert Hanna; dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** Open the SF Watershed - From John Muir's Hills

Dear Supervisors,

For the past 6 years, I've been working to preserve John Muir's only ridgeline (the Alhambra Hills), the tallest ridgeline in Martinez from development of 106 homes, with virtually no help from the Sierra Club (despite having spent many occasions reaching out to them), nonetheless, we were able to gather the entire City Council onto our side, and preservation is now looking very likely, thanks to many hours of work (after putting kids to bed).

I know firsthand what a grassroots movement is, and when the right thing to do is on the table, and I also realize the Sierra Club has become a very weak, not well supported organization (i.e. the entire Bay Chapter literally is only 2 staff members).

Please review the attached GIF showing public trails vs. home prices I created for you: <http://gph.is/2dftvcb>

Clearly opening the SF watershed is a social justice issue, and I urge you to do the right thing, (just as has been done in Marin, and the East Bay).

Wishing you the best at the City Council hearing tomorrow.

Best,  
Jamie Fox  
Alhambra Hills Open Space Committee  
Martinez, CA

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** apglk@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 27, 2016 12:56 AM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Mar, Eric (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); Breed, London (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS)  
**Subject:** Comment on Board File No. 160183 (Peninsula Watershed)  
**Attachments:** mmwd-public-comment-from-board-member.pdf

Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I'm writing to express my support for the Avalos-Wiener-Campos Resolution (SFBOS file # 160183) urging the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to provide enhanced public access to existing roads and trails in the Peninsula Watershed Lands consistent with the goals of protecting the water supply and the environmental quality of the area.

However, I ask you to address the danger of using very toxic herbicides (Toxicity Category I & II) in the watershed and amend the resolution to request an immediate stop to the unjustified practice of applying these herbicides for the so-called "native restorations". Or for any other imaginable reason.

First and foremost the SFPUC mission is to provide safe drinking water to people.

Use of herbicides near our water supply is a betrayal of public trust. It would surely lead to degradation of water quality and ecological resources.

East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) in it's Draft Master Plan acknowledges that traces of pesticides they apply are already showing in the water tests.

It's only a matter of time: San Francisco water will have detectable pesticide levels, if the herbicide use proceeds unabated.

Not far away, Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD) has not used any pesticides since 2005 and has just reaffirmed it's commitment to remain pesticide-free for the next 10 years.

I'm attaching a public comment of a member of the Board of Directors of MMWD for the East Bay Municipal Utilities District Master Plan in which he explains why MMWD made the decision to stop using pesticides. I hope you'd read it and conclude that San Francisco should be pesticide-free as well.

The claim that the herbicides SFPUC applies are necessary for preservation of critical wildlife habitats is not based on reality. Herbicides hurt all wildlife no matter how you label it - "native" or "non-native". In addition to using herbicides for killing "non-native" vegetation, the SFPUC had used them to eradicate "native" coyote brush trying to prevent natural succession from grassland to scrub. They are attempting to turn the clock back and maintain grasslands of the past neglecting the responsibility of keeping our water safe. This practice needs to be stopped.

Please include this email as part of the public record.

Thank you,  
Anastasia Glikshtern  
150 Chaves Ave.  
San Francisco, CA 94127



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September 2, 2016

Douglas I. Wallace  
Environmental Affairs Officer  
Master Plan Update Project Manager  
East Bay Municipal Utility District  
375 11th Street  
Oakland, CA 94607

BY EMAIL ONLY: [watershedmasterplan@ebmud.com](mailto:watershedmasterplan@ebmud.com)

Re: East Bay Watershed Master Plan ("Draft Master Plan")

Dear Mr. Wallace:

I am writing to submit some personal comments to your Draft Master Plan and to invite your agency to review the material developed through the multi-year vegetation management study that conducted by the Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD).

Like your agency, the Marin Municipal Water District is responsible for the management of a large urban watershed. MMWD's primary region of responsibility is the Mt. Tamalpais Watershed. The Mt. Tam watershed is approximately 21,000 acres and encompasses the Lagunitas Creek drainage. MMWD manages five reservoirs and related infrastructure in this area.

MMWD's vegetation management plan has gone through several iterations beginning with the adopted 1995 Vegetation Management Plan, the 2012 Wildfire Protection and Habitat Improvement Plan and most recently, the soon to be released Biodiversity Fire Fuel Integrated Plan (BFFIP) of 2016. These plans record a steady migration toward sustainable methods of weed and fire fuel reduction methodologies. The most recent plan, BFFIP, anticipates adoption of a "no pesticide alternative" that our board recommended last year.

There are several factors driving MMWD's no pesticide path. First, last year the International Agency for Research on Cancer reclassified glyphosate as a "probable carcinogen". More recently the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) has recommended that glyphosate be listed under Proposition 65. The fact that MMWD's vegetation management occurs exclusively within a public trust watershed lead us to adopt the precautionary principle in its management.

Secondly, during the course of studying the use of glyphosate, MMWD retained the

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service of Professors Hyun-Min Hwang and Thomas M. Young of the University of California at Davis to study the biological persistence of glyphosate. Contrary to the manufacturer's claim that glyphosate quickly degrades, the Hwang study found that it persisted for at least 84 days when applied to foliage. The study actually was terminated at that point so the ultimate length of persistence was not definitively calculated. (Hwang, 9-10) The clear inference from this study is that glyphosate could well migrate to water courses and streams which feed MMWD's reservoirs. I have attached a copy of the Hwang study for your immediate reference and consideration.

Another consideration for your agency is the documented toxicity that herbicides present to aquatic creatures and habitat. Assuming that these substances act in accordance with their scientifically observed persistence, it is probable that it will enter the aquatic environment. A recent study by the University of Pittsburgh found that glyphosate exposure has the potential to kill large numbers of amphibian larvae and that it induced morphological changes in exposed tadpoles. I have enclosed a copy of the University of Pittsburgh study for your review and consideration.

Finally, MMWD's BFFIP plan emphasizes the importance of resilient forest management practices which will encourage and increase CO2 absorption in our soils. Because of persistent toxicity of many herbicides, including glyphosate, soil biota are decreased which *reduces CO2 absorption*. Hence, it appears that the non pesticide approach may well assist with society's ongoing efforts to remediate GHG through regenerative forestry practices.

In the interests of inter-agency comity, I would invite your board to consider inclusion of MMWD's studies into your process in order to avoid duplication of efforts and to take advantage of our research experience. Please feel free to contact me directly at the above listed offices if you would like to discuss the matter further. In the meantime, thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully yours,

  
LARRY BRAGMAN  
Director, Marin Municipal Water District, Division III

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Silvia Keller <sildog@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 26, 2016 10:35 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); commissioners@sfwater.org  
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**Subject:** Public support of SFBOS file # 160183

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Thank you for your public service.

Silvia Keller

Woodside, CA

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 27, 2016 9:23 AM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** 160183 FW: protect the water shed

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Joanne McMahon [mailto:joannemahon3772@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 27, 2016 9:11 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** Carolyn Chaney <cchaney@sfsu.edu>  
**Subject:** protect the water shed

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please protect the Peninsula Water Shed from opening up for recreation. Instead, expand the docent program. Let the public use the many trails available to them in the area. We need to make sure our water source remains pure and the area pristine to insure safe drinking water for the residences who consume this water.

This issue has been discussed for many years. In the past the water supply was guarded. Please continue to protect the area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Joanne McMahon  
350 Ludeman Lane, Millbrae, CA

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Alison Tudury <atudury@pacbell.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 23, 2016 10:45 PM  
**To:** Mar, Eric (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Campos, David (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS)  
**Cc:** commissioners@sfgov.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS); dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** Pilarcitos Loop access

Dear Supervisors:

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Thank you for your public service.

Alison Tudury  
San Bruno

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Terry Barton <terry.barton@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 25, 2016 10:23 AM  
**To:** Cöhen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); commissioners@sflower.org  
**Subject:** SFBOS file # 160183) to allow responsible access to the SFPUC watershed lands

Dear Honorable Supervisors,

Please include this email as part of the public record.

Public access in the SF Watershed, and open space in general is a social justice, equity issue. I support the resolution (SFBOS file # 160183) to allow responsible access to the SFPUC watershed lands over existing service road such as Fifield-Cahill Ridge, Pilarcitos Road, Whiting Ridge, Old Cañada, and to historical sites for the following reasons:

-Residents of Southern San Francisco and Northern San Mateo County are some of the most socioeconomically and culturally diverse areas of the SF Peninsula. They are as close to the road network in the Watershed as they are to the Presidio. For these residents the SF Watershed is the closest open space.

-Fostering public sentiment of environmental stewardship through public engagement is the model for environmental protection. The communities that surround the Watershed should be as trusted as environmental stewards as the communities that surround Mid-Pen or Marin. People with resources can travel to find open space in Marin, Southern San Mateo County or other locals in California. These alternative options do not apply for many residents on the SF Peninsula.

-The docent program is unusable by my family and many people, primarily those on the lower runs of the socioeconomic ladder, including those who do not own a motor vehicle and who are unable to fit their lifestyle into the limited times the docent program runs. From a socioeconomic and social justice perspective, the docent program is very far from providing access to economically disadvantaged groups in the peninsula. Indeed, it is contrary to the ethos of enabling those who may not be as economically well off from part taking in the outdoors closest to their homes. Many who reside in these areas are working class individuals for whom planning a foray the SF Watershed with a docent program is not a viable option. In effect, the barriers to exclude residents who are stone's throw away from the SF Watershed places an inequitable and unfair burden on those individuals from equal access to their environment. From that perspective a permit program would be much better than the docent program to accommodate the economically disadvantaged populations of the area. In fact, open dusk till dawn access is even better than a permit program.

Thank you for your public service.

Terry Barton  
Mountain View, CA

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 26, 2016 9:17 AM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors; Somera, Alisa (BOS); Young, Victor  
**Subject:** File 160183 FW: [kingsmtn] Conservation of the SF Watershed

**From:** Sandy Shapero [mailto:sandy@toofar.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 25, 2016 10:56 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Re: [kingsmtn] Conservation of the SF Watershed

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I agree with my friend, Mike Liebhold. I have lived on Kings Mountain for 24 years and am an avid hiker. I agree that there is no need to open up the wilderness of the SF Watershed. I have been on academic trips into the watershed and there is nothing like it. It should be protected. If someone wants to go and see it, it is possible to sign up to do it online.

Thank you for listening.  
Sandy Shapero

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Sandy Shapero  
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**From:** <kingsmtn@yahoogroups.com> on behalf of "Mike Liebhold [mnl@well.com](mailto:mnl@well.com) [kingsmtn]" <kingsmtn@yahoogroups.com>  
**Reply-To:** "kingsmtn@yahoogroups.com" <kingsmtn@yahoogroups.com>  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 11:53 AM  
**To:** "Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org" <Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** "kingsmtn@yahoogroups.com" <kingsmtn@yahoogroups.com>  
**Subject:** [kingsmtn] Conservation of the SF Watershed

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Many thanks, in advance for your wise decision.

Yours Truly,

Michael Liebhold  
10 Durham Road  
Woodside, Ca

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<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/09/160908130838.htm>

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Posted by: Mike Liebhold <[mnl@well.com](mailto:mnl@well.com)>



**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Dominic <dbigue55@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 22, 2016 9:03 PM  
**To:** Mar, Eric (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); dpine@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org  
**Cc:** commissioners@sfgov.org  
**Subject:** Public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Peninsula Watershed

Please include my comments below as part of the public record.

Dear Supervisors:

I would like to express my support for improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Peninsula Watershed. This issue is very important to me and my family. The public has been closed off from the Watershed's scenic, historical and recreational experiences for too long. Please do what you can to help achieve access reform.

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Thank you for your public service.

Dominic Bigue  
Resident of Half Moon Bay  
in Mateo County

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 23, 2016 8:34 AM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: Sierra Club Comments on File NO. 160183

**From:** Feinstein Arthur [mailto:arthurfeinstein@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 22, 2016 6:38 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Sierra Club Comments on File NO. 160183

Dear Clerk to the SF Board of Supervisors:

The following email is being sent to all Supervisors.

The Sierra Club urges you to vote **No** next Tuesday (September 27) on File NO. 160183; Urging the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to Expand Public Access to the Peninsula Watershed Lands.

We urge this no vote because expanded, **unsupervised** public access is very likely to result in a devastating fire in the Peninsula Watershed that will have significant impacts on our City's water supply, as well as on the many species of wildlife (quite a few listed as threatened or endangered) that inhabit the watershed.

The SF PUC's Peninsula Watershed Management Plan states, "Studies in the FEIR demonstrate an increased chance of fire ignition once the public is allowed into a formerly closed area. Should a devastating fire occur, the resulting erosion and sedimentation of watershed streams and lakes would make treatment of the water using direct filtration a difficult, if not impossible endeavor. In addition, the mitigation measures required to reduce the risk of fire and unauthorized trail use would impose an additional financial burden on SFPUC ratepayers, contrary to the stated policy in the FEIR that ratepayer funds will not be used to pay for recreational access to the watershed."

**The risk of catastrophic wildfire is real. 95% of California's wildland fires are human-caused (CALFire).** The SFPUC closed all access to the watershed during the worst of the drought last winter. Big Sur's Soberanes Fire and Yosemite's Rim Fire were both caused by illegal campfires.

The Sierra Club does encourage the SF PUC to expand its already successful docent program to enable more people to experience the Watershed under a supervised program that ensures that increased public access will not result in wildfires that will impact our water supply for many years.

Arthur Feinstein, San Francisco Bay Chapter, Sierra Club  
590 Texas Street  
SF, CA 94107  
415-680-0643

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Carly McCaffrey <cmm299@georgetown.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 22, 2016 5:01 PM  
**To:** Mar, Eric (BOS)  
**Cc:** commissioners@sfwater.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS); mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** SF Water Shed at Crystal Springs

Please include my comments below as part of the public record.

Dear Supervisors Mar,

I would like to express my support for improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Peninsula Watershed.

I grew up in Half Moon Bay and over years of "driving over the hill" on Highway 92 to San Mateo, I have always gogled at this SF watershed area and wished I could explore it. Even as a little girl I was captivated by the beauty and grandeur of the fog gently rolling over the hills (usually staying stuck in Half Moon Bay). As a high school and college rower, I have particularly always admired the Crystal Spring reservoir for its beauty and row-ability. To this day, if I could row on any body of water in the world, this would be my top choice. For these reasons, I urge you to allow people like myself and countless others to truly experience and engage with this wonderful area by granting public access to the land.

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I ask for your support of Resolution 160183 and for SFPUC to work cooperatively with San Mateo County to improve access to the watershed.

I truly hope to experience engaging with this land in the near future.

Thank you,

Carly McCaffrey  
7990 Turk St, San Francisco  
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## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Mark Sutherland <mtsutherland@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 22, 2016 4:51 PM  
**To:** Mar, Eric (BOS); Mark.Farrell@sfgov.or; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Campos, David (BOS); Malia.Cohen@sfgov.or; Avalos, John (BOS)  
**Cc:** commissioners@sfgwater.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS); dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** Letter to Support opening the SF Watershed

Please include my comments below as part of the public record:

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I also urge you to support the proposed expanded access and see to it that our County works cooperatively with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, The San Francisco Planning department and the GGNRA to achieve access reform.

Thank you for your public service.

Mark T. Sutherland

President of Portola Valley, CA  
County of San Mateo  
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## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Sean Walton <gtifreak@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 22, 2016 1:55 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); commissioners@sfwater.org  
**Cc:** dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** I am in support of Resolution 160183

Honorable Supervisors,

Please include this email as part of the public record.

Public access in the SF Watershed, and open space in general is vital to building communities and citizens that respect and want to protect the natural environment. I support the resolution (SFBOS file # 160183) to allow responsible access to the SFPUC watershed lands over existing service road such as Fifield-Cahill Ridge, Pilarcitos Road, Whiting Ridge, Old Cañada, and to historical sites.

Our society is growing ever more focused on the electronic world - looking inward, and often downward into our mobile devices, and experiencing things secondhand through film and the internet. I fear that the lack of easy public access for all (not just those who live nearby city, state, or national parks) will lead to a future generation that does not understand the value of the outdoors, and does not prioritize protection of the natural environment.

At the same time, the manner in which the population experiences and enjoys the outdoors is changing. In Marin County, approximately one out of every three users of the Marin open space is riding a bicycle. These users are predominantly on the younger side. Years of study have shown that bicycles have the same environmental impact as pedestrians, and far below that of equestrian users. And safety concerns are largely overblown by a small, vocal minority of users who prefer not to share the experience of the outdoors with anyone with a different preference for the manner in which they experience it.

It is vital to open the San Francisco watershed to any and all human-powered user groups, so that they may experience the value of these lands. I look forward to bringing my young children to these lands, and traveling freely through them by foot or by bicycle.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sean Walton  
Belmont, CA

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 21, 2016 4:00 PM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: San Francisco Peninsula Watershed

File 160183

### Arthur Khoo

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**From:** ruth [mailto:ruth.waldhauer3@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 21, 2016 11:14 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** San Francisco Peninsula Watershed

Please protect the San Francisco Peninsula Watershed. Do not open it to the public. There is already a decent program that allows visiting the watershed without tearing down its protective fences.

Keep our water fully safe.

Sincerely,  
Ruth Waldhauer

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 21, 2016 3:59 PM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: Conservation of the SF Watershed

For File 160183.

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## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 21, 2016 3:59 PM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: San Francisco Peninsula Watershed Proposal

File #160183

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**From:** Vi Croop [mailto:[vcroop@reinventures.com](mailto:vcroop@reinventures.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 21, 2016 12:26 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <[board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org)>  
**Subject:** San Francisco Peninsula Watershed Proposal

**To:** [Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org)

Members of the Board of Supervisors, I urge you to oppose opening the San Francisco Peninsula watershed. This proposal asks San Francisco to pay for a plan that would harm us all, for the short term benefit of a small number of Peninsula hikers and bikers who already have many, many miles of Open Space to hike and bike on and around the Peninsula. They don't need the watershed. There's already a decent program that allows visiting the watershed without tearing down its protective fences. The watershed already serves its key purpose to us all: as part of our water supply. Because of its special protected condition, it also has the highest concentration of endangered and threatened species in the Bay Area.

The proposal's advocates claim the process should be as simple as taking down a few fences. The true cost is enormous, both monetary and possibly in human life. It would include staff, studies, and planning for habitat, trail, and traffic management on a scale that exists nowhere else in the area. The watershed is a known habitat for the

mountain lion. Tear down the fences and let the people in and you are endangering the lives of adults, children and dogs. The mountain lions would have more to prey on than just deer!

The watershed is near a public landfill, and there is constantly trash (furniture, chemicals, home waste, etc.) dumped along the watershed fences. Can you just imagine what it would be like if those people could "hide" and dump their trash actually in the watershed area?! Hikers and bikers inevitably increase fire risk and bring in seeds that harm the local ecosystem and dogs who are let loose to run and play (even if they are required to be "on-leash") will disturb nesting birds and other animals. Take down the fences and watershed personnel will be constantly fighting to keep the watershed safe.

This proposal does not require environmental studies and funding, but should. The open the watershed movement claims there will be, but not so. In reality this proposal tries to rush the process. Think about where the funding for this is going to come from. San Francisco tax payers won't be happy if their tax money goes to funding something very few will ever see the benefits of.

Local groups like the Sierra Club, Audubon Society, California Native Plant Society, etc. all oppose this proposal. I ask you to think of the wellbeing of all who need the watershed -- not just in a year, or in ten years, but for generations. As Flint, Michigan reminded us, a water supply is the last thing we should make hasty decisions about.

Please reject this dangerous plan.

Thank you,

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## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 21, 2016 3:58 PM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: Please do not open up the water shed

File #160183

Arthur Khoo  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Mike Weisberg [mailto:mikey.weisberg@gmail.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2016 12:43 PM  
To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
Subject: Please do not open up the water shed

To the Board of Supervisors  
My name is Michael Weisberg  
150 Olive Hill Lane  
Woodside, CA 94062

The Cal Water Water Shed is a beautiful , pristine area the is home on many species of wild life and one of the last refuges for in the area. This area is one of the cornerstones of our community and opening it up will destroy it. Take a look at the way people damaged the Mid Peninsula land. I have hiked those trails for 45 years and when they let in bicycles it got even worse. Their rangers have had to go on trail with a radar guns because the speeds were in excess of 35 mph and you add the yelling, squeaky brakes and sliding tires, we will no longer have any wild animals.

There is  
really have no good reason to open it up and no right to damage such a beautiful area. Must we destroy and kill every natural thing.  
Not to mention an ever increase risk of fire and erosion.  
NO!!!

Thank you in advance for voting NO  
on opening up this land.

Michael Weisberg

Sent from my iPhone

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 21, 2016 3:58 PM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: SF Watershed

Hi Alisa,

For the file #160183.

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**From:** nmalafouzos@netzero.net [mailto:nmalafouzos@netzero.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 21, 2016 1:48 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** SF Watershed

Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am writing you today to hopefully have you oppose the opening of the San Francisco Watershed to unrestricted public use.

I fortunately worked for the City and County of San Francisco since 1981. I recently retired in January of this year. The last 30 years I worked for the SF Water Dept. at the Millbrae Yard. As a equipment mechanic and later as an operating engineer, I had the opportunity to travel through and work in the Watershed. Needless to say, I was very fortunate to have the privilege. I am also a mountain bike docent for the Watershed.

I feel allowing unsupervised public access to the Watershed would negatively impact the ecosystem and the native wildlife. All it would take is one individual to cause irreparable damage. As I always tell the people I lead on our rides when they ask why there isn't open access, is that they are special. They actually made the effort to make arrangements with the PUC to attend the ride. Which to me shows a certain amount of respect for the Watershed. And it allows the Watershed to maintain it's pristine environment.

Considering how vast the Watershed is, It would also be very difficult and expensive in terms of staffing Watershed Keepers to patrol the large amount of property there is.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Respectfully yours,  
Nick Alafouzos

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## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Andrew Davidson <andrew.davidson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 21, 2016 3:47 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); commissioners@sfgov.org  
**Cc:** dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** Open the SF Watershed Please!

Honorable Supervisors,

Please include this email as part of the public record.

Public access in the SF Watershed, and open space in general is vital to building communities and citizens that respect and want to protect the natural environment. I support the resolution (SFBOS file # 160183) to allow responsible access to the SFPUC watershed lands over existing service road such as Fifield-Cahill Ridge, Pilarcitos Road, Whiting Ridge, Old Cañada, and to historical sites.

Our society is growing ever more focused on the electronic world - looking inward, and often downward into our mobile devices, and experiencing things secondhand through film and the internet. I fear that the lack of easy public access for all (not just those who live nearby city, state, or national parks) will lead to a future generation that does not understand the value of the outdoors, and does not prioritize protection of the natural environment.

At the same time, the manner in which the population experiences and enjoys the outdoors is changing. In Marin County, approximately one out of every three users of the Marin open space is riding a bicycle. These users are predominantly on the younger side. Years of study have shown that bicycles have the same environmental impact as pedestrians, and far below that of equestrian users. And safety concerns are largely overblown by a small, vocal minority of users who prefer not to share the experience of the outdoors with anyone with a different preference for the manner in which they experience it.

It is vital to open the San Francisco watershed to any and all human-powered user groups, so that they may experience the value of these lands. I look forward to bringing my young children to these lands, and traveling freely through them by foot or by bicycle.

Thank you for your consideration.

Andrew Davidson  
3321 Octavia Street  
San Francisco, CA 94123

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Christopher Brousseau <chrisbrousseau@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 21, 2016 1:57 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); commissioners@sfwater.org  
**Cc:** dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; Marlene Finley; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** Support access to Crystal Springs Peninsula Watershed (YES on SFBOS file # 160183)

Dear Supervisors:

Please include my comments in the public record. Today, I write to express my support for improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Peninsula Watershed that is located in San Mateo County.

This issue is very important to me and my family. The public has been unfairly closed off from the Watershed's scenic, historical and recreational experiences for too long.

Public access in the SF Watershed is a social justice, equity issue. I support the resolution (SFBOS file # 160183) to allow responsible access to the SFPUC watershed lands over existing service road such as Fifield-Cahill Ridge, Pilarcitos Road, Whiting Ridge, Old Cañada, and to historical sites for the following reasons:

-Access to the watershed's existing dirt roads would allow hikers, cyclists and equestrians to visit the area's largest and most scenic unused, publicly held open space, integrating National, State and County parklands across the San Francisco Peninsula.

-The "trails" in this space are actually existing dirt roads, which are currently used on a daily basis by SFPUC trucks. These roads could easily be designated as a trail system, similar to the Marin County and Santa Clara County Watersheds.

-Residents of Southern San Francisco and Northern San Mateo County are some of the most socioeconomically and culturally diverse areas of the SF Peninsula. They are as close to the road network in the Watershed as they are to the Presidio. For these residents the SF Watershed is the closest open space.

-Fostering public sentiment of environmental stewardship through public engagement is the model for environmental protection. The communities that surround the Watershed should be as trusted as environmental stewards as the communities that surround Mid-Pen or Marin. People with resources can travel to find open space in Marin, Southern San Mateo County or other locals in California. These alternative options do not apply for many residents on the SF Peninsula.

-The docent program is unusable by many people, primarily those on the lower rungs of the socioeconomic ladder, including those who do not own a motor vehicle and who are unable to fit their lifestyle into the limited times the docent program runs. From a socioeconomic and social justice perspective, the docent program is very far from providing access to economically disadvantaged groups in the peninsula. Indeed, it is contrary to the ethos of enabling those who may not be as economically well off from part taking in the outdoors closest to



their homes. Many who reside in these areas are working class individuals for whom planning a foray the SF Watershed with a docent program is not a viable option. In effect, the barriers to exclude residents who are someone's throw away from the SF Watershed places an inequitable and unfair burden on those individuals from equal access to their environment. From that perspective a permit program would be much better than the docent program to accommodate the economically disadvantaged populations of the area. In fact, open dusk till dawn access is even better than a permit program.

- For clarity, the current method of docent-led public access is extremely limited and unfair to the public. The number of spots available to reserve in advance only, for the few docent led tours that are held - are extremely limited. Typically, there are only a handful of reserveable hiking spots available once a week, and the hikes are only at 9 or 9:30 the morning. In addition, some special interest groups have access to this space, unsupervised, outside of this docent program.

-At this time there are no significant, scientific concerns over water security, fire safety or environmental stewardship. Prior to opening a complete environmental investigation will surface any environmental issues that need to be addressed.

- Other local public spaces allow reasonable and appropriate public access without the negative impacts opponents of SFPUC Watershed access advocate. I draw your attention to the the watershed agencies listed above, and the Midpeninsula Open Space District as successful examples.

Please pass Resolution 160183 and work cooperatively with other agencies such as the SFPUC, San Mateo County and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area to achieve access reform for this important public land.

Thank you for your public service.

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 20, 2016 4:48 PM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** File 160183 FW: Please protect the Peninsula Watershed

**From:** Lieven [mailto:lievenleroy@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 20, 2016 4:32 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Please protect the Peninsula Watershed

Members of the Board of Supervisors, I urge you to oppose opening the San Francisco Peninsula watershed.

I've lived, worked, and hiked in San Francisco and the Bay Area for 25 years. The watershed already serves its key purpose to us all: as part of our water supply. Because of its special protected condition, it also has the highest concentration of endangered and threatened species in the Bay Area. This proposal asks San Francisco to pay for a plan that would harm us all, for the short term benefit of a small number of Peninsula hikers and bikers.

The proposal's advocates have advertised with videos literally claiming the process should be as simple as taking down a few fences. The true cost is enormous, and would include staff, studies, and planning for habitat, trail, and traffic management on a scale that exists nowhere else in the area. (The Marin watershed, for example, has a large staff and a constellation of supporting organizations, even though it sees much less traffic than the Peninsula would.)

The watershed is near a public landfill, and I regularly find trash (furniture, chemicals, home waste, etc.) dumped along the watershed fences. Hikers and bikers inevitably increase fire risk and bring in seeds that harm the local ecosystem. Dogs disturb nesting birds and other animals. Take down the fences, and all those dangers creep closer to our water supply.

The open the watershed movement glibly claims there will be environmental studies and funding. But this proposal offers nothing of the sort, and in reality tries to rush the process. It would destroy exactly what has made the watershed unique.

The local Sierra Club, Audubon Society, California Native Plant Society, etc. chapters all oppose this proposal. I ask you to think of the wellbeing of all who need the watershed - - not just in a year, or in ten years, but for generations. As Flint, Michigan reminded us, a water supply is the last thing we should make hasty decisions about.

Please reject this dangerous plan.

Thank you,

Lieven Leroy

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Dan <danismaximus@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 20, 2016 8:54 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); commissioners@sfwater.org  
**Cc:** dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** Access to SF Watershed

Dear honorable Supervisors,

Please include this email as part of the public record.

Public access in the SF Watershed, and open space in general is a social justice, equity issue. I support the resolution (SFBOS file # 160183) to allow responsible access to the SFPUC watershed lands over existing service road such as Fifield-Cahill Ridge, Pilarcitos Road, Whiting Ridge, Old Cañada, and to historical sites for the following reasons:

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Thank you for your public service.

Dan and Kara Littlefield  
Residents of El Granada, CA

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Steve Guerrero <expositum@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 14, 2016 4:42 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); commissioners@sfwater.org  
**Cc:** dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** Please vote to open the watershed. Yes on Resolution 160183

Dear honorable Supervisors,

Please include this email as part of the public record.

I would like to express my support for improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Peninsula Watershed. This issue is very important to me and my family. The public has been closed off from the Watershed's scenic, historical and recreational experiences for too long. Please do what you can to help achieve access reform.

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-The Watershed property contains some of the most important historical and cultural heritage sites in the state of California. The public has a right to be able to access these sites.

Please support of Resolution 160183 and for SFPUC to work cooperatively with San Mateo County to improve access to the watershed.

Thank you for your public service.

Anthony S Guerrero  
46 Latona St  
San Francisco, CA 94124

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** david <inconstruction@googlemail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 15, 2016 8:10 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Bruss, Andrea (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Power, Andres; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Angulo, Sunny (BOS)  
**Cc:** Ausberry, Andrea; Somera, Alisa (BOS); Low, Jen (BOS); Rick Johnson  
**Subject:** Legislation File No. 160426 - Planning Code, Zoning Map - Rezoning Midtown Terrace Neighborhood

Honorable Supervisors,

I am a 9 year resident of Midtown Terrace, a former member of the Midtown Terrace Homeowner's Association Board, and a member of our neighborhood's Architectural Review Committee.

I know that you have received emails from others in our neighborhood regarding the rezoning of Midtown Terrace, so I will not repeat the history of our neighborhood nor the history of our work over the past two years to bring this legislation forward. Instead I will address our primary motivation for this rezone and what I believe will be the primary issue at hand, the issue of RH-1D and Accessory Dwelling Units or ADU's, also known colloquially as In-law or Granny units.

Our work began two years ago out of a desire to protect one primary and essential aspect of our neighborhood's character, the pattern of detached houses. Detached houses are characteristic of RH-1D districts. Other primary characteristics of RH-1D districts are outlined in the following excerpt from the San Francisco Planning Code :

*"These Districts are characterized by lots of greater width and area than in other parts of the City, and by single-family houses with side yards. The structures are relatively large, but rarely exceed 35 feet in height. Ground level open space and landscaping at the front and rear are usually abundant. Much of the development has been in sizable tracts with similarities of building style and narrow streets following the contours of hills. In some cases private covenants have controlled the nature of development and helped to maintain the street areas."*

Our neighborhood has all of the characteristics of an RH-1D District underlined above. Our neighborhood is also virtually identical in character to the Forest Knolls neighborhood across Clarendon Avenue, a neighborhood that is zoned RH-1D. For these reasons we see this proposed rezone not as a change to our zoning, but as a correction of a previously incorrect zoning designation. To date we have not encountered any opposition to this position.

However the issue of ADU's has emerged as an area of concern for some because San Francisco's newly adopted Ordinance 162-16 separates RH-1D districts from all other districts for the purpose of permitting ADU's. The language of the Ordinance may lead some to believe that ADU's are prohibited in RH-1D districts however this is not the case. We have verified both with the San Francisco Planning Department and with the City Attorney (with the assistance of Supervisor Yee's office) that ADU's are definitely permitted in RH-1D districts under the state provisions according to the following excerpt from San Francisco Ordinance 162-16:

*"An Accessory Dwelling Unit in an RH-1 (D) zoning district shall be allowed only as mandated by Section 65852.2 of the California Government Code and only in strict compliance with the requirements of subsection (b) of Section 65852.2. as that state law is amended from time to time."*

It is likely that there are many residents in Midtown Terrace that will want to develop ADU's. It has never been our intent to limit that activity through this proposed re-zone.

Since this proposed legislation would protect the character of Midtown Terrace and would not 'downzone' or reduce the ability to create ADU's, we strongly urge you to support this legislation.

Thank you for your consideration and I would be happy to answer any questions that you may have on this information.

Sincerely,

David Mc Adams  
357 Dellbrook Avenue

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Dave Stringer-Calvert <dave@stringer-calvert.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 14, 2016 9:08 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); commissioners@sfwater.org  
**Cc:** dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** SFBOS file # 160183 - access to the SFPUC watershed

Dear honorable Supervisors,

Please include this email as part of the public record.

I would like to express my support for improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Peninsula Watershed. This issue is very important to me and my family. The public has been closed off from the Watershed's scenic, historical and recreational experiences for too long. Please do what you can to help achieve access reform.

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Please support of Resolution 160183 and for SFPUC to work cooperatively with San Mateo County to improve access to the watershed.

Thank you for your public service.

David Stringer-Calvert  
San Francisco, Calif.



## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Deb Z <girl\_from\_pitt@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 14, 2016 7:34 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Campos, David (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); commissioners@sfwater.org  
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**Subject:** Peninsula Watershed Improvements - trail access

Dear Supervisors,

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Thank you.

Debra A. Zupancic  
Redwood City  
650-704-4742

"20 yrs from now, you'll be more disappointed from the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do..." - Mark Twain

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Stephen Denney <srdenney@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 17, 2016 4:02 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS)  
**Cc:** Somera, Alisa (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); commissioners@sfwater.org; dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** The San Francisco Watershed

Dear members of the San Francisco County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to you concerning the resolution before you to improve public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Peninsula Watershed.

Fifty years ago, when I was a member of the Mills High School Cross Country team, our coach obtained permission from the San Francisco Water Department that allowed us to run in the restricted area of this watershed, behind Sawyer Camp Road. As often as three times a week, a group of us would run on these roads, ranging from a half-hour to an hour and a half each time. It was a deeply enjoyable experience as we could enjoy this wildlife preserve secluded from the general public, but we were also aware that we were there as visitors, and of its environmental importance.

I support more public access to the watershed, but favor doing this through expanding the current system of docent-led visits, or having small groups obtain permission from the SFPUC for visits on specific days and times.

To allow unrestricted access would disturb the wildlife in this watershed and create possible fire hazards as well as litter and other problems. It is much wiser, in my opinion, to proceed with caution and on a trial basis, than to make such a radical change as opening the Watershed to anyone and everyone without supervision.

I am especially concerned about opening the watershed to bike riders. As Howie Wolke pointed out in High Country News:

*Backcountry biking damages the land. Bikers often veer off trail just to keep from crashing. Last year, I sent the district ranger photos of mountain-bike damage to vegetation at Kissinger Lakes in the DuNoir, but the problem persists. Because mountain bikers ride fast, they startle wildlife more than hikers or horseback-riders do. They also make formerly remote areas more accessible, thereby reducing solitude and increasing the disturbance of wilderness-dependent species such as lynx and wolverine. Like trail runners with ear pods, mountain bikers inadvertently "troll for grizzlies," as demonstrated by the 2004 mauling of a DuNoir mountain biker. Speeding mountain bikers also endanger horse-packers and hikers on steep trails. Let's face it: Mountain bikers need all that protective gear because they're not always in control.*

<https://www.hcn.org/wotr/mountain-bikes-and-wilderness-dont-mix>

Bike riding is forbidden in wilderness areas under legislation passed by Congress in 1964. The San Francisco Watershed as it now exists is essentially a wilderness.

One potentially dangerous area in this regard is the road leading from Sawyer Camp Trail up to the ridge, from my memory almost two miles long. This road is steep and with many turns, often blind turns. A bike rider coming down this road could easily reach high speeds presenting danger both to whomever the rider might encounter, as well as to himself or herself.

Finally, I have read reports of responsible environmental organizations such as the Sierra Club, the Audobon Society and the Committee for Green Foothills who oppose unrestricted access to the watershed. As one of the most progressive, environmentally friendly counties in the nation, I hope you will heed their concerns.

Sincerely,

Stephen Denney

[srdenney@gmail.com](mailto:srdenney@gmail.com)

541 Everett Street, El Cerrito 94530

tel: 510-684-1165

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Daniel Yost <dkyost@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 16, 2016 6:00 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Campos, David (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); commissioners@sfwater.org  
**Cc:** dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** Request to improve access to the SF PUC Peninsula Watershed

Dear honorable Supervisors,

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Please support of Resolution 160183 and for SFPUC to work cooperatively with San Mateo County to improve access to the watershed.

Daniel Yost  
Town Councilmember  
Town of Woodside

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Brian Fisher <brian@qualitasflashdrives.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 15, 2016 6:35 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); commissioners@sfgwater.org  
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Thank you for your public service.

Brian Fisher  
2115 Cipriani Blvd  
Belmont, CA 94002

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Janet Creech <jntcreech@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 09, 2016 2:20 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); commissioners@sfwater.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Cc:** Lee, Mayor (MYR); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** Resolution 160183, for the public record

To the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to ask that you support Resolution 160183, opening the San Francisco Peninsula Watershed to the public.

Please make this letter part of the public record.

Thank you,

Janet Creech  
939 Helen Drive  
Millbrae, CA 940630

12 September 2016

Honorable Supervisors of the City of San Francisco  
City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, Ca 94102-4689  
Dear Board of Supervisors –

As a professional Ornithologist, Ecologist, and Evolutionary Biologist, I wanted to raise a couple biological concerns relating to opening the Crystal Springs Watershed to unrestricted access.

First, I would like to make sure that the board realizes the full importance and uniqueness of the biological resource that you are currently stewarding. In a landscape that is mostly developed with roads, homes, businesses, and access at many different levels, there are few untouched places in the San Francisco Peninsula. Precisely because of the long-term water management and restricted access, the Crystal Springs lands represent the most pristine and important repository of biological resources in our peninsular counties. There are several endemic species to the peninsula, found nowhere else, of plants, butterflies, and other organisms, and several protected species. Additionally, invasive plants and diseases have degraded many other habitats, and species like French broom and sudden oak death fungus – which are very easily introduced and spread by foot traffic and travelers – still have not taken hold in the watershed as they have elsewhere. Open gates allow pests like feral cats and dogs to move in and decimate ground nesting birds and small mammals. Any plan to open the watershed should seriously address these threats and ensure the long-term safety of the resource.

Second, fire is a serious concern in the watershed. The area has not been burned for many decades, so fuel wood and debris is likely to have accumulated to an unnatural level. Combined with a multi-year drought that is now considered to be the new normal, the question is not if there will be a fire, but when there will be a fire. We have seen uncharacteristic hot fires in many other parts of the state that destroy soil, seed banks, habitat, harm water quality, and erode watersheds and fill reservoirs with silt and runoff. This is not a problem that is going to go away, but it should be managed and controlled and plans in place *before* the watershed should be opened. Once opened, the probability of fire greatly increases, and the ability to control the burn for constructive purposes greatly declines. Most fires in California are started by irresponsible people – usually in places where they should not be or doing things they should not do. The recent fires in Big Sur are a nearby example. In the last 3 years, there have been two serious human-started fires within a half-mile of my favorite trailhead into the Marin Watershed, and both have required serious and rapid response from local fire companies to extinguish. With numerous adjacent private lands, fire management creates additional planning, coordinating, and buy-in with local stakeholders – all of which needs to be coordinated.

### **Summary of Avalos Amendments to Watershed Resolution - 9/12/16**

1. Page 2, line 20: Indicates that the SFPUC plans to use existing trails to connect the Crystal Springs Trail to the Bay Area Ridge Trail instead of constructing a new trail.
2. Page 3, lines 3-12: Describes the SFPUC's plans for the Bay Area Ridge Trail Extension and states that any permit-access system will be developed in compliance with a Supplemental EIR.
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7. Page 5, line 15: Extend the deadline for the SFPUC to report on its progress from September 1, 2015 to March 31, 2017.



**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Evan Bissell <erbissell1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 14, 2016 1:46 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); commissioners@sfgov.org  
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Thank you for your public service.

van Bissell

San Mateo, CA

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Cindi CC <cindicc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 14, 2016 12:29 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); commissioners@sflower.org  
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Thank you for your public service.

Cindi Choi, San Francisco

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Sharon <shagberg007@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 14, 2016 10:38 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); commissioners@sfwater.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Cc:** Lee, Mayor (MYR); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Campos, David (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** My Support for Open the Watershed

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Thank you for your public service.

Sharon Hagberg, Burlingame, CA

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** bobby jen <bobby.jen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2016 12:38 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); commissioners@sfwater.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Cc:** Lee, Mayor (MYR); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
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Sincerely

- Bobby Jen - (San Mateo)

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Robert Peters <info@rcpeters.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 12, 2016 9:29 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); commissioners@sfgov.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Cc:** Lee, Mayor (MYR); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
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Robert Peters  
246 Waller St San Francisco Ca

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Robert Peters  
[info@rcpeters.com](mailto:info@rcpeters.com)  
805.440.9056

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** sanbrunotruth@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 11, 2016 9:58 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); commissioners@sfwater.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Cc:** Lee, Mayor (MYR); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Campos, David (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** Increase Public Access to the SF Watershed

Good evening Supervisors,

Please include this email in the public record.

Our country is too divided. Each issue has extreme fringes on both sides eroding the common ground for a sensible solution. This results in politically-motivated rulings instead of common sense solutions. The overwhelming majority of the public suffers as common sense is abandoned in favor of fear tactics.

I am asking each of you to please find a compromise in providing increased public access to public lands. Although I am the Vice Mayor of San Bruno, I am writing on the behalf of myself and my family. I love sharing nature's beauty and wonder with my four year old son. The limited trails are nice however it can be much better if you see through the nonsense and do what is best... compromise! Increase access and tighten up security where it is needed. Saying "No" is too easy. Finding a good solution takes effort but that is what you are supposed to do. I urge you all to see through the hyperbole and hysteria. More can be done... Improve and provide something better than what is currently under available... It is in your hands.

Sincerely,

Marty Medina  
San Bruno Vice Mayor

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Richard Whitmarsh <rswitmarsh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 12, 2016 11:26 AM  
**Subject:** SF Watershed Access Reform

Dear Supervisors Cohen, Peskin and Wiener:

I am one of the many responsible trail users who was looking forward to the permitted access that was being considered. I have been on the docent-led hikes within the watershed, and as much as I have appreciated the opportunity, those type of prescribed outings do not bring the same level of enjoyment as an unscripted walk within other protected lands of the Peninsula. So, I would appreciate your continued efforts toward a reformed level of managed (permitted) access within the watershed lands.

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Thank you for your public service.

Sincerely, Richard Whitmarsh of El Granada, CA

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** artemischa . <artemischa@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 12, 2016 12:46 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); commissioners@sfwater.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Cc:** Lee, Mayor (MYR); Mar, Eric (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org

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On a personal level, this land has great significance to me as it (or the little bit of it I could get to between the fence and Cañada Rd) played an important role in a major healing process for me. It is the energetic center of the county, landwise, and it would be of benefit to the physical, spiritual, and psychological health of county residents to have access to this land (and vice versa, I believe).

Please support of Resolution 160183 and for SFPUC to work cooperatively with San Mateo County to improve access to the watershed.

Thank you for your public service.

Michelle Boyle  
261 Dearborn Park Road  
Pescadero, CA 94060  
(650)759-8514  
[earthmusehealingarts.com](http://earthmusehealingarts.com)



**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** apgk@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Monday, September 12, 2016 12:55 PM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Cc:** Avalos, John (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Wiener, Scott  
**Subject:** Comment on Board File No. 160183 (Peninsula Watershed)

Dear members of Land Use and Transportation Committee,

Regarding the goals of protecting the water supply and the environmental quality of the Peninsula Watershed Lands.

Do you happen to know that VERY TOXIC HERBICIDES are used in the watershed?  
Do you happen to know that the East Bay Municipal Utility District had acknowledged the presence of pesticides (used in watershed) in the district water?  
Do you happen to know that Marin Municipal Water District has been pesticide free for 10 years and last year reaffirmed its commitment to remain pesticide free?

When is San Francisco going to ban the use of ALL toxicity category I & II herbicides?

When would our government start thinking about the safety of our drinking water and stop engaging in playing god and aspiring to return our lands to the state they allegedly were 250 years ago?

Sincerely,  
Anastasia Glikshtern  
150 Chaves Ave.  
San Francisco, CA 94127

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## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** gloria fortier <gloriafortier@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 12, 2016 1:07 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); commissioners@sfgov.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Cc:** Lee, Mayor (MYR); Mar, Eric (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; atissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** Resolution 160183 on expanded public access to the San Francisco's Peninsula Watershed discussed and hopefully passed by the San Francisco Board of Supervisor's Land Use and Transportation Committee at their September 12, 1:30 pm meeting.

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Dear Supervisors Cohen, Peskin and Wiener:

Please include this email as part of the public record.

I would like to express my support for improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Peninsula Watershed. This issue is very important to me and my family. The public has been closed off from the Watershed's scenic, historical and recreational experiences for too long. Please do what you can to help achieve access reform.

I support the resolution (SFBOS file # 160183) to allow responsible access to the SFPUC watershed lands over existing service road such as Fifield-Cahill Ridge, Pilarcitos Road, Whiting Ridge, Old Cañada, and to historical sites for the following reasons:

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-At this time there are no significant, scientific concerns over water security, fire safety or environmental stewardship. Prior to opening a complete environmental investigation will surface any environmental issues that need to be addressed.

-The "trails", dirt roads actually, are currently used by SFPUC trucks on a daily basis. They could easily be designated as a trail system, much as is done in the Marin County and Santa Clara County Watersheds.

Please support of Resolution 160183 and for SFPUC to work cooperatively with San Mateo County to improve access to the watershed.

Thank you for your public service.

J. Fortier  
4155040552

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** stephen.chudleigh@gmail.com on behalf of Stephen C <bettheriver@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 12, 2016 1:32 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); commissioners@sfwater.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Cc:** Lee, Mayor (MYR); Mar, Eric (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.or; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** Resolution on access reform in the Crystal Springs "SF Watershed"

Dear Supervisors Cohen, Peskin and Wiener:

Please include this email as part of the public record.

I am a registered voter living in the Outer Richmond neighborhood of San Francisco. I am writing to express my support for improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Peninsula Watershed.

Like so many of us in the Bay Area, I am an avid outdoor enthusiast. I recently relocated to California from the state of Texas and I have been very impressed with the quality and diversity of the many parks and recreation areas in the beautiful state of California. My goal is to improve access closer to home so that we can get more people appreciating the beauty of this place.

I support the resolution (SFBOS file # 160183) to allow responsible access to the SFPUC watershed lands over existing service road such as Fifield-Cahill Ridge, Pilarcitos Road, Whiting Ridge, Old Cañada, and to historical sites for the following reasons:

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Please support of Resolution 160183 and for SFPUC to work cooperatively with San Mateo County to improve access to the watershed.

Thank you for your public service.

Sincerely,  
Stephen Chudleigh  
San Francisco, CA

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Ryosuke Kimura <redleon@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 12, 2016 6:29 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Campos, David (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); commissioners@sfwater.org  
**Cc:** dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** Yes to SF Watershed access

Dear honorable Supervisors,

Please include this email as part of the public record.

**I would like to express my support for improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Peninsula Watershed.** It is important to let many people access to the beauty that the nature offer so that they value the importance. Also, I believe that it is important to act based on scientific facts. It is about finding a good balance and searching for how human can I coexist with many species.

I support the resolution (SFBOS file # 160183) to allow responsible access to the SFPUC watershed lands over existing service road such as Fifield-Cahill Ridge, Pilarcitos Road, Whiting Ridge, Old Cañada, and to historical sites for the following reasons:

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Please support of Resolution 160183 and for SFPUC to work cooperatively with San Mateo County to improve access to the watershed.

Thank you for your public service.

Ryosuke Kimura,  
Resident of San Francisco District 6

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Gabriel Roberts <gabrielbroberts@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 12, 2016 6:48 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); commissioners@sflower.org  
**Cc:** dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** Support of resolution 160183

Dear honorable Supervisors,

Please include this email as part of the public record.

I would like to express my support for improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Peninsula Watershed. This issue is very important to me and my family. The public has been closed off from the Watershed's scenic, historical and recreational experiences for too long. Please do what you can to help achieve access reform.

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Please support of Resolution 160183 and for SFPUC to work cooperatively with San Mateo County to improve access to the watershed.

Thank you for your public service.

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Gabriel Roberts of San Bruno, California  
(408) 561-3600  
GabrielBRoberts@Gmail.com

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Sergey Menshikov <sergey.menshikov@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 11, 2016 12:11 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS)  
**Cc:** commissioners@sfwater.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); cgroom@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** Open Public Access to Peninsula Watershed

Dear Supervisors Cohen, Peskin and Wiener:

I would like to express my support for improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Peninsula Watershed. This issue is very important to me and my family. The public has been closed off from the Watershed's scenic, historical and recreational experiences for too long. Please do what you can to help achieve access reform.

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To San Mateo county officials: could you please support expanded access and see to it that San Mateo county works cooperatively with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, The San Francisco Planning department and the GGNRA to achieve access reform?

Thank you for your public service!

Sergey Menshikov and Larisa Osipovich,  
1145 Blythe st.,  
Foster City

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** art.muir@kilovolt.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 11, 2016 2:47 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); commissioners@sfgov.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Cc:** Lee, Mayor (MYR); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Campos, David (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** Support for resolution 160183 - to be included as part of the public record

Honorable Supervisors Cohen, Peskin and Wiener:

I'm writing today to express my support for improving public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Peninsula Watershed. This issue is important to me as I feel these public lands should be responsibly accessible by the entire community, not just the privileged few that currently have access. The time is long overdue for the watershed's scenic, historical and recreational offerings to be open to the community and I would request you do what you can to help this access reform take place.

The resolution regarding access to the watershed - SFBOS file # 160183 - would allow responsible access to the SFPUC watershed lands over existing service roads such as Fifield-Cahill Ridge, Pilarcitos Road, Whiting Ridge, Old Cañada, and would also grant access to historical sites within the watershed. It would offer access using the watershed's existing dirt roads, allowing hikers, cyclists and equestrians to visit the area's largest and most scenic unused, publicly held open space. Further, it would help better integrate National, State and County parklands across the San Francisco Peninsula.

While at this time there are no known significant concerns over water security, fire safety or environmental stewardship, the mandated environmental investigation, to be performed prior to opening the watershed, would surface any potential areas of environmental concern.

Please note that these "roads" while unpaved, are currently used by SFPUC trucks on a daily basis. They could easily be integrated into a trail system, such as has been done in the Marin County and Santa Clara County watersheds.

It is under the above context that I request that you therefore please support resolution 160183, and put the necessary framework in place so that the SFPUC will work cooperatively with San Mateo County to implement this access to the watershed.

Thank you for your service to the community and the public at large

Note: Please include this email as part of the public record.

Kindest regards,

Art Muir  
San Mateo - North Shoreview district



**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** John Collins <shinesound@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 11, 2016 3:09 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); commissioners@swater.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Cc:** Lee, Mayor (MYR); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Campos, David (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** Open the SF Watershed NOW!

I am writing to insist that you all open the SF Watershed NOW! in the words of John Muir Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul alike.

I have been an avid mountain biker for 25 years on the peninsula and living on the coast and in san mateo the lack of trails available is astonishing. It's astonishing because the jewel of the watershed is pristine and has miles and miles of trails that would help us all to decompress in this world where the cost of living is insane.

Trail studies will be done to insure that there will be no damage to the watershed so what is the delay in this? btw Docent led programs are bullshit. I'm 51 years old and I don't need to be supervised nor do any other adults. The very notion of a docent led program pisses me off in that it belies an attitude that our government authority figures know best how to handle us unruly citizens. Forget that!

Please open the watershed NOW!

namaste,

John Collins  
Resident San Mateo CA

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** john collins <shinesound@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 11, 2016 3:13 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); commissioners@sfwater.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Cc:** Lee, Mayor (MYR); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Campos, David (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
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namaste,

John Collins  
Resident San Mateo CA

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Jean <jeanforsman@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 11, 2016 3:59 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); commissioners@sfwater.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Cc:** Lee, Mayor (MYR); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Campos, David (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** Peninsula Watershed

Dear Supervisors Cohen, Peskin and Wiener:

Please include this email as part of the public record.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my support for improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Peninsula Watershed. This issue is very important to very dear friends who live in that area. Friends who along would their children would appreciate and benefit from respectful enjoyment of the area. The public has been closed off from the Watershed's scenic, historical and recreational experiences for too long. Please do what you can to help achieve access reform.

Support the resolution (SF BOS file # 160183) for the following reasons:

-Access to the watershed's existing dirt roads would allow hikers, cyclists and equestrians to visit the area's largest and most scenic unused, publicly held open space, integrating National, State and County parklands across the San Francisco Peninsula.

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Please support of Resolution 160183 and for SFPUC to work cooperatively with San Mateo County to improve access to the watershed.

Thank you all for your continued public service.

Jean Forsman  
San Francisco California

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Jennifer Vendetti <jennifer.vendetti@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 11, 2016 9:41 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS)  
**Cc:** commissioners@sfwater.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); cgroom@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** Access to the SFPUC watershed lands

Dear Supervisors Cohen, Peskin and Wiener:

Although I'm a resident of Santa Clara county, I'm writing to express my support for improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Peninsula Watershed located in San Mateo County due to my personal interest in hiking.

I support the resolution (SFBOS file # 160183) to allow responsible access to the SFPUC watershed lands over existing service road such as Fifield-Cahill Ridge, Pilarcitos Road, Whiting Ridge, Old Cañada, and to historical sites for the following reasons:

- Access to the watershed's existing dirt roads would allow hikers to visit the area's largest and most scenic unused, publicly held open space, integrating national, state, and county parklands across the San Francisco Peninsula.
- The trails in this space are actually existing dirt roads, which are currently used on a daily basis by SFPUC trucks. These roads could easily be designated as a trail system, similar to the Marin County and Santa Clara County Watersheds.
- Other local public spaces allow reasonable and appropriate public access without the negative impacts opponents of SFPUC Watershed access advocate, e.g., the Midpeninsula Open Space District.
- Finally, the current method of public access is extremely limited and unfair to the public. The number of spots available to reserve in advance only, for the few docent led tours that are held - are extremely limited. Typically, there are only a handful of reserveable hiking spots available once a week, and the hikes are only at 9 or 9:30 the morning.

Please pass Resolution 160183 and work cooperatively with other agencies such as the SFPUC, San Mateo County and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area to achieve access reform for this important public land.

Thank you,

Jennifer

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Lindsay Chirdon <lchirdon@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2016 3:39 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); commissioners@sfgov.org  
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**Subject:** Support for improved public access to the SF Peninsula Watershed

Dear honorable Supervisors,

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Please support of Resolution 160183 and for SFPUC to work cooperatively with San Mateo County to improve access to the watershed.

Thank you for your public service.

Lindsay Chirdon, Redwood City

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** John Parker <parkerjohn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2016 4:09 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); commissioners@sfwater.org  
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Please support of Resolution 160183 and for SFPUC to work cooperatively with San Mateo County to improve access to the watershed.

Thank you for your public service.

John Parker - Sunnyvale CA

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Eduardo F. Llach <eduardo@llach.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2016 4:24 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Campos, David (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); commissioners@sfwater.org  
**Subject:** Please Open The Peninsula Watershed to hikers and cyclists

Dear honorable Supervisors,

September 13, 2016

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Thank you for your public service.

Eduardo F. Llach  
Palo Alto, CA

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## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Jonathan Lamb <jlamb4483@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2016 4:28 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); commissioners@sflower.org  
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**Subject:** Public Access SFPUC Peninsula Watershed - Mountain cyclists et al.

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Jonathan Lamb

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**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2016 7:17 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); commissioners@sfgov.org  
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**Subject:** SF Watershed support

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Thank you for your public service.

J. Brook Burley  
Mountain View

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Joel Wilson <joel.c.wilson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2016 11:50 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); commissioners@sfwater.org  
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**Subject:** Please Open SF Watershed Trails

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Thank you for your public service.

Joel Wilson  
Redwood City

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Winston Lazar <whlazar@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 14, 2016 9:57 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); commissioners@sflower.org  
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**Subject:** Resolution to allow responsible access to the SFPUC watershed

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## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Richard Howse <howseru@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 09, 2016 2:42 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); commissioners@sflower.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Cc:** Lee, Mayor (MYR); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** resolution 160183 be placed in public record

Good day

To the San Francisco board of supervisors I ask that the opening of the San Francisco watershed (resolution 160183) be favorably voted on. The continue population growth of the peninsula with it's high density is begging for a place for people to get away. A place to clear their minds, interact with nature, breath clean air and get the benefit of exercise all without cost to the family budget.

Thank you for your consideration

Richard Howse

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Rachel Kesel <rachelkesel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 08, 2016 6:35 PM  
**To:** Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS)  
**Cc:** Avalos, John (BOS); Pollock, Jeremy (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS); Breed, London (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS)  
**Subject:** Protect Our Water Supply

Dear Supervisors Cohen, Peskin and Wiener,

I urge you to reject the resolution to open the Peninsula Watershed for recreation access in the Land Use and Transportation Committee.

I am a San Francisco resident and PUC rate payer. I have spent the last ten years devoted to the responsible stewardship of our public lands as a conservation professional on public land in the Bay Area. I am an avid hiker, biker and dog walker. **I love being on the land but I want Crystal Springs fully protected.**

### Protect Our Water

The watershed lands provide incredible, irreplaceable services to the Bay Area in terms of water filtration and storage. Fire, erosion, pathogens and invasive species all play a role in land health. Only healthy land can provide high quality drinking water.

- Unrestricted access increases fire risk.
- Unrestricted access increases sources of erosion.
- Unrestricted access increases vectors for pathogens like Sudden Oak Death and *Phytophthora cinnamomi*.
- Unrestricted access increases vectors for invasive plant species, which threaten habitat and ecosystem services

### Inadequate Thought and Funding to Protect Water Supply and Habitat

If you increase the threats above, you owe it to San Francisco to have a plan in place to deal with the consequences.

- What is your plan to deal with increased fire risk? What assurances are you making for our water supply? For neighbors of the watershed?
- What is your plan to deal with increased sedimentation? The PUC's management plans demand erosion prevention. How will you prevent rogue trails and damage by cyclists? These are well understood issues on recreation lands. Denying their existence is no way to secure our water supply.
- What is your plan to limit the spread of forest-destroying pathogens? Will you close these trails when conditions warrant, for example during wet months, to limit the spread of pathogens? Will you install bike and boot cleaning stations at all trail heads, provide education and keep them stocked?
- Will you increase funding for invasive plant surveys and management?

**Access Equality: Who Pays? Who Recreates?**

The PUC has assured rate payers that they will not bear the financial burden of recreation on its lands.

- Who will pay for the rangers, maintenance staff and conservation professionals needed to manage recreation in such a valuable area? Hikers and bikers?
- All San Franciscans will be risking their water, but who will really have access? How will you ensure that residents without cars will still have the public access trumpeted in this resolution?

The Land Use and Transportation Committee must steward San Francisco's land. You must acknowledge the challenges and costs of land management before passing any resolutions to open the watershed.

Protect our water supply and the biodiversity of the watershed: Reject Supervisor Avalos' resolution on Monday.

Sincerely,

Rachel Kesel  
33 Massasoit Street  
San Francisco, Ca  
94110

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Sifu Andy Howse <wingsun650@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 08, 2016 10:48 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); commissioners@sflower.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Cc:** Lee, Mayor (MYR); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** Please SUPPORT Resolution 160183 on expanded public access in the SF Watershed - Please include my voice in the public record

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But they are also wrong about something else. In decades past there have been other democratic efforts to increase access in our SF Watershed. These efforts have always ebbed and flowed, and each time started again anew. The SFPUC for decades employed bureaucratic efforts to stall and wait. When the voices for access faded away, no real reforms ever occurred. The advent of social media changes this calculus totally. No matter the outcome of the resolution today. Open the SF Watershed as an organization, as a movement and as an idea is not going away and the zenith is very far off. It will only continue to get stronger, the grassroots have taken too strong a hold.

Thank you for your public service,

-Andy Howse

5th generation San Franciscan  
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**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); commissioners@sfwater.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
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Robert Buelteman - Bay Nature - 8/20/15

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## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Tsuyoshi Ozaki <tsuyoshi.ozaki@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 08, 2016 11:15 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS)  
**Cc:** commissioners@sfwater.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); cgroom@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** Open the Peninsula Watershed to public access

Dear Supervisors Cohen, Peskin and Wiener:

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Please pass Resolution 160183 and work cooperatively with other agencies such as the SFPUC, San Mateo County and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area to achieve access reform for this important public land.

Thank you for your public service.

Yoshi Ozaki

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** ananda.kumar@bt.com  
**Sent:** Friday, September 09, 2016 3:57 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); commissioners@sfwater.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** support for Resolution 160183 on expanded public access to the San Francisco's Peninsula Watershed

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Please accept my full support for resolution 60183 on expanded public access to the San Francisco's Peninsula Watershed.


Truly

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## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Eugene Buono <ekbuono@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 09, 2016 8:54 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS)  
**Cc:** commissioners@sfwater.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); cgroom@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** Crystal Springs Peninsula Watershed Access

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-The trail of the East side of the Crystal Springs reservoir is beautiful and many families utilize it, but the path has become overcrowded. Bikes, strollers, runners, and groups of families walking are competing for the same limited space. Providing an additional outlet can help relieve some of this stress and make both areas more enjoyable for families living here.

- Finally, the current method of public access is extremely limited and unfair to the public. The number of spots available to reserve in advance only, for the few docent led tours that are held - are extremely limited. Typically, there are only a handful of reservable hiking spots available once a week, and the hikes are only at 9 or 9:30 the morning.

Please pass Resolution 160183 and work cooperatively with other agencies such as the SFPUC, San Mateo County and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area to achieve access reform for this important public land.

Thank you for your public service.

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Lieven <lievenleroy@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 09, 2016 11:22 AM  
**To:** Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott  
**Cc:** Avalos, John (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Please protect the Peninsula watershed

Supervisors of the Land Use and Transportation Committee, I urge you to oppose opening the San Francisco Peninsula watershed.

I've lived, worked, and hiked in San Francisco and the Bay Area for 25 years. The watershed already serves its key purpose to us all: as part of our water supply. Because of its special protected condition, it also has the highest concentration of endangered and threatened species in the Bay Area.

Opening the watershed would benefit a relatively small number of Peninsula hikers and bikers - at city expense - while harming the millions who already rely on it. The watershed's isolation is exactly what makes it unique. The true impacts and costs of increased access are huge.

I've personally spoken with workers at the Marin watershed (which has a large staff and a constellation of supporting organizations, for trails that see much less traffic than the Peninsula would) and with experts involved with the local Sierra Club and other environmental organizations. All of them warn against this proposal.

The watershed is near a public landfill, and I regularly find trash (furniture, chemicals, home waste, etc.) dumped along the watershed fences. Hikers increase fire risk and bring in seeds that harm the local ecosystem. Dogs disturb nesting birds and other animals. Take down the fences, and all those dangers creep closer to our water supply.

The open the watershed movement has stoked uninformed anger (as I've experienced myself, when they've targeted my page <https://www.facebook.com/savetheSFwatershed/>), and glibly claims there will be environmental studies and funding while at the same time pushing to rush that process. I ask you to stand up to this and think of the wellbeing of all who need the watershed -- not just in a year, or in ten years, but for generations. The proposed level of access will destroy exactly the things which make the watershed special. And as we saw in Flint, Michigan, a water supply is the last thing we should make hasty decisions about.

Please reject this proposal.

Thank you,  
Lieven Leroy

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Bruce Liu <moosefly24@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 08, 2016 3:07 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR)  
**Cc:** Somera, Alisa (BOS); commissioners@sfwater.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** I support the passing of SFBOS #160183 for improved public access to SFPUC's Peninsula Watershed

(Ms. Somera, Please include my comments below as part of the public record.)

Dear Supervisors Cohen, Peskin, and Wiener, and Mayor Lee:

I would like to enthusiastically express my support for improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Peninsula Watershed. This issue is very important to me and my friends. The public has been closed off from the Watershed's scenic, historical and recreational experiences for too long. Please do what you can to help achieve access reform.

I support the resolution (SFBOS file # 160183) to allow responsible access to the SFPUC watershed lands over existing service road such as Fifield-Cahill Ridge, Pilarcitos Road, Whiting Ridge, Old Cañada, and to historical sites for the following reasons:

-Access to the watershed's existing dirt roads would allow hikers, cyclists and equestrians to visit the area's largest and most scenic unused, publicly held open space, integrating National, State and County parklands across the San Francisco Peninsula.

-At this time there are no significant, scientific concerns over water security, fire safety or environmental stewardship. Prior to opening a complete environmental investigation will surface any environmental issues that need to be addressed.

-The "trails", dirt roads actually, are currently used by SFPUC trucks on a daily basis. They could easily be designated as a trail system, much as is done in the Marin County and Santa Clara County Watersheds.

Please also retire the "mandatory docent system". There are times when we will need to enjoy these lands with out being forced into a large group. This approach works well in other watershed lands across the state, there's no reason it shouldn't work on the Peninsula.

Please pass Resolution 160183 and require SFPUC to work cooperatively with San Mateo County to improve access to the watershed for all.

Thank you for your continued public service.

-- Bruce Liu, San Francisco

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Lyn Haithcox <lynhiho@att.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 07, 2016 4:55 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Scott.Weiner@sfgov.org; Peskin, Aaron (BOS)  
**Cc:** commissioners@sfgwater.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); cgroom@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** Support access to Crystal Springs Peninsula Watershed

Dear Supervisors Cohen, Peskin and Wiener:

I write to express my support for improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Peninsula Watershed that is located in San Mateo County.

This issue is very important to me and my family. The public has been closed off from the Watershed's scenic, historical and recreational experiences for too long. Please do everything you can to help achieve public access reform.

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Please pass Resolution 160183 and work cooperatively with other agencies such as the SFPUC, San Mateo County and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area to achieve access reform for this important public land.

Thank you for your public service.

Marilyn Haithcox  
1486 Ascension Drive  
San Mateo, CA 94402



**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Siddhartha Jain <sjain@sjain.me>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 06, 2016 11:48 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); commissioners@sfgwater.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Cc:** Lee, Mayor (MYR); Eric.L.Mar@sfgov.or; Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Campos, David (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); dpine@smcgv.org; cgroom@smcgv.org; dhorsley@smcgv.org; wslocum@smcgv.org; ATissier@smcgv.or; mfinley@smcgv.org; parkscommission@smcgv.org; Chan, Connie (BOS)  
**Subject:** SFBOS file # 160183

Dear Supervisors Cohen, Peskin and Wiener:

Please include this email as part of the public record.

I would like to express my support for improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Peninsula Watershed. **This issue is very important to me and my family - we would love to have our kids enjoy the natural beauty of the Bay Area in an environment friendly way.**

The public has been closed off from the Watershed's scenic, historical and recreational experiences for too long. Please do what you can to help achieve access reform.

I support the resolution (SFBOS file # 160183) to allow responsible access to the SFPUC watershed lands over existing service road such as Fifield-Cahill Ridge, Pilarcitos Road, Whiting Ridge, Old Cañada, and to historical sites for the following reasons:

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-The "trails", dirt roads actually, are currently used by SFPUC trucks on a daily basis. They could easily be designated as a trail system, much as is done in the Marin County and Santa Clara County Watersheds. Please support of Resolution 160183 and for SFPUC to work cooperatively with San Mateo County to improve access to the watershed.

Thank you for your public service.

- Siddhartha Jain  
50 Glenview Dr  
San Bruno CA 94066

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Eddie Corwin <eddiecorwin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 04, 2016 1:47 PM  
**To:** Wiener, Scott; Cohen, Malia (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS)  
**Cc:** Avalos, John (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); commissioners@sflower.org;  
mayoreswinlee@sfgov.org  
**Subject:** I support opening the SF water shed

Dear Supervisors Cohen, Peskin and Wiener:

I would like to express my support for improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Peninsula Watershed. This issue is very important to me and my family. The public has been closed off from the Watershed's scenic, historical and recreational experiences for too long. Please do what you can to help achieve access reform. I support the resolution (SFBOS file # 160183) to allow responsible access to the SFPUC watershed lands over existing service road such as Fifield-Cahill Ridge, Pilarcitos Road, Whiting Ridge, Old Cañada, and to historical sites for the following reasons:

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Please also retire the "mandatory docent system". There are times when we will need to enjoy these lands with out being forced into a large group. This approach works well in other watershed lands across the state, there's no reason it shouldn't work on the Peninsula.

Please support Resolution 160183 and help to have the SFPUC work cooperatively with San Mateo County to improve access to the watershed.

Eddie Corwin - San Francisco

Sent from my iPhone

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Janice Rensch <jrensch2001@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 04, 2016 6:12 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS)  
**Cc:** commissioners@sfwater.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); cgroom@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** San Mateo Watershed

Dear Supervisors Cohen, Peskin and Wiener:

I write to express my support for improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Peninsula Watershed that is located in San Mateo County.

This issue is very important to me and my family. The public has been unfairly closed off from the Watershed's scenic, historical and recreational experiences for too long. Please do everything you can to help achieve public access reform.

I support the resolution (SFBOS file # 160183) to allow responsible access to the SFPUC watershed lands over existing service road such as Fifield-Cahill Ridge, Pilarcitos Road, Whiting Ridge, Old Cañada, and to historical sites for the following reasons:

- Access to the watershed's existing dirt roads would allow hikers, cyclists and equestrians to visit the area's largest and most scenic unused, publicly held open space, integrating National, State and County parklands across the San Francisco Peninsula.
- At this time there are no significant, scientific concerns over water security, fire safety or environmental stewardship. Prior to opening a complete environmental investigation will surface any environmental issues that need to be addressed.
- The "trails" in this space are actually existing dirt roads, which are currently used on a daily basis by SFPUC trucks. These roads could easily be designated as a trail system, similar to the Marin County and Santa Clara County Watersheds.
- Other local public spaces allow reasonable and appropriate public access without the negative impacts opponents of SFPUC Watershed access advocate. I draw your attention to the the watershed agencies listed above, and the Midpeninsula Open Space District as successful examples.
- Finally, the current method of public access is extremely limited and unfair to the public. The number of spots available to reserve in advance only, for the few docent led tours that are held - are extremely limited. Typically, there are only a handful of reserveable hiking spots available once a week, and the hikes are only at 9 or 9:30 the morning.

Please pass Resolution 160183 and work cooperatively with other agencies such as the SFPUC, San Mateo County and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area to achieve access reform for this important public land.

Thank you for your public service.

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Valas Valancius <valas@google.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 04, 2016 7:45 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); commissioners@sfgov.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Cc:** Lee, Mayor (MYR); Eric.L.Mar@sfgov.org; Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** Regarding SFBOS file # 160183

Dear Supervisors Cohen, Peskin and Wiener:

Please include this email as part of the public record.

I support the resolution (SFBOS file # 160183) to allow responsible access to the SFPUC watershed lands over existing service road such as Fifield-Cahill Ridge, Pilarcitos Road, Whiting Ridge, and Old Cañada.

There is no good reason to not expand the access. If there is, an environmental investigation will surface any environmental issues that need to be addressed.

Thank you for your public service.

Vytautas Valancius  
Redwood City (formerly San Francisco resident)

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Lennie Roberts <lennie@darwin.ptvy.ca.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 05, 2016 10:50 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS)  
**Cc:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Resolution File #160183  
**Attachments:** CGF SF Land Use Comm 9-12-16.pdf

Dear Chair Cohen and Supervisors Wiener and Peskin,

Please see my letter on behalf of Committee for Green Foothills regarding the proposed Resolution File #160183 that is scheduled for hearing at the Land Use and Transportation Committee meeting of September 12, 2016.

Thanks very much for consideration of expanding the docent program in the Peninsula watershed rather than allowing unmanaged access to the sensitive interior areas, including along Fifield-Cahill Ridge service road.

Sincerely,

Lennie Roberts, Legislative Advocate  
Committee for Green Foothills



COMMITTEE FOR  
GREEN FOOTHILLS

September 4, 2016

Supervisor Malia Cohen, Chair, Land Use and Transportation Committee  
Supervisor Scott Wiener  
Supervisor Aaron Peskin

**Re: September 12, 2016 Meeting of the Land Use and Transportation Committee:  
Resolution File # 160183 Urging the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to  
Expand Public Access to the Peninsula Watershed Lands**

Dear Supervisor Cohen and Members of the Committee,

Committee for Green Foothills (CGF), a regional environmental organization in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties, has a long-standing and abiding interest in the Peninsula watershed lands dating back to the 1969 "Four Party Agreement" that protects the 23,000 acre watershed while allowing limited recreational activities within a 4,000 acre area along the eastern boundary, but not in the area contemplated by the proposed Resolution.

CGF urges your rejection of Resolution #160183 for the following reasons:

**Water Quality:** San Francisco and its 2.7 million water customers in 26 cities, water districts and private utilities are blessed with some of the finest drinking water in the nation. In every survey taken by the SFPUC, the public overwhelmingly supports its primary mission of **providing the highest quality water for the City and County of San Francisco and its suburban customers**, and does not want it to be compromised in any way.

**Fire:** The risk of catastrophic wildfire is real. 95% of all California wildland fires are human-caused. Both Big Sur's Soberanes Fire and Yosemite's Rim Fire were caused by illegal campfires in unauthorized areas. The Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the Peninsula Watershed Management Plan (PWMP) noted that the chief concern of the SF PUC with regard to water quality is catastrophic fire. ***"Studies in the FEIR document an increased chance of fire once the public is allowed into a formerly closed area. Should a devastating fire occur, the resulting erosion and sedimentation of watershed streams and lakes would make treatment of the water using direct filtration a difficult, if not impossible endeavor"***. (PWMP FEIR, Spring 2002) ***"A catastrophic fire...will reduce water quality, increase sediment load in the reservoirs, reduce storage capacity, and create a potential filtration problem."*** (Guido Ciardi, Forester, SF Water Department and President of Fire Safe San Mateo County: <http://firesafesanmarateo.org/projects/crystal-springs-watershed>)

**Trespass:** Unrestricted access will foster trespass and other illegal activities including cutting new trails through protected areas for mountain biking, camping, swimming and fishing in the lakes, illegal marijuana grow sites, and hunting, among others. The PWMP's FEIR concluded: ***"Although most recreational users consider themselves to be environmentally***

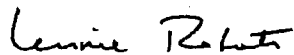
***responsible, the experience of public land managers in the Bay Area demonstrates that a percentage of public land users will invariably violate access rules and engage in illegal trespass and the building of unauthorized trails.*** (PWMP FEIR, Spring 2002).

**Protection of Unique Habitats:** The watershed supports the highest concentration of special status species in the Bay Area (PWMP FEIR, Spring 2002). It is home to mountain lions, Bald Eagles and threatened Marbled Murrelets. This biodiversity is extraordinary, considering the watershed is adjacent to 10 Peninsula cities. ***“Resource agencies with statutory authority to regulate SFUC construction and other activities in the watershed (US Fish and Wildlife, CA Fish and Wildlife, and CA Department of Health Services) all-expressed concern about permitting unrestricted public access to the interior of the watershed due to the unique assemblage of habitats and species that occupy the watershed and potential public health impacts.”*** (PWMP FEIR Spring 2002).

**Cost:** Uncontrolled public access will greatly increase annual costs of patrolling the watershed, restoring unauthorized trails and off-limit areas impacted by trespass, and higher levels of water filtration and treatment, particularly in the event of a catastrophic fire. These costs should not be borne by the ratepayers, as expressly directed by the SFPUC in adopting the Peninsula Watershed Management Plan.

**The Peninsula Watershed is NOT a Park; it is our Water Supply!** San Francisco has wisely protected these lands for over 150 years. There are hundreds of miles of trails accessible to residents of San Francisco and the north Peninsula in nearby county, state, and national parks, as well as Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District preserves. The current docent program that provides managed access along Fifield-Cahill service road should be expanded and improved.

Please reject Resolution 160183 and reaffirm that the primary function of the Peninsula watershed is protection of our water supply and preservation of its natural resources. Please do support instead increased public access through an expanded docent program.



Lennie Roberts, Legislative Advocate

Mayor Ed Lee and San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
President Warren Slocum and San Mateo County Supervisors  
San Mateo County Parks Commission  
Marlene Finley, San Mateo County Parks Director  
Harlan Kelly, Jr. General Manager, SF PUC  
Tim Ramirez, Natural Resources and Land Division Manager, SF PUC  
Brian Aviles, Senior Planner, Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
Other interested parties

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Kevin Haithcox <khaithcox@att.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 05, 2016 12:02 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS)  
**Cc:** commissioners@sfwater.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); cgroom@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** Please Pass Resolution 160183

Dear Supervisors Cohen, Peskin and Wiener:

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Thank you for your public service.

Kevin Haithcox  
San Mateo Resident



**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Tom Kersnick <tom.kersnick@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 05, 2016 4:21 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS)  
**Cc:** commissioners@sfgwater.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); cgroom@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** Public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Peninsula Watershed

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Thank you for your public service!

/tom

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Kuni Kara <kunikara@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 05, 2016 4:27 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS)  
**Cc:** commissioners@sfgov.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); cgroom@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
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Thank you for your public service.

Kuniko Kersnick

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Virginia <vpcakes@astound.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 05, 2016 9:24 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS)  
**Cc:** commissioners@sfgov.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS);  
davis.campos@sfgov.org; Lee, Mayor (MYR); cgroom@smcgov.org;  
mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** Access to the San Francisco watershed

Dear Sirs and Madams,

I'm writing to let you know of my strong opposition to the opening of the SF watershed to the public. As a third generation Californian I would hate to see that pristine area opened to the public. The creating of trails, our further encroachment of wildlife habitat, the trampling of vegetation, and of course the garbage left behind by the "responsible" citizens coming out to enjoy our treasure. That land is our legacy to future generations and should be preserved and protected. I sincerely hope you reconsider the idea of opening the watershed to the public.

Virginia Prevost  
San Mateo CA

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Carla Sylvestri <carlasylvestri@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 02, 2016 9:35 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS)  
**Cc:** commissioners@sfgov.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); cgroom@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org; Christopher Brousseau  
**Subject:** Open The Watershed!

Dear Supervisors Cohen, Peskin and Wiener:

I write to express my support for improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Peninsula Watershed that is located in San Mateo County.

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I support the resolution (SFBOS file # 160183) to allow responsible access to the SFPUC watershed lands over existing service road such as Fifield-Cahill Ridge, Pilarcitos Road, Whiting Ridge, Old Cañada, and to historical sites for the following reasons:

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Please pass Resolution 160183 and work cooperatively with other agencies such as the SFPUC, San Mateo County and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area to achieve access reform for this important public land.

Thank you for your public service and thank you in advance for your support!

Carla Sylvestri  
San Mateo/San Francisco native  
46 years

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** tim.hu@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 01, 2016 5:53 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS)  
**Cc:** commissioners@sfwater.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); cgroom@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
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Timothy Hu



**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** rainboots@gmail.com on behalf of Yamade Family <styamade@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 31, 2016 2:34 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS)  
**Cc:** commissioners@sfgov.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); cgroom@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** We support for improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Peninsula Watershed

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Thank you for your public service.

Shin & Tomoko Yamade

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Scott Symon <scott.symon@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 31, 2016 2:02 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); commissioners@sfgov.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Cc:** Lee, Mayor (MYR); Mar, Eric (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Campos, David (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** Resolution 160183: Expanded Public Access to the San Francisco's Peninsula Watershed

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Please support of Resolution 160183 and for SFPUC to work cooperatively with San Mateo County to improve access to the watershed.

Thank you for your public service.

Scott Symon

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Jamie Fox <eejfox2015@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 31, 2016 12:11 AM  
**To:** INFO@janekim.org; Kim, Jane (BOS)  
**Cc:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); commissioners@sfgov.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); Mar, Eric (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** SF Watershed - Qualifications

Dear, Jane Kim, (and other respected public representatives),

Regarding the Golden Gate Audubon's "fear-campaign" for the SF watershed, the author Noreen:

"Noreen has a B.A. in International Relations and a M.S. in Telecommunications."

Clearly, she is scientifically qualified with a telecommunications degree to stop 7 million people from accessing their nearby nature. <http://goldengateaudubon.org/about-us/about-our-staff/>

I am an electrical engineer and activist for open space. Using my mathematical judgement, please consider the following ratios of trails-to-open space in your evaluation:

21,000 acres of publicly owned land is closed to the public.

40 miles of existing trails, 8 feet wide, equals, 36 acres.

So, at most, we are talking about opening up only 1/500th of the SF Watershed, on existing trails! That is only 1/5th of 1% of the land! This should be a no brainer. Same has been done in Marin and other areas.

The Sierra Club recently stated in their monthly magazine, "we are making it as easy as possible for people to access our public lands". (Director Michael Brune).

PS. I'm the leader of the Alhambra Hills Open Space Committee in Martinez, we are working with the city of Martinez to save 295 ridgeline acres that once belonged exclusively to John Muir, and is now owned by a Texas developer with overseas financing. We are working with the folks who saved Roddy Ranch in Antioch, which sold to East Bay parks for \$15 million dollars for 600 acres. Using this math, the value of the SF Watershed land for public access and preservation is \$25,000 per acre, placing the value of the SF watershed's 21,000 acres at \$525 million dollars, and if you multiply for the cost of living in the peninsula, you are talking about keeping a multi billion dollar resource, owned by the public, out of use.

Anyone stating that hikers and bikers destroy wildlife is out of their minds (in my opinion). If this was true, we would close our National Parks.

It's developers that destroy the land, not hikers! Not a single species has ever gone extinct from hikers and bikers.

How would we fight fires, if they started on a fire road?? :) :)

If fire is a concern, then close access in the hot months, follow the science, but don't throw the baby out with the bathwater.

The bottom line is that people grumble with change. The Transamerica building in downtown SF was the most controversial design ever. Now it is loved by all. Please have the foresight to do the right thing.

Please, for a billion dollar asset, you must consider science, not opinions of Telecommunications Masters degrees. Please provide a complete study from an unbiased 3rd party, evaluating the opening of SF watershed existing trails. I for one, only find true appreciation in nature when hiking alone near sunset, and for me, that made all the difference.

Sincerely,

Jamie Fox

Alhambra Hills Open Space Committee - Leader

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Christopher Brousseau <chrisbrousseau@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 31, 2016 8:49 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS)  
**Cc:** commissioners@sfwater.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); cgroom@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** Please support public access to the SFPUC Peninsula Watershed

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Thank you for your public service.

Christopher Brousseau  
San Mateo, CA

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Steve Rodrigues <steve@skypuppy.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 30, 2016 9:48 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); commissioners@sfwater.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Cc:** Lee, Mayor (MYR); Mar, Eric (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Campos, David (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** SFPUC Peninsula Watershed - Resolution 160183

Dear Supervisors, et all,

I'm writing in support of Resolution 160183.

The SFPUC Peninsula watershed lands are a fantastic natural treasure and should not be locked away from responsible public access. Opening the watershed would have a cumulative effect by joining with other public lands, making this a valuable addition for those who enjoy nature. It would be easy to convert the existing dirt roads to a trail system, and cannot find any reason not to do so.

On behalf of my family and neighbors, I respectfully request that you support Resolution 160183 and ask for the SFPUC to work cooperatively with San Mateo County to improve access to the watershed.

Thank you for your service!

Best regards,

Steve Rodrigues  
Brisbane, CA 94005



**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Jean-Nicolas Vollmer <jnvollmer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 29, 2016 9:28 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); commissioners@sfgov.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Cc:** Lee, Mayor (MYR); Mar, Eric (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
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Thank you for your public service.

Jean-Nicolas Vollmer  
San Francisco resident

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** cketner@me.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 27, 2016 11:51 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); commissioners@sfwater.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Cc:** Lee, Mayor (MYR); Mar, Eric (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Campos, David (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** Increased Public Access to the Peninsula Watershed

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Thank you for your public service.

Chris W. Ketner  
1407 Tarrytown St  
San Mateo, Ca 94402

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Mark Shihadeh <markwshihadeh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 28, 2016 10:02 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); commissioners@swater.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Cc:** Lee, Mayor (MYR); Mar, Eric (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
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Thank you for your public service.

Mark Shihadeh, San Bruno  
Life & Business Coach  
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**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Vladimir Gedgafov <gedgafov@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 17, 2016 12:54 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); commissioners@sfwater.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Cc:** Farrell, Mark (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Campos, David (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org; Lee, Mayor (MYR); Mar, Eric (BOS)  
**Subject:** Resolution 160183 expanded public access to the San Francisco's Peninsula Watershed

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Thank you for your public service.

Vladimir Gedgafov  
253 Westridge ave, Daly City, CA 94015

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Robert Buelteman <info@buelteman.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 26, 2016 9:11 AM  
**To:** Lee, Mayor (MYR); Avalos, John (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Campos, David (BOS)  
**Cc:** Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); opinion@sfchronicle.com; Cohen, Malia (BOS); commissioners@sfwater.org; Congresswoman Jackie Speier  
**Subject:** San Francisco Board of Supervisors file # 160183

**Dear Mayor Lee, and Supervisors Avilos, Wiener, and Campos:**

I write as deeply concerned citizen, a former long-term guest of the San Francisco Water Department, and widely collected landscape photographer who:

- explored and photographed the Crystal Springs Watershed from 1984 through 1995
- authored the award-winning monograph on the Watershed, *The Unseen Peninsula* (1995),
- wrote the Chronicle Op-Ed *Who Speaks for the Land* (2000) addressing the future of the Watershed (reproduced below):  
<http://www.sfgate.com/green/article/Who-Speaks-for-the-Land-2768009.php>
- served on Supervisor Ammiano's Watershed Task Force from 1999- 2000
- contributed to multiple land conservation campaigns resulting in the preservation of over 75,000 acres of land on the Peninsula  
worked for Sempervirens Fund, Peninsula Open Space Trust, Bay Area Ridge Trail, San Mateo County Parks Foundation and others
- is a lifetime resident of the Peninsula

**I write in opposition to SFBOS file # 160183.** Knowing the land there better than most, my opposition recognition of the following facts:

- This land is **NOT** a park - it's fundamental purpose is as a Fish and Wildlife Refuge
- Because it is not open to the public, this land is the environmental heart and soul of The Peninsula
- We have more hiking opportunities here on the Peninsula than any urban areas I am aware of
- It is the irreplaceable source of drinking water for 2.6 million people
- It represents a unique natural habitat, and the home of native, rare, threatened and endangered species
- Once approved, the impossibility of controlling access to this vast parcel of land may result in wildfires the like of which has never been seen in the Bay Area  
(see Soberanes and Rim Fires, both started by illegal campfires)
- ANY public access to this resource will result in its degradation (see 4,000 years of human history)
- The sense of entitlement of the proponents of this bill is disturbing - must we humans treat everything as a possession created solely for our enjoyment? Can we demonstrate the wisdom to leave this tiny slice of what is left of the natural world alone?

While I understand you are in a difficult position given that, for better or worse, all power derives from the people, I implore you to consider the future implications of the choices we make now. After all, there are things that, once lost, can never be recovered. This is from my year 2000 op-ed which can be read below in its entirety:

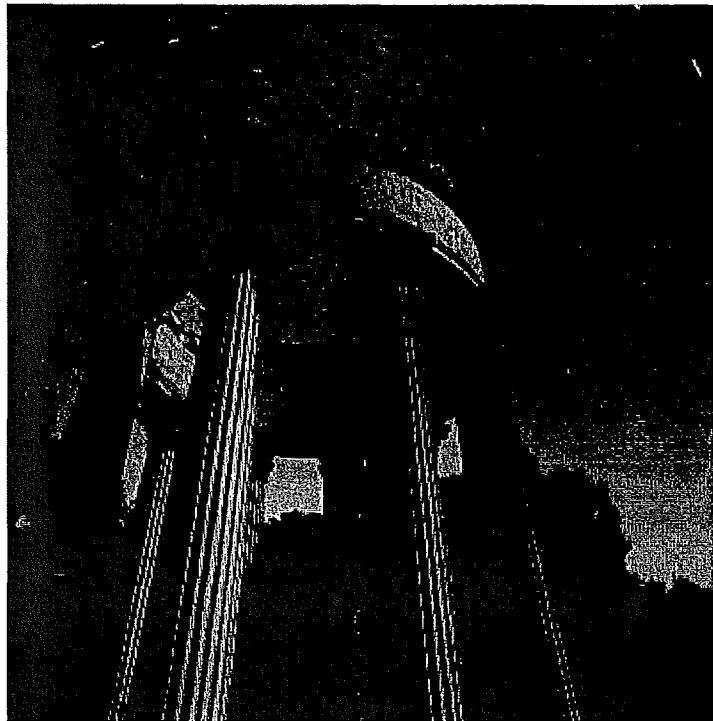
**Before we commandeer this land, we need ask ourselves for what good purpose? Can we really afford to allow unrestricted access into the heart of an intact ecosystem? Will your children's grandchildren ever know the beauty, balance and harmony that once reigned there, or will they only**

know the limited pleasure of walking with hundreds of others between chain link fences through woods that once sang with wildlife?

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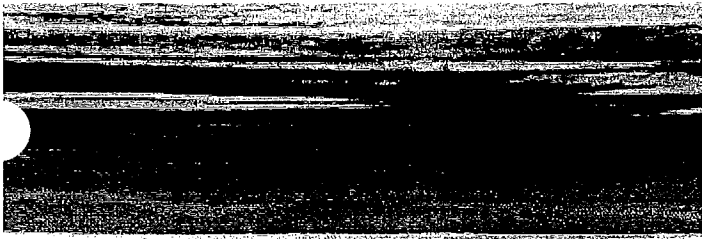
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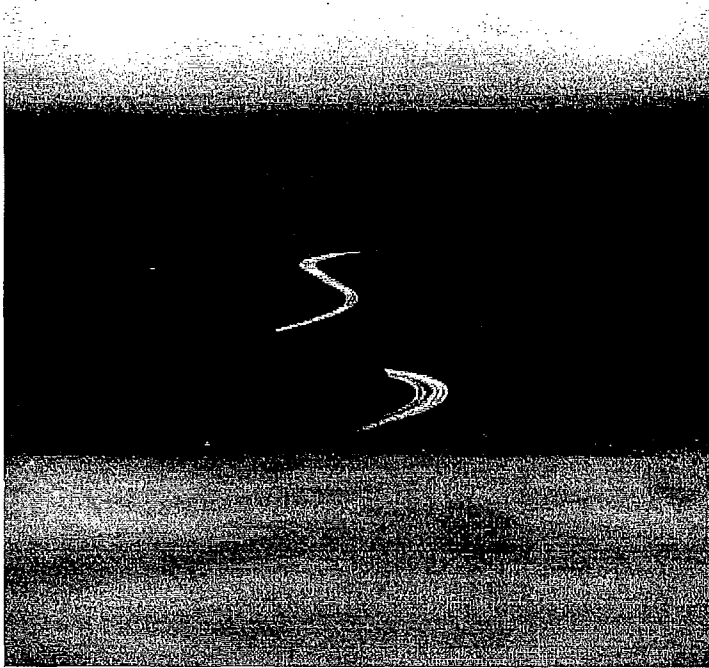
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## Who Speaks for the Land?

-Robert Buelteman, San Francisco Chronicle, March 19, 2000

I stand as one of the very few who has enjoyed the privilege of exploring the Peninsula Watershed. Growing up in Woodside, I hiked with fellow Boy Scouts to the historic Jepson Laurel on Sawyer Camp Trail before the trail was opened to the public. In recent times I spent 10 years there, making a portfolio of photographs that in 1996 became my second book: "The Unseen Peninsula." As a lifetime resident of the Peninsula, I am torn by conflicting emotions over the possibility of opening this unique land to the public.

One of the key issues is the proposal by the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council to complete a critical section of the Ridge Trail, allowing public access to land now closed to the public. It is a foregone conclusion that the trail will eventually be established down the spine of the watershed on Fifield/Cahill Ridge Road from Skylawn Memorial Park to Sweeney Ridge above Pacifica.

The trail council proposes 365-day-a-year access for an unlimited number of bikers, equestrians and hikers. This is a far cry from allowing three docent-led groups of 25 hikers per day that I supported when I was promoting the Ridge Trail in years past.

I find myself asking: "Who speaks for the land and the natural world it supports?" The answer is not clear. The stewards of this remarkable place, the San Francisco Water Department, speak the language of preservation to benefit their constituency, the Public Utilities Commission and the city and county of San Francisco, and yet they had originally proposed building the most environmentally



destructive of enterprises, a golf course! Fortunately, that plan was dashed by a vote of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

On the other hand we have the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council and other land-use organizations, all of whom see this place as a means to their own ends.

Over the last 16 years I have met and worked with individuals on all sides of the argument. Don't make the mistake of believing that this is a debate between the environmental community and the government. It is not.

All parties to this debate share the same context for their arguments in which the land and the life it supports are seen not as they are, but as a commodity for human consumption: fish for catching, water for drinking, deer for hunting and land for hiking or riding or biking.

There are a few undeniable realities: Once this property is opened to the public it will never be closed. Human activity along the 9.5-mile ridge trail will negatively impact the wildlife that lives there. The very experience sought by trail users, i.e. solitude, peace and a sense of relationship with the land, will be elusive at best if the trail is opened on the terms proposed by the trail council. Unlimited access establishes a precedent that will empower other land-use organizations to press for their interests, including boating, fishing, etc.

The upward spiral of pressure on the natural world continues unabated. Since the day the Sawyer Camp Trail was opened to the public, 600 people a day on average has used it. The historic Jepson Laurel I marveled at in childhood is now surrounded by a cyclone fence, as are both sides of the entire trail, to save it from those people who would love the land to death. "Those people" would include you, me, all of us.

Before we commandeer this land, we need ask ourselves for what good purpose? Can we really afford to allow unrestricted access into the heart of an intact ecosystem? Will your children's grandchildren ever know the beauty, balance and harmony that once reigned there, or will they only know the limited pleasure of walking with hundreds of others between chain link fences through woods that once sang with wildlife?

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** janky robotics <jankbot@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 23, 2016 8:48 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); commissioners@sfwater.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Cc:** Lee, Mayor (MYR); Mar, Eric (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Campos, David (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** SFBOS file # 160183

Dear Supervisors Cohen, Peskin and Wiener:

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I would like to express my support for improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Peninsula Watershed. This issue is very important to me and my family. The public has been closed off from the Watershed's scenic, historical and recreational experiences for too long. Please do what you can to help achieve access reform.

I support the resolution (SFBOS file # 160183) to allow responsible access to the SFPUC watershed lands over existing service road such as Fifield-Cahill Ridge, Pilarcitos Road, Whiting Ridge, Old Cañada, and to historical sites for the following reasons:

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-The "trails", dirt roads actually, are currently used by SFPUC trucks on a daily basis. They could easily be designated as a trail system, much as is done in the Marin County and Santa Clara County Watersheds.

Please support of Resolution 160183 and for SFPUC to work cooperatively with San Mateo County to improve access to the watershed.

Thank you for your public service.

Efrem J. Lewis  
San Francisco resident

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Eric Kuehne <erickuehne@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 23, 2016 9:21 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); commissioners@sfgov.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Cc:** Lee, Mayor (MYR); Mar, Eric (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** Open the SF watershed

Dear Supervisors Cohen, Peskin and Wiener:

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There are many examples all over the country of watersheds being used safely and responsibly by outdoor enthusiasts. It is time that the citizens of the bay area have access to the public land that makes our area so unique and wonderful. Allowing public access will only bring more focus to preserving and protecting this land, as our residents are known to do.

I support the resolution (SFBOS file # 160183) to allow responsible access to the SFPUC watershed lands over existing service road such as Fifield-Cahill Ridge, Pilarcitos Road, Whiting Ridge, Old Cañada, and to historical sites for the following reasons:

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-The "trails", dirt roads actually, are currently used by SFPUC trucks on a daily basis. They could easily be designated as a trail system, much as is done in the Marin County and Santa Clara County Watersheds. The damage done by the trucks used by the employees of the water district is much greater than hikers and bikers will ever cause.

Please support of Resolution 160183 and for SFPUC to work cooperatively with San Mateo County to improve access to the watershed.

Thank you for your public service.

Eric, Roberta, Liam, and Isaac Kucine  
El Granada

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Gene McKenna <mckennagene@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 23, 2016 10:38 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); commissioners@sfgov.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Cc:** Lee, Mayor (MYR); Mar, Eric (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** Open the SF Watershed

Dear Supervisors Cohen, Peskin and Wiener:

Please include this email as part of the public record.

I live right next to the watershed and have for 13 years. Every day I dream about being able to see the spectacular views the watershed affords. I would love to take my children and teach them about nature. We do not have other areas of open space near us where we can go hiking without driving a long way.

I would like to express my support for improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Peninsula Watershed. This issue is very important to me and my family. The public has been closed off from the watershed's scenic, historical and recreational experiences for too long. Please do what you can to help achieve access reform.

I support the resolution (SFBOS file # 160183) to allow responsible access to the SFPUC watershed lands over existing service roads. It is a tremendous historical, natural, educational and recreational resource which could be used to safely improve the lives of Bay Area residents from San Francisco and the Peninsula.

Please support of Resolution 160183 and for SFPUC to work cooperatively with San Mateo County to improve access to the watershed.

Thank you for your public service.

Gene McKenna, San Mateo, CA

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Justin <jwooster33@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 24, 2016 7:33 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); commissioners@sflower.org;  
Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Resolution on access reform in the Crystal Springs, SF Watershed

Dear Supervisors Cohen, Peskin and Wiener:

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I support the resolution (SFBOS file # 160183) to allow responsible access to the SFPUC watershed lands over existing service road such as Fifield-Cahill Ridge, Pilarcitos Road, Whiting Ridge, Old Cañada, and to historical sites for the following reasons:

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Please support of Resolution 160183 and for SFPUC to work cooperatively with San Mateo County to improve access to the watershed.

Thank you for time and consideration in this matter.

Justin Wooster  
Belmont, CA

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Alex Emanuel <emanuel.alex@gene.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 17, 2016 7:48 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); dpine@smcgov.org  
**Cc:** commissioners@sfgov.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** Please help open the SFPUC watershed

Dear SF Supervisors Cohen, Peskin and Wiener, and San Mateo County Supervisor Dave Pine,

**I would like to express my deepest support for improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Peninsula Watershed.**

I have always loved and respected the outdoors and natural scenic places. I strongly feel that I and others can play an even better role in ensuring such places are protected now and for future generations by opening them responsibly to the general public such that they are enjoyed more and bring further inspiration.

As a local resident this issue is very important to me and my family. The public has been closed off from the Watershed's scenic, historical and recreational experiences for too long. **Please do what you can to help achieve access reform.**

I support the resolution (SFBOS file # 160183) to allow responsible access to the SFPUC watershed lands over existing service road such as Fifield-Cahill Ridge, Pilarcitos Road, Whiting Ridge, Old Cañada, and to historical sites for the following reasons:

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**Please help bring expanded access (not just limited docent-led access) to these wonderful spaces so close to our homes.** I ask that you all work to achieve through cooperation with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, The San Francisco Planning department and the GGNRA.

**Thank you on behalf of me, my wife, my children and many respectful nature-loving local citizens for your public service.**

Sincerely

Alex Emanuel  
Burlingame

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** 龚琪 <gongqi@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 18, 2016 9:34 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott  
**Cc:** commissioners@sfgov.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); Mar, Eric (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** support the resolution (SFBOS file # 160183)

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Thank you for your public service.

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Resident of Foster City



**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Mark Lindbeck <marklindbeck56@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 18, 2016 12:14 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; aaron.pesking@sfgov.org; commissioners@sfgoc.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Resolution 160183

Although I am new to this area, I am not for this Resolution. Simple fact there are so few places left that are natural habits for all kinds of animals, and once you open the watersheds and people get there; within months it will be trashed with trash, body waist, homeless, drugs not to mention the traffic that the area would have to deal with. Keep these watersheds closed to the public, they will get destroyed.

Thank you

Mark Lindbeck  
Half Moon Bay CA

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Peter Borak <peterborak@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 18, 2016 4:40 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS)  
**Cc:** commissioners@sfwater.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); dpine@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** SFBOS file # 160183 allowing access to the SFPUC watershed lands

Dear Supervisors Cohen, Peskin and Wiener:

As a life long resident (35 years) of San Mateo County, I would like to express my support for improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Peninsula Watershed. This issue is very important to me and my family. The public has been closed off from the Watershed's scenic, historical and recreational experiences for too long. Please do what you can to help achieve access reform.

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Thank you for your public service.

Peter Borak,

Burlingame

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Sean Mullin <sean.r.mullin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 17, 2016 11:20 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS)  
**Cc:** commissioners@sfgwater.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); Mar, Eric (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** Watershed Resolution 160183 - expanded public access to the San Francisco's Peninsula Watershed in San Mateo County

Dear Supervisors Cohen, Peskin and Wiener:

I would like to express my support for improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Peninsula Watershed. This issue is very important to me and my family. The public has been closed off from the Watershed's scenic, historical and recreational experiences for too long. Please do what you can to help achieve access reform.

I am a long time trail user (mountain biker and hiker) and have been exploring the trail systems in Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, and San Mateo Counties for more than 20 years. I focused my thesis for my Master of Urban Planning degree on trail development, which included an extensive literature review of trail impacts resulting from hiking, biking, and equestrian use. I consider us all lucky to have access to incredible trails in the area and am passionate about expanding access to the wild areas surrounding the Bay Area metropolitan areas. I have early memories of riding in the car along 280 with my family on our way to San Francisco to visit family. I remember looking out at the Crystal Springs reservoir and surrounding areas with great curiosity and longing to explore. I also remember learning from my father that this area was closed off to the public and feeling disappointed. I am excited about the opportunity to explore this beautiful area.

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Sean R. Mullin, AICP

San Jose

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Shawne Portman <shawneportman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 17, 2016 10:57 AM  
**To:** Cohen; Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); commissioners@sflower.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Cc:** Lee, Mayor (MYR); Mar, Eric (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Peninsula Watershed

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Thank you for your public service.

Shawne Portman San Francisco

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Mike Voytovich <mikevoyt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 16, 2016 9:07 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS)  
**Cc:** commissioners@sfwater.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); dpine@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** expanded public access to the San Francisco's Peninsula Watershed in San Mateo County

Dear Supervisors Cohen, Peskin and Wiener:

As a longtime resident of Millbrae, and a regular hiker along the Sawyer Camp Trail and surrounding areas, I would like to express my support for improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Peninsula Watershed. This issue is very important to me and my family - I have 2 young boys who share my enthusiasm for the outdoors. The public has been closed off from the Watershed's scenic, historical and recreational experiences for too long. Please do what you can to help achieve access reform.

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Thank you for your public service.

Regards,  
Mike Voytovich  
Millbrae, CA

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Brent McKenzie <bmckenzi@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 17, 2016 11:37 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS)  
**Cc:** commissioners@sfwater.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; mfinley@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** Letter of Support Resolution 160183: Expanded public access to a local treasure

Dear Supervisors Cohen, Peskin and Wiener:

As a San Mateo resident and father of three young kids, I would like to express my support for improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Peninsula Watershed. This area is a natural local treasure in the heart of what has become the sprawling urban landscape of silicon valley. It has potential to become a major site of recreation and beacon of environmentalism for the area.

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Thank you for your public service.

Dr Brent S McKenzie

San Mateo Highlands Resident.

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Maxence Nachury <nachury@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 25, 2016 8:02 AM  
**To:** chair@lomaprieta.sierraclub.org; vicechair@lomaprieta.sierraclub.org;  
conservation@lomaprieta.sierraclub.org; michael.ferreira@lomaprieta.sierraclub.org;  
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**Subject:** Open the SF Watershed

Dear Sierra Club leaders, dear advocates of Nature,

Please stop your lawsuit to keep the SF Watershed shut to the public. I had the chance to visit the watershed on a docent-led ride and would love for the opportunity to show my kid this beautiful land.

-There are no valid, scientific concerns over water security, fire safety or environmental stewardship to not allow public access.

-The trails in question are currently used by SFPUC trucks as well as private parties such as cell phone antenna owners. They could easily become a trail system too.

Sincerely,  
Max

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Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Jason Strnad <jstrnad@ehlokitty.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 19, 2016 10:06 PM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); Mar, Eric (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Campos, David (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS)  
**Subject:** Public Hearing on the Subject of Public Access to the SF Watershed

I've been seeing this continually pushed on the schedule and a public session discussing access to this property seems beyond our reach. I realize sometimes these matters take longer than anyone would wish. When I see the sort of ignorant and insulting accusations included in the attached comment from the "Committee for Green Foothills". Accusing citizens (and yes, bikers) who want access to their public lands as having a culture of trespassing and dragging misleading and inaccurate quotes from other anti-recreation/anti-bike groups makes me worry that this important subject won't get the level headed and fact based assessment it deserves.

Please ensure that all stakeholders get to have their voices heard on this important matter. Please public discussion about Watershed recreation access.

Regards,

Jason W. Strnad  
voter





May 26, 2015

Chris Kern, Environmental Planning  
City and County of San Francisco  
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400  
San Francisco, CA 94103

Re: Proposal to allow unlimited public access to Fifield/Cahill Ridge through a permit system

Dear Chris,

Thank you and SFPUC staff for the April 23, 2015 meeting with environmental groups, and for providing us with the March 31, 2015 Environmental Review Note to File – SFPUC Bay Area Ridge Trail Improvements Project.

On behalf of Committee for Green Foothills (CGF), I am providing comments which are focused on environmental issues regarding the proposed changes to the existing access along Fifield/Cahill Ridge, which currently allows three guided docent groups per day, three days per week, and includes hiking, running, mountain bikes, and equestrian uses. As you know, CGF is in strong support of the docent program, and recommends that it be expanded, rather than instituting uncontrolled, unlimited public access to this sensitive area in the most sensitive heart of the Peninsula Watershed.

The proposed changes would effectively allow unlimited public access seven days per week, dawn to dusk, year-round on the Fifield/Cahill Ridge service road/trail and certain other connecting trails. An annual permit would be issued to each trail user, who would be required to carry this permit when using any section of the Bay Area Ridge Trail in the watershed, including the Fifield/Cahill Ridge section. It is unclear at this time as to what associated physical changes are proposed, i.e., installation of new fencing, gates, and/or security cameras along the Fifield/Cahill Ridge service road. Also it is unclear as to what would be the increased costs for security personnel, and who would bear these costs.

The "Open the Watershed" group appears to be comprised primarily of mountain bikers, who are also proposing additional connecting trails within the Peninsula Watershed, see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aeJUmANEAHU>. As the Peninsula Watershed Management Plan's FEIR concludes: "mountain biking is a difficult sport to control". Trespass appears to be part of the mountain biking culture as evidenced by YouTube videos and blogs, as well as news stories and reports by agencies tasked with protection of watershed lands elsewhere. The Marin Municipal Water District has had major costs and challenges in removing illegal trails in their watershed. In an article, "Crews Battle Mount Tam's rogue trails", in the Marin Independent Journal, April 11, 2011, the MMWD's watershed manager, Mike Swezy, stated: "Since the (environmental impact report) for this plan was certified in 2005, we have documented a growth of almost two miles per year from illegal trail building by hikers and bikers..."

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-jason

## Ausberry, Andrea

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**From:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 10, 2016 3:04 PM  
**To:** Ausberry, Andrea  
**Cc:** Calvillo, Angela (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: Open the watershed!

For file

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**Sent:** Friday, June 10, 2016 10:51 AM

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**Subject:** Open the watershed!

To Whom it may concern,

JUNE 10, 2016

Please cease your opposition to access reforms in the SF Watershed. The local chapter of the Sierra Club (and others) have signaled that they are going to file lawsuit to stop the permit access reforms on the Cahill-Field Trail (Bay Area Ridge Trail).

Given the environmental crisis we have around the SF Bay Area, hiring attorneys and lobbying against pedestrian access on gravel service roads really is a waste of their time and their donor's money. The Sierra Club nationally promotes providing access to natural environments for people due to the mental and physical benefits that both experience and research confirm. However, the Sierra Club Regional Chapter puts forth positions that ignore all of these points. These facts also go against Sierra Club's National's goals of supporting access policies that help encourage diverse ethnic groups to participate in recreation activities in natural environments.

Thank you,  
Christine Hoppel  
California resident

**Ausberry, Andrea**

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**From:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2016 12:06 PM  
**To:** Ausberry, Andrea  
**Subject:** FW: open the watershed

For file.

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**Sent:** Friday, May 13, 2016 7:54 PM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS) <alisa.somera@sfgov.org>; Lee, Mayor (MYR) <mayoredwinlee@sfgov.org>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Tang, Katy (BOS) <katy.tang@sfgov.org>; BreedStaff, (BOS) <breedstaff@sfgov.org>; Kim, Jane (BOS) <jane.kim@sfgov.org>; Yee, Norman (BOS) <norman.yee@sfgov.org>; Wiener, Scott <scott.wiener@sfgov.org>; Campos, David (BOS) <david.campos@sfgov.org>; Cohen, Malia (BOS) <malia.cohen@sfgov.org>; Avalos, John (BOS) <john.avalos@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** open the watershed

I don't get to live in Woodside or Portola Valley. I live north of Hwy 92 and we have much more limited access to open space, to trails up the mountains, to beautiful views. I am surrounded by "open space" that I can't enter. The language is almost Orwellian.

I am very disappointed the hearing to discuss this keeps getting postponed. I work for a living and its hard to keep scheduling and rescheduling time to attend this.

I am disheartened by the claims from wealthy citizens who live in areas with great recreational access would seem to carry such weight against open access for everyone who doesn't live where they do.

Other watersheds in the Bay Area have open access and there is no harm that comes from it. If anything it gives

a greater opportunity for a larger number of citizens to have a stake in the preservation and care of these beautiful, sensitive and public lands.

Gene McKenna

## Ausberry, Andrea

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**From:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Sent:** Monday, May 09, 2016 9:32 AM  
**To:** Ausberry, Andrea  
**Subject:** FW: Please support opening the Watershed to hiking

For file.

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**From:** Gregg Seiler` [mailto:greggsinsf@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 09, 2016 9:30 AM  
**To:** Wiener, Scott <scott.wiener@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** Somera, Alisa (BOS) <alisa.somera@sfgov.org>; commissioners@sfgov.org; Lee, Mayor (MYR) <mayoredwinlee@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Please support opening the Watershed to hiking

Dear Supervisor Wiener:

Please include my comments below as part of the public record.

I would like to express my support for improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Peninsula Springs Watershed. This issue is very important to me and my family. The public has been closed off from the Watersheds scenic, historical and recreational experiences for too long. Please do what you can to help achieve access reform

I support the resolution to grant responsible access to the SFPUC watershed lands over existing service road such as connecting Sawyer Camp Road to the top of Montara Mountain, as well as Fifield-Cahill Ridge, Pilarcitos Road, Hitting Ridge, Old Cañada, and to historical sites for the following reasons:

-There are no valid, scientific concerns over water security, fire safety or environmental stewardship to not allow public access.

-The trails in question are currently used by SFPUC trucks as well as private parties such as cell phone antenna owners. They could easily become a trail system too.

For San Franciscans: Please support Resolution 160183 and work with San Mateo County to improve access to the watershed.

For San Mateo County residents: Please support expanded access and see to it that our County works cooperatively with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, The San Francisco Planning department and the GGNRA to achieve access reform.

Thank you for your public service,

Gregg Seiler

252 States St., San Francisco, CA 94114

## Ausberry, Andrea

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**From:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Sent:** Monday, May 09, 2016 8:59 AM  
**To:** Ausberry, Andrea  
**Subject:** FW: Please DO NOT SUPPORT increased activity in the SFPUC Watershed

For file.

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**From:** Nancy Reyering [mailto:[nanzo@alumni.stanford.edu](mailto:nanzo@alumni.stanford.edu)] On Behalf Of Nancy Reyering  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 08, 2016 5:08 PM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS) <[alisa.somera@sfgov.org](mailto:alisa.somera@sfgov.org)>  
**Subject:** Please DO NOT SUPPORT increased activity in the SFPUC Watershed

Dear Supervisor Somera,

We DO NOT SUPPORT improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Peninsula Springs Watershed. This issue is very important to me and my family. The public has been closed off from the Watersheds scenic, historical and recreational experiences for GOOD REASON. Please do what you can to PROTECT THIS VITAL AREA.

We DO NOT SUPPORT the resolution to grant responsible access to the SFPUC watershed lands over existing service road such as Fifield-Cahill Ridge, Pilarcitos Road, Whiting Ridge, Old Cañada, and to historical sites for the following reasons:

There are MYRIAD VALID AND SCIENTIFIC concerns over water security, fire safety or environmental stewardship to not allow public access.

PLEASE REJECT Resolution 160183.



Thank you.  
Sincerely,  
Nancy Reyerling  
Martin Walker

## Ausberry, Andrea

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**From:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 06, 2016 4:25 PM  
**To:** Ausberry, Andrea  
**Subject:** FW: Peninsula watershed access, resolution 160183

For file.

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**From:** Charlie Krenz [mailto:[charliekrenz@openthewatershed.org](mailto:charliekrenz@openthewatershed.org)]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 06, 2016 2:15 PM  
**To:** Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <[aaron.peskin@sfgov.org](mailto:aaron.peskin@sfgov.org)>  
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**Subject:** Peninsula watershed access, resolution 160183

Supervisor Peskin:

I just re-listened to your KQED Forum interview from last December. I'd remembered it in particular because at the beginning of the discussion you spoke of having just returned from Nepal, hiking in the Sierras, your having grown up in the East Bay Hills and more importantly the revitalization you feel when you can connect to nature.

Over the past couple years our organization, [OpenTheWatershed.org](http://OpenTheWatershed.org) has been advocating for the creation of similar opportunities closer to home. I recently worked with Supervisors Avalos ([Facebook version](#), [Youtube version](#)) and Wiener ([Facebook version](#), [Youtube version](#)) to create public service announcements about the opportunities increased public access to San Francisco's watershed land on the peninsula would create for residents of San Francisco and San Mateo County.

As was evident in the rest of your broadcast, you have many more pressing issues you are working on, but I'm hoping you'll support the Watershed access resolution, file number 160183, recently introduced by Supervisors Valos, Wiener and Campos. It should be coming up before the Land Use and Transportation Committee in the next month or so.

Here's our organization's just released 4 minute video on the resolution and why it should move forward:  
([Facebook version](#), [Youtube version](#))

Thank you for the consideration. If you or your staff have any questions please feel free to get in touch.

Charlie Krenz  
Legislative Advocate  
[OpenTheWatershed.org](http://OpenTheWatershed.org)  
cell 650 291 4100

PS  
Please let this note and the linked to videos be part of the public record

## Ausberry, Andrea

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**From:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 04, 2016 5:44 PM  
**To:** Ausberry, Andrea  
**Subject:** FW: Comments regarding SFBOS Resolution 160183. Request to be added to the public record.

For file.

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**From:** Mark Alan Prior [mailto:[mark@markalanprior.com](mailto:mark@markalanprior.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 04, 2016 2:26 PM  
**To:** Mark Prior <[mark@markalanprior.com](mailto:mark@markalanprior.com)>  
**Subject:** Comments regarding SFBOS Resolution 160183. Request to be added to the public record.

Comments regarding SFBOS Resolution 160183. Request to be added to the public record.

Dear Government Representative,

Please allow me state my support for SFBOS Resolution 160183 and the Open The San Francisco Watershed movement. This is public land that the public should be allowed to access without guides or permits. There is no risk to the watershed and countless similar governments in the Bay Area (Marin WD, East Bay MUD) have allowed access. There is currently heavy truck that is much more of a concern from an environmental perspective.

This issue is very important to me and my family. The public has been closed off from the Watersheds scenic, historical and recreational experiences for too long. Please do what you can to help achieve access reform.

Public discussion of this Resolution has now been delayed twice for reasons that are unclear and suggest backroom negotiations.

Please do everything you can to accelerate discussion of this issue and drive the necessary and fair reforms to provide access to the amazing natural area.

Thank-you,

Mark Prior  
543 Grove St, #2  
San Francisco, CA, 94102  
District #5

## Ausberry, Andrea

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**From:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 04, 2016 5:43 PM  
**To:** Ausberry, Andrea  
**Subject:** FW: Please open the watershed to recreational use!

For file.

### *Alisa Somera*

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**From:** Neal Schlatter [mailto:schlatter.neal@gene.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 04, 2016 8:01 AM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS) <alisa.somera@sfgov.org>; Lee, Mayor (MYR) <mayoredwinlee@sfgov.org>; Mar, Eric (BOS) <eric.mar@sfgov.org>; Farrell, Mark (BOS) <mark.farrell@sfgov.org>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Tang, Katy (BOS) <katy.tang@sfgov.org>; Kim, Jane (BOS) <jane.kim@sfgov.org>; Yee, Norman (BOS) <norman.yee@sfgov.org>; Wiener, Scott <scott.wiener@sfgov.org>; Campos, David (BOS) <david.campos@sfgov.org>; Cohen, Malia (BOS) <malia.cohen@sfgov.org>; Avalos, John (BOS) <john.avalos@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Neals@gene.com  
**Subject:** Fwd: Please open the watershed to recreational use!

To the SF Board of Supervisors,

I would like to express my support for improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Crystal Springs Watershed. This issue is very important to me. The public has been closed off from the Watersheds scenic, historical and recreational experiences for too long. Please do what you can to help achieve access reform.

I support the resolution to grant responsible access to the SFPUC watershed lands over existing service road such as Fifield-Cahill Ridge, Pilarcitos Road, Whiting Ridge, and to

historical sites for the following reasons:

-There is no science-based reasons behind not granting access to the SFPUC lands from a water supply perspective nor a public safety perspective.

-The trails in question are currently heavily used by SFPUC trucks as well as private parties such as cell phone operators, antenna owners as well as other private owners. Why not grant the public access to their lands?

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- Residents of San Francisco and surrounding communities cherish this area because of the great recreational opportunities at our doorstep, and this reputation attracts tourism as well. A publicly accessible trail network in the watershed will put Bay Area scenic outdoor recreation into the world-class category.

Thank you for your public service and consideration of this issue,

Neal Schlatter  
Montara, CA

## Ausberry, Andrea

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**From:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 04, 2016 5:41 PM  
**To:** Ausberry, Andrea  
**Subject:** FW: Please open the Crystal Springs Watershed: please consider this email a part of the public record

For file.

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-----Original Message-----

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 03, 2016 9:51 PM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS) <alisa.somera@sfgov.org>; Lee, Mayor (MYR) <mayoredwinlee@sfgov.org>; Mar, Eric (BOS) <eric.mar@sfgov.org>; Farrell, Mark (BOS) <mark.farrell@sfgov.org>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Tang, Katy (BOS) <katy.tang@sfgov.org>; Kim, Jane (BOS) <jane.kim@sfgov.org>; Yee, Norman (BOS) <norman.yee@sfgov.org>; Wiener, Scott <scott.wiener@sfgov.org>; Campos, David (BOS) <david.campos@sfgov.org>; Cohen, Malia (BOS) <malia.cohen@sfgov.org>; Avalos, John (BOS) <john.avalos@sfgov.org>  
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Thank you for your public service.

Kerianne Steele  
901 Collier Drive  
San Leandro, CA  
94577

## **Ausberry, Andrea**

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**From:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 04, 2016 1:30 PM  
**To:** Ausberry, Andrea  
**Subject:** FW: Please open the SF watershed - for public record

For file.

### *Alisa Somera*

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**From:** Abram, Clare [mailto:Clare.Abram@ucsf.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 04, 2016 10:39 AM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS) <alisa.somera@sfgov.org>; Lee, Mayor (MYR) <mayoredwinlee@sfgov.org>; Mar, Eric (BOS) <eric.mar@sfgov.org>; Farrell, Mark (BOS) <mark.farrell@sfgov.org>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Tang, Katy (BOS) <katy.tang@sfgov.org>; Kim, Jane (BOS) <jane.kim@sfgov.org>; Yee, Norman (BOS) <norman.yee@sfgov.org>; Wiener, Scott <scott.wiener@sfgov.org>; Campos, David (BOS) <david.campos@sfgov.org>; Cohen, Malia (BOS) <malia.cohen@sfgov.org>; Avalos, John (BOS) <john.avalos@sfgov.org>  
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running community, I love to run in beautiful, unspoiled places, and I feel strongly that opening up this area to the public will not result in a negative impact. Please do what you can to help achieve access reform.

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Thank you for your public service.

Clare Abram

(resident of San Carlos)

## Ausberry, Andrea

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**From:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 04, 2016 1:29 PM  
**To:** Ausberry, Andrea  
**Subject:** FW: Access reform on Watershed May 9th hearing

For file.

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**From:** Kevin Loomis [mailto:[kevinloomis@xyonglobal.com](mailto:kevinloomis@xyonglobal.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 04, 2016 11:18 AM  
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**Cc:** [laurel.harkness@imba.com](mailto:laurel.harkness@imba.com)  
**Subject:** Access reform on Watershed May 9th hearing

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Thank you for your public service.

Kevin W. Loomis <><

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## **Ausberry, Andrea**

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**From:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 03, 2016 4:25 PM  
**To:** Ausberry, Andrea  
**Subject:** FW: Crystal Springs Watershed - please count this message as part of the public record

For file.

**From:** Natalie Wenger [mailto:gmat77@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 03, 2016 4:19 PM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS) <alisa.somera@sfgov.org>; Lee, Mayor (MYR) <mayoredwinlee@sfgov.org>; Mar, Eric (BOS) <eric.mar@sfgov.org>; Farrell, Mark (BOS) <mark.farrell@sfgov.org>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Tang, Katy (BOS) <katy.tang@sfgov.org>; Kim, Jane (BOS) <jane.kim@sfgov.org>; Yee, Norman (BOS) <norman.yee@sfgov.org>; Wiener, Scott <scott.wiener@sfgov.org>; Campos, David (BOS) <david.campos@sfgov.org>; Cohen, Malia (BOS) <malia.cohen@sfgov.org>; Avalos, John (BOS) <john.avalos@sfgov.org>  
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Thank you for your public service.

Natalie Wenger

Resident of San Carlos, CA for all of my 36 years.

## Ausberry, Andrea

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**From:** Steven L. Hammond <SHammond@mpplaw.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 03, 2016 3:27 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Ausberry, Andrea; Calvillo, Angela (BOS); Jonathan.Givner@sfgov.org  
**Cc:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Givner, Jon (CAT); Wiener, Scott; Avalos, John (BOS); Breed, London (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); Barri Bonapart; info@sfcityattorney.org; Dale  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 32, 5/2/16 File No. 160320. Ordinance designating tree at 46A Cook Street as a landmark tree; May 2, 2016 hearing.  
**Importance:** High

### **URGENT REQUEST TO POSTPONE TODAY'S AGENDA ITEM 32 AND TO LEAVE OPEN THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AT A SUBSEQUENT HEARING DATE.**

Agenda Item 32, 5/2/16 File No. 160320. Ordinance designating tree at 46A Cook Street as a landmark tree; May 2, 2016 hearing.

**Dear Board of Supervisors, Office of the Clerk of the Board, and City Attorney:**

I represent the owner of the above referenced address who strenuously opposes the landmark designation of the tree located on his property. I write with respect to Agenda Item 32 set for Full Board consideration today, 5/3/2016. Please see the end of this e-mail for the full description of Agenda Item No. 32.

**I respectfully request that the Board postpone and reschedule consideration of Agenda Item 32. If the Board will not reschedule the consideration of Agenda Item 32, then I respectfully request that the Ordinance shall not be passed on the first reading and the opportunity for public comment to the Full Board be left open for a future date. To deny these requests would be an improper violation of required procedure.**

Yesterday, 5/2/2016, we appeared before the Land use and Transportation Committee to provide public comment. Today for the first time, we learned that the proposed ordinance is set for consideration by the Full Board today, 5/3/2016, as Agenda Item 32. We note that the Full Board Agenda was revised on 4/29/2016 to add Agenda Item 32, before the Land use and Transportation Committee hearing on the matter, yesterday, 5/2/2016.

The property owner and his representatives are unavailable to appear for public comment today on such short notice. We have grave concerns that it was procedurally improper to forward the matter to the Full Board before the Land Use and Transportation Committee had fully considered the matter and considered public comment at the hearing.

Further, we have grave concerns that the property owner and his supporters will be denied their right to public comment at the Full Board Meeting because of the premature consideration of the proposed ordinance by the Full Board.

Further, I specifically requested a continuance of the Land Use and Transportation Committee hearing in order to address Supervisor Wiener's questions about the extent to which the landmark would interfere with the development of additional housing. That request should not have been denied. At a minimum, the owner should be afforded an opportunity, in advance of Full Board consideration of the proposed ordinance, to supplement the record with information on this topic and to otherwise have an opportunity for present comment before the Full Board.

Further, it appears that my statements to the Committee on 5/2/2016 were prematurely excised from the video recording of my comments. Nor was I afforded the full 2 minutes of comment time due to Supervisor Wiener's and Supervisor Peskin's questions at the beginning of my presentation. We have serious concerns that this improperly interfered with the owners' ability to adequately contribute to the official record.

In closing, I reiterate the request the Board must postpone and reschedule consideration of today's Agenda Item 32. If the Board will not reschedule the consideration of Agenda Item 32, it would be improper for the Board to pass the proposed ordinance on the first reading or to close the public comment period to the Full Board without the opportunity for further public comment at a future hearing date.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind Regards,  
Steven Hammond

**"2016.32.160320**

**This Agenda was revised on 04/29/16 by adding Item 32**

**[Landmark Tree Designation - Norfolk Island/Cook Pine Hybrid Located at 46A Cook Street] Sponsor:**  
Farrell Ordinance designating the Norfolk Island/Cook Pine hybrid (*Araucaria heterophylla* x *A. columnaris*) tree at 46A Cook Street (Assessor's Parcel Block No. 1067, Lot No. 032) as a landmark tree pursuant to Public Works Code, Section 810, making findings supporting the designation, and requesting official acts in furtherance of the landmark tree designation. **Question: Shall this Ordinance be PASSED ON FIRST READING?"**

**Steven L. Hammond**

Partner

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## Ausberry, Andrea

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 03, 2016 1:26 PM  
**To:** Ausberry, Andrea  
**Subject:** FW: SF Watershed

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Thank you for your public service.

Matt Rolandson  
278 Moultrie St.  
SF, CA

## Ausberry, Andrea

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**From:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Sent:** Monday, May 02, 2016 6:14 PM  
**To:** Ausberry, Andrea  
**Subject:** FW: Opening the San Francisco Watershed to the public

For file.

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**From:** Margaret Chilton [mailto:mkchilton2@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, May 02, 2016 5:16 PM

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Thank you for your public service.

Margaret K. Chilton

Menlo Park, CA

## Ausberry, Andrea

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**From:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 03, 2016 9:15 AM  
**To:** Ausberry, Andrea  
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**From:** Rob Walsh [mailto:robinson.w.walsh@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, May 02, 2016 6:46 PM

**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS) <[alisa.somera@sfgov.org](mailto:alisa.somera@sfgov.org)>; Lee, Mayor (MYR) <[mayoredwinlee@sfgov.org](mailto:mayoredwinlee@sfgov.org)>; Mar, Eric (BOS) <[eric.mar@sfgov.org](mailto:eric.mar@sfgov.org)>; Farrell, Mark (BOS) <[mark.farrell@sfgov.org](mailto:mark.farrell@sfgov.org)>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <[aaron.peskin@sfgov.org](mailto:aaron.peskin@sfgov.org)>; Tang, Katy (BOS) <[katy.tang@sfgov.org](mailto:katy.tang@sfgov.org)>; Kim, Jane (BOS) <[jane.kim@sfgov.org](mailto:jane.kim@sfgov.org)>; Yee, Norman (BOS) <[norman.yee@sfgov.org](mailto:norman.yee@sfgov.org)>; Wiener, Scott <[scott.wiener@sfgov.org](mailto:scott.wiener@sfgov.org)>; Campos, David (BOS) <[david.campos@sfgov.org](mailto:david.campos@sfgov.org)>; Cohen, Malia (BOS) <[malia.cohen@sfgov.org](mailto:malia.cohen@sfgov.org)>; Avalos, John (BOS) <[john.avalos@sfgov.org](mailto:john.avalos@sfgov.org)>

**Subject:** Reform the Watershed

Honorable Board of Supervisors

I would like to express my support for improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Crystal Springs Watershed. This issue is very important to me. The public has been closed off from the Watershed's scenic, historical and recreational experiences for too long. Please do what you can to help achieve access reform

I support the resolution to grant responsible access to the SFPUC watershed lands over existing service road such as Fifield-Cahill Ridge, Pilarcitos Road, Whiting Ridge, and to historical sites for the following reasons:

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Thank you for your public service.

sincerely,

Rob Walsh

Petaluma, CA

## Ausberry, Andrea

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**From:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 03, 2016 9:15 AM  
**To:** Ausberry, Andrea  
**Subject:** FW: Request That My Message Go On Public Record: Crystal Springs Watershed

For file.

*Alisa Somera*

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**Subject:** Request That My Message Go On Public Record: Crystal Springs Watershed

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Thank you for your public service.

Jennifer Wagner  
Burlingame, CA 94010



**Ausberry, Andrea**

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**From:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 03, 2016 9:15 AM  
**To:** Ausberry, Andrea  
**Subject:** FW: I support improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Crystal Springs Watershed. Please include my message in the Public Record

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**From:** Larry Robinson [mailto:larryrbnsn@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 02, 2016 6:56 PM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS) <[alisa.somera@sfgov.org](mailto:alisa.somera@sfgov.org)>  
**Subject:** I support improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Crystal Springs Watershed. Please include my message in the Public Record

Dear Ms. Somera,

I would like to express my support for improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Crystal Springs Watershed. This issue is very important to me. The public has been closed off from the Watershed's scenic, historical and recreational experiences for too long. Please do what you can to help achieve access reform. I support the resolution to grant responsible access to the SFPUC watershed lands over existing service road such as Fifield-Cahill Ridge, Pilarcitos Road, Whiting Ridge, and to historical sites for the following reasons:

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Thank you for your public service.

Respectfully,

Larry E. Robinson

34 Ord Court

San Francisco, CA 94114

415-350-9956

## Ausberry, Andrea

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**From:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 03, 2016 9:16 AM  
**To:** Ausberry, Andrea  
**Subject:** FW: Please give the public some responsible access to the SF Watershed NOW!! It has been closed off too long!

For file.

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**From:** John Collins [mailto:[shinesound@yahoo.com](mailto:shinesound@yahoo.com)]

**Sent:** Monday, May 02, 2016 7:26 PM

**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS) <[alisa.somera@sfgov.org](mailto:alisa.somera@sfgov.org)>; Lee, Mayor (MYR) <[mayoredwinlee@sfgov.org](mailto:mayoredwinlee@sfgov.org)>; Mar, Eric (BOS) <[eric.mar@sfgov.org](mailto:eric.mar@sfgov.org)>; Farrell, Mark (BOS) <[mark.farrell@sfgov.org](mailto:mark.farrell@sfgov.org)>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <[aaron.peskin@sfgov.org](mailto:aaron.peskin@sfgov.org)>; Tang, Katy (BOS) <[katy.tang@sfgov.org](mailto:katy.tang@sfgov.org)>; Kim, Jane (BOS) <[jane.kim@sfgov.org](mailto:jane.kim@sfgov.org)>; Yee, Norman (BOS) <[norman.yee@sfgov.org](mailto:norman.yee@sfgov.org)>; Wiener, Scott <[scott.wiener@sfgov.org](mailto:scott.wiener@sfgov.org)>; Campos, David (BOS) <[david.campos@sfgov.org](mailto:david.campos@sfgov.org)>; Cohen, Malia (BOS) <[malia.cohen@sfgov.org](mailto:malia.cohen@sfgov.org)>; Avalos, John (BOS) <[john.avalos@sfgov.org](mailto:john.avalos@sfgov.org)>

**Subject:** Please give the public some responsible access to the SF Watershed NOW!! It has been closed off too long!

Honorable Board of Supervisors,

I have been an avid mountain biker on the coast for 25 years. I like you am also a public servant teaching in Pacifica for the last 19 years. That said I have some definite informed opinions about the opening of the SF Watershed.

The idea that nature should be protected but not touched, is not sustainable. I believe we are nature and the more we learn to interact with nature in responsible ways, the deeper our connection grows. Our connection is desperately needed, especially for the young ones who don't even go outside anymore.

Opening the SF watershed responsibly, is a way for a desperately needed natural connection that will foster appreciation and conservation in San Mateo County.

I would like to express my support for improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Crystal Springs Watershed. This issue is very important to me. The public has been closed off from the Watersheds scenic, historical and recreational experiences for too long. Please do what you can to help achieve access reform

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-Docent programs like the one in place fail when one looks at the social justice issues around how they are being implemented. for example working people can't use the lands due to the hours that the docent programs operate. The docent program also reflects a paternal attitude toward our citizenry which breeds disrespect and contempt for those who deem it necessary for us to be supervised.

I would end at the beginning again. The idea that nature should be protected but not touched, is not sustainable. I believe we are nature and the more we learn to interact with nature in responsible ways, the deeper our connection grows. Our connection is desperately needed, especially for the young ones who don't even go outside anymore. Opening the SF watershed responsibly, is a way for a desperately needed natural connection that will foster appreciation and conservation in San Mateo County.

Thank you for your public service.

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John Collins  
Public School Teacher since 1997 in Pacifica California  
Mountain Biker on the coast since 1991  
311 E Bellevue Apt. 1  
San Mateo CA 94401

## Ausberry, Andrea

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**From:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Sent:** Monday, May 02, 2016 11:53 AM  
**To:** Ausberry, Andrea  
**Cc:** Calvillo, Angela (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: Crystal Springs Watershed

For file.

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**From:** Roger Cain [mailto:[jollyrogercain@comcast.net](mailto:jollyrogercain@comcast.net)]

**Sent:** Monday, May 02, 2016 10:41 AM

**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS) <[alisa.somera@sfgov.org](mailto:alisa.somera@sfgov.org)>; Lee, Mayor (MYR) <[mayoredwinlee@sfgov.org](mailto:mayoredwinlee@sfgov.org)>; Mar, Eric (BOS) <[eric.mar@sfgov.org](mailto:eric.mar@sfgov.org)>; Farrell, Mark (BOS) <[mark.farrell@sfgov.org](mailto:mark.farrell@sfgov.org)>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <[aaron.peskin@sfgov.org](mailto:aaron.peskin@sfgov.org)>; Tang, Katy (BOS) <[katy.tang@sfgov.org](mailto:katy.tang@sfgov.org)>; Kim, Jane (BOS) <[jane.kim@sfgov.org](mailto:jane.kim@sfgov.org)>; Yee, Norman (BOS) <[norman.yee@sfgov.org](mailto:norman.yee@sfgov.org)>; Wiener, Scott <[scott.wiener@sfgov.org](mailto:scott.wiener@sfgov.org)>; Campos, David (BOS) <[david.campos@sfgov.org](mailto:david.campos@sfgov.org)>; Cohen, Malia (BOS) <[malia.cohen@sfgov.org](mailto:malia.cohen@sfgov.org)>; Avalos, John (BOS) <[john.avalos@sfgov.org](mailto:john.avalos@sfgov.org)>

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Thank you for your public service.

Roger Cain  
South San Francisco

## Ausberry, Andrea

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**From:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Sent:** Monday, May 02, 2016 2:45 PM  
**To:** Ausberry, Andrea  
**Subject:** File 160183 FW: Please open the watershed to recreational use!

**From:** Benjamin Shefftz [mailto:shefftz.benjamin@gene.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 02, 2016 2:05 PM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS) <alisa.somera@sfgov.org>; Lee, Mayor (MYR) <mayoredwinlee@sfgov.org>; Mar, Eric (BOS) <eric.mar@sfgov.org>; Farrell, Mark (BOS) <mark.farrell@sfgov.org>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Tang, Katy (BOS) <katy.tang@sfgov.org>; Kim, Jane (BOS) <jane.kim@sfgov.org>; Yee, Norman (BOS) <norman.yee@sfgov.org>; Wiener, Scott <scott.wiener@sfgov.org>; Campos, David (BOS) <david.campos@sfgov.org>; Cohen, Malia (BOS) <malia.cohen@sfgov.org>; Avalos, John (BOS) <john.avalos@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Please open the watershed to recreational use!

To the SF Board of Supervisors,

I would like to express my support for improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Crystal Springs Watershed. This issue is very important to me. The public has been closed off from the Watersheds scenic, historical and recreational experiences for too long. Please do what you can to help achieve access reform.

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-Docent programs like the one in place fail when one looks at the social justice issues around how they are being implemented. For example, working people can't use the lands due to the hours that the docent programs operate.

- Residents of San Francisco and surrounding communities cherish this area because of the great recreational opportunities at our doorstep, and this reputation attracts tourism as well. A publicly accessible trail network in the watershed will put Bay Area scenic outdoor recreation into the world-class category.

Thank you for your public service and consideration of this issue,

-Ben Shefftz  
Montara, CA

## Ausberry, Andrea

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**From:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Sent:** Monday, May 02, 2016 2:44 PM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors; Ausberry, Andrea  
**Subject:** File 160183 FW: In Support of Expanding Public Access to the Crystal Springs Watershed

**From:** Sean Matthews [mailto:seanmatthews@live.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 02, 2016 2:05 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** In Support of Expanding Public Access to the Crystal Springs Watershed

Dear Honorable Supervisors,

I would like to express my support for improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Crystal Springs Watershed. The public has been closed off from the Watersheds scenic, historical and recreational experiences for too long. If recreational access can be achieved while preserving water quality as well as ecologically important plants and animals in the management of Marin Municipal Water District, East Bay Municipal Utility District, and the Tuolumne River Watershed then it can be achieved for the Crystal Springs Watershed as well.

I support the resolution to grant responsible access to the SFPUC watershed lands over existing service road such as Fifield-Cahill Ridge, Pilarcitos Road, Whiting Ridge, and to historical sites for the following reasons:

- There are no evidence based reasons to support expanding recreational access would increase risk to the water supply and public safety.
- The trails in question are currently frequently used by SFPUC vehicles as well as private parties such as cell phone operators, antenna owners, and others.
- Numerous elected officials support expanding public access such as SF Supervisors John Avalos, Scott Wiener & David Campos and San Mateo Supervisors David Pine and Don Horsley.
- The docent program even if expanded will not result in increased accessibility. The general public will not be aware of such a program or make the additional effort required to reserve space in advance on a restrictive time table.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service,

Sean Matthews  
840 Van Ness Ave #106  
94109



**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Lennie Roberts <lennie@darwin.ptvy.ca.us>  
**ant:** Wednesday, March 16, 2016 9:38 AM  
**to:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS)  
**Cc:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Protect the Watershed Coalition Statement  
**Attachments:** Protect the Watershed Statement re SF Watershed.docx; ATT00001.htm

Dear Chair Cohen and Members of the LUC,

There is an error in the Statement on behalf of major environmental organizations that I sent to you on Monday. The name of our group of organizations should be: "Protect the Watershed Campaign" (not Coalition).

Please discard the previous Statement and use this instead.

I apologize for any confusion.

Best,

Lennie Roberts

## PROTECT THE WATERSHED CAMPAIGN

### The San Francisco Peninsula Watershed Lands - Our Irreplaceable Natural Resource

The 23,000 acres of the Peninsula Watershed lands are protected and managed by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (PUC) with the primary purpose of production, collection, and storage of the highest quality water for the City and County of San Francisco and its suburban customers. Our water supplies are precious resources that need to be protected, particularly in light of increased drought periods that we face in the future. The Peninsula watershed has the highest concentration of rare, threatened, and endangered species in the nine-county Bay Area, which is truly remarkable considering its proximity to the highly developed urban areas in the ten adjacent cities.

In 2002, the San Francisco PUC considered allowing unrestricted access to Fifield-Cahill Ridge in the western, remote area of the watershed. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Fish and Wildlife, and the California Department of Health Services and many environmental groups were concerned about potential public health impacts including increased fire risk and degraded water quality, as well as potential impacts to the unique assemblage of habitats and wildlife that are found in the watershed. Due to these concerns, the PUC selected "Alternative E" which allows access on Fifield-Cahill Ridge for hikers, cyclists, and equestrians under the auspices of a docent program.

For the past 12 years, the docent program has increased public awareness and support for the watershed's diverse natural habitats and wildlife while at the same time protecting public health and safety. Access with docents has also helped prevent unauthorized off trail use and trespass, thereby reducing the potential for catastrophic wildfires and degradation of water quality in the four reservoirs.

Mountain bicycle and other advocates are urging the PUC to open remote areas of the Peninsula Watershed lands to unrestricted access, not only along the unpaved and unfenced service road on Fifield-Cahill Ridge, but also on numerous other interconnecting service roads and trails.

Allowing uncontrolled access to these remote areas will tremendously increase costs to taxpayers, as people will inevitably trespass into protected, sensitive areas. Fencing to prevent access would interrupt established wildlife migration corridors and would not deter trespassers - as has been well documented in other watersheds and public lands.

There is already a popular 16-mile long trail, operated by San Mateo County Parks, called the Crystal Springs Trail, which is open every day to unrestricted access. Over 300,000 people per year enjoy this paved trail east of the reservoirs near Highway 280.

Environmental organizations believe that the existing docent program, which currently is limited to three days per week, should be upgraded and expanded. An excellent model for a well-managed and effective docent program is at Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve on Stanford Lands south of Crystal Springs. A similar program could be instituted for the Watershed.

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors should pass a Resolution affirming that the primary function of the watershed is protection of our water supply and preservation of natural resources, while allowing increased public access through an expanded docent program rather than uncontrolled access.

Organizations supporting expanded Docent Program (partial list):

Bay Chapter, Sierra Club

Loma Prieta Chapter, Sierra Club

Golden Gate Audubon

Sequoia Audubon

Santa Clara Valley Audubon

Yerba Buena Chapter, California Native Plant Society

Santa Clara Valley Chapter, California Native Plant Society

Committee for Green Foothills

March 14, 2016

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2016 11:51 AM  
**To:** Ausberry, Andrea; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** File 160183 FW: Open the Watershed Please

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**From:** McKitterick, Nate [mailto:Nate.McKitterick@dlapiper.com]

**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 9:02 AM

**To:** Lee, Mayor (MYR) <mayoredwinlee@sfgov.org>; Somera, Alisa (BOS) <alisa.somera@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Mar, Eric (BOS) <eric.mar@sfgov.org>; Farrell, Mark (BOS) <mark.farrell@sfgov.org>; Christensen, Julie (BOS) <julie.christensen@sfgov.org>; Tang, Katy (BOS) <katy.tang@sfgov.org>; Kim, Jane (BOS) <jane.kim@sfgov.org>; Yee, Norman (BOS) <norman.yee@sfgov.org>; Wiener, Scott <scott.wiener@sfgov.org>; Campos, David (BOS) <david.campos@sfgov.org>; Cohen, Malia (BOS) <malia.cohen@sfgov.org>; Avalos, John (BOS) <john.avalos@sfgov.org>

**Subject:** Open the Watershed Please

Dear Board of Supervisors and Mayor Lee:

**I am a longtime Sierra Club member and support quickly and broadly opening the Watershed to all forms of public access, to the limits allowed by the EIR.**

First, **the withholding of open public access to the Watershed is an issue of race and income.** Folks with money can always take the time to drive the hour to open space in Marin, the East Bay, or along the southernmost areas of the San Mateo coast. They can even afford to live in those green places. But for folks in South City, Daly City, and southward, who don't have the luxury of time to drive an hour to go for a walk in nature, who don't have the money to live in a green place but rather live in the ultra-urbanized Peninsula east of 280, the Watershed presents an amazing opportunity.

There's a lack of easily accessible hiking and biking opportunities in the urban Peninsula – **parking lots at most if not all open space preserves and beaches on the Peninsula are overfull literally every weekend.** The urban areas around the Watershed in particular have a critical lack of open space. **I recommend visiting one of the few “parks” in the area, such as Candlestick Point or Crystal Springs trail, to see the crumbs of “open space” that folks in that area get to enjoy (and do, to overflow).**

**Second, standard urban planning would open the Watershed to robust public access.** I've had the good fortune to have the time to backpack into multiple wilderness areas, and the joy of introducing others to these quiet, untrammelled spaces untouched by development. The Watershed, in contrast, is not wilderness by any definition – it is public open space and has been operated as such by the PUD. **Such open spaces are generally appropriate for nonmotorized public use, and every other PUD in the Bay Area that has a watershed has opened it to such public use – hiking, biking, and even boating.** Again, the Watershed is an urban public property that is crisscrossed with actively used roads and trails that have existed for over a century. The centerpiece is an artificial reservoir that is actively managed, using water imported from hundreds of miles away. The land, far from being pristine, was logged, farmed, and then finally operated by a public utility.

**Finally, opening the Watershed will reap public health benefits and help us to protect areas that are truly wilderness and need greater protection.** How do we get folks to appreciate nature, so that they will not just vote to protect open spaces from development, but also vote to protect wilderness areas and other tracts of nature that they will never see? We make it easier, not harder, to get them outside (and my public health friends agree on the urgency of this, for other reasons!). Easy access to public open space is the key to this.

Thank you for your consideration.

-Nate McKitterick

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## **Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Nancy Reyerling <nanzo@alumni.stanford.edu> on behalf of Nancy Reyerling <nanzo@stanfordalumni.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 4:58 PM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Please vote NO on "Open the Watershed"

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am a native Californian, a lifelong resident of the Peninsula, a nature lover and avid hiker, and I am opposed to the ideas the group "Open the Watershed" is advocating for.

Not every bit of wilderness should be open to the public, and I strongly advocate NOT supporting unrestricted access ("Open the Watershed") to the watershed at Crystal Springs. Environmental groups like the Committee for Green Foothills supports an expansion of the docent system, but not unrestricted access, and there are compelling reasons for this position including:

- protection of our drinking water supply
- avoidance of fire hazards
- concerns regarding erosion of these lands
- protection of habitat for large mammals and other native wildlife
- continued uninterrupted wildlife corridors, and
- protection of large swaths of native plant species and native pollinators without the introduction of invasive species.

These concerns are all compromised with uncontrolled public access.

It is essential in this discussion to realize what is behind the benign sounding "Open the Watershed" slogan, both because the ideas are harmful and unsustainable in the watershed, and because the watershed already is open, in appropriate ways.

Open the Watershed's ultimate plans include crisscrossing the entire watershed from Hwy 280 to the coast with trails for mountain bikes. The watershed protects our water supply, forests, and wildlife, and these are all precious resources that deserve continued oversight akin to the 2002 PUC decision allowing current access.

Any discussion about remaining open spaces on the Peninsula must take into consideration the fact that we live in a unique biodiversity hotspot. In fact, the California Floristic Province is one of only 33 other areas in the world with such rich (and threatened) endemic species. To be named a biodiversity hotspot, an area has to contain species and plant life that cannot be found anywhere else in the world. In California, our Province is home to over 3,500 different species of plants, 61% of which are endemic.

Issues that are causing the most threats to our open spaces include population pressures, loss of habitat, unsustainable resource use, and introduced non-native species. The greatest risk to our exclusive species are from the impact of humans. That is why these risks need to be weighed heavily at any discussion of protecting remaining open space.

### **CURRENT ACCESS ALREADY EXISTS:**

Current access includes a 16-mile long trail (the Crystal Springs Trail) operated by San Mateo County Parks. This trail is unrestricted and open every day. Over 300,000 people on foot, horseback, or on road bikes enjoy this paved trail every year.

There is also a docent-led program and any expansion or upgrade of this program should be based on the successful Jasper Ridge Biological Reserve model.

But increasing access like this, that already exists, is not what the backers of "Open the Watershed" want. They want access for mountain biking.

#### WHY MOUNTAIN BIKING WILL HURT THE WATERSHED:

Mountain bike advocates are pushing hard to open the watershed for access to paved and unpaved areas, but MOUNTAIN BIKERS are NOT LIKE HIKERS. Visit the Montara trail on the west (ocean) side of the watershed to observe the kamikaze behavior of mountain bikers, and to see the destruction of the trails and surrounding habitat. Hiking on the trails where mountain bikes are unrestricted is impossible, terrifying, and dangerous.

Here are 2 videos of trail use and destruction by mountain bikers: This first video is courtesy of Arthur Feinstein of Sierra Club Bay Chapter. If you skip the first minute and 15 seconds, you are then in the woods/on the trail:

<http://vimeo.com/48784297>

This next video from the mudncrud website makes abundantly clear that what mountain bikers want is to find the most steep and challenging trails possible. This group - and many others - will absolutely not stay on the boring Service Road on Fifeled Cahill Ridge.

<http://www.mudncrud.com/forums/index.php?topic=1976.0>

#### WILDLIFE:

The disturbance to established wildlife corridors has been well documented in other watersheds and public lands. Trespassers are not deterred by fences or concerns for native wildlife.

#### LARGE MAMMALS & PREDATORS:

National Geographic research finds that although predators and large mammals can live in a human-dominated landscape, there are substantial costs. And there is a top-down effect that extends to other carnivores, herbivores, and even humans. The Puma Project in the Santa Cruz mountains studies pumas in areas with where pumas face challenges due to human population density and development:

<http://voices.nationalgeographic.com/2015/11/30/pumas-on-the-edge-the-effects-of-human-activity-and-development/>

Why top predators are essential:

<http://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/Scientists-warning-Extinction-of-big-land-6591471.php?cmpid=twitter-mobile>

The human-driven decline of mammals

<http://santacruzpumas.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Wang-Puma-and-Human-Spatiotemporal-Responses-2015.pdf>

Very truly yours,

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**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Courtney Courtney <courtneycourtney108@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 4:36 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS)  
**Cc:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Crystal Springs/SF watershed

Dear Land Use and Transportation Committee

Greetings. Although, I am unable to attend the hearing today regarding SF watershed/ Crystal Springs reservoir, I want to share the opinion of our household with you. We are opposed to opening the watershed for recreational activity at this time. It is unfortunate that we as a collective have not learned how to steward and respect pristine areas. We live off of skyline blvd. (hwy 35) and are frequently noticing illegal dumping of just about everything from mattresses to TVs to construction debris to refrigerators... and OX mountain landfill is within 10 miles. We also notice lots of trash along side the road, mostly beverage containers and take out food containers and such.

Please consider rejecting opening up of the watershed for recreational activities.

Thank you

Courtney Courtney & Mark Whitcomb

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**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Lennie Roberts <lennie@darwin.ptvy.ca.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 12:31 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS)  
**Cc:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Protect the Watershed Coalition Statement  
**Attachments:** Statement re SF Watershed.docx

Dear Chair Cohen and members of the Land Use Committee,

Attached is a statement by a coalition of major environmental organizations in support of expanded docent access rather than uncontrolled access in currently protected areas of the Peninsula Watershed.

Collectively, these organizations cover the entire area served by the San Francisco PUC's water department.

Thank you for consideration of our coalition's request that the docent program be expanded and improved, rather than opening up new areas to uncontrolled access.

Lennie Roberts

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Valerie Baldwin <valbaldwin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 11:47 AM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Cc:** Lennie Roberts; Nancy Reyring  
**Subject:** Opening the Watershed

Hi Alisa,

Lennie Roberts gave me your email address. I wanted to be at the Supervisors meeting today but could not get a ride.

I am totally opposed to opening the watershed, particularly to mountain bikers. I have driven the 280 freeway since it opened, and every time I do I marvel that such a beautiful, untouched place exists in the Bay Area of 7 million people. Since most of our land here has been co-opted by people, can't we leave just one place unscathed for posterity? What will our grandchildren say about us?

Thank you for reading this.

Valerie Baldwin  
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Portola Valley, 94028

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Janet Carpinelli <jc@jcarpinelli.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 11:39 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Wiener, Scott  
**Cc:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Please reject opening Watershed lands to recreational use

**Importance:** High

Dear Supervisors Cohen, Peskin and Weiner

I am an avid outdoors enthusiast and I do NOT want you to open this watershed land to recreational uses at this point in time. As the Land Use Committee I hope you will reject this proposal before you today that would open our protected pristine water supply to environmental degradation and contamination and the costs associated with patrolling the areas. Leave these spaces for the animals and plants and our water!

The City can't even take care of existing parks and open space to the level that it should because of lack of funds and personnel.

There are many existing places for people to go, outside of City limits, and within City limits, where they can enjoy the outdoors. We do not need to open this land at this time. Let's spend our resources making existing outdoor spaces better now.

A program of escorted walks and hikes is the way to go with this land. I went on one of those hikes a couple of years ago at Crystal Springs and really enjoyed it. I did not feel that I could have a better time if the land is made even more accessible to recreational use.

Thank you,  
Janet Carpinelli  
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**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Adrian Stroganoff <adrianstroganoff@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 11:08 AM  
**To:** Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott  
**Cc:** Avalos, John (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Opposed to proposal to open up the watershed to unrestricted recreational use

Dear Supervisors Aaron Peskin, Malia Cohen, Scott Wiener,

We urge you to vote against the proposal to increase public access to the watershed.

1. This would potentially affect water quality. We live in Pacifica, where water from the watershed is used.
2. With more use of the watershed, the natural resources would be affected. With more people in the watershed, it would be difficult to control illegal behavior such as trespassing and starting fires.
3. There are many other areas already available for recreation, and for the watershed, an expanded docent program could be used instead of uncontrolled access.

Thank you,

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**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Fran Pollard <LPFP@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 11:17 AM  
**To:** Wiener, Scott; Cohen, Malia (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Please don't chance contaminating our drinking water

Just heard about this terrible plan to open our Crystal Springs watershed. After all the decades of protecting it and keeping it one of the purest drinking watersheds in the Nation, why would you risk endangering it now. There are already enough places open for recreation of all types, so:

**PLEASE DON'T OPEN CRYSTAL SPRINGS WATERSHED ANY MORE THAN IT ALREADY IS!!**

Thank You,

Fran Pollard, 44 yr. SMCo.Coastside Activist  
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**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Thomas Schuttish <schuttishtr@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 10:32 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Wiener, Scott  
**Cc:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Crystal Springs Watershed at Land Use Committee today

Dear Supervisors:

After a week of rain we should be happy, but not complacent. Please protect the pristine quality and beauty of our watershed. San Francisco is very lucky to have access to the water there on the Peninsula.

Please maintain this land as it has been for a long time. Good clean water is a necessity for everyone.

Thank you.

**GEORGIA SCHUTTISH**

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Robert Buelteman <info@buelteman.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 10:02 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Peninsula Watershed Lands

Dear Members of the Committee:

It has now been 20 years since the publication of my book on the Peninsula Watershed Lands, *The Unseen Peninsula*.

<http://www.lightlanguagepublications.com/theunseenpeninsula.html>

While 2 decades have passed, the dangers of opening the environmental heart and soul of the Peninsula to the public have not abated. I served on Tom Amman's panel dealing with the future of the Watershed for several years, and urge you to **reject the proposal in the interest of water quality (the #1 job), habitat protection and fire safety, not to mention the extraordinary costs associated with opening the land to the public. Also, as the result of Mr. Amman's panel, the public already enjoys access!**

In 2000, I wrote an op-ed for the Chronicle <http://www.sfgate.com/green/article/Who-Speaks-for-the-Land-2768009.php> and the question remains, who speaks for the land and the balanced ecosystems that live there? From my essay:

Before we commandeer this land, we need ask ourselves for what good purpose? Can we really afford to allow unrestricted access into the heart of an intact ecosystem? Will your children's grandchildren ever know the beauty, balance and harmony that once reigned there, or will they only know the limited pleasure of walking with hundreds of others between chain link fences through woods that once sang with wildlife?

In the name of respect for the life that depends on this unique piece of land, I ask you to reject the proposal to allow more public access to the Watershed.

Thank you.

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"The beauty is in the walking. We are betrayed by destinations."

-Gwyn Thomas

Montara Mountain (1988):





**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Eugenie Marek <emarek@comcast.net>  
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**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Protect our Watershed

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Eugenie Marek <emarek@comcast.net>  
**Subject:** **Protect our watershed**  
**Date:** March 13, 2016 at 3:26:55 PM PDT  
**To:** [Aaron.Peskin@sfgov.org](mailto:Aaron.Peskin@sfgov.org)

Supervisor Peskin,

There has been a "rush" put on a proposal to open up the San Francisco watershed to unrestricted recreational use. This would be foolhardy, not to be decided without serious consideration.

I am a city resident and also enjoy recreation that does not impact upon our watershed. When I walk at the Crystal Springs area open to the public, the speeding bicyclists are an obvious problem. It feels close to a zip line operating in a place meant for non-intrusive activities.

I cannot imagine any loosening the restrictions that currently protect the wildlife and environment. In fact, there needs to be better enforcement in open areas, and no advancement of public use west of the watershed.

Thank you for holding the line on this proposal until careful consideration.

Eugenie Marek  
San Francisco



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March 14, 2016

Via email

To the San Francisco Land Use and Transportation Committee:

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Supervisor Aaron Peskin, email [Aaron.Peskin@sfgov.org](mailto:Aaron.Peskin@sfgov.org)

Supervisor Scott Wiener, email [Scott.Wiener@sfgov.org](mailto:Scott.Wiener@sfgov.org)

Ms. Alisa Somera, Clerk of the Land Use Committee, email [Alisa.Somera@sfgov.org](mailto:Alisa.Somera@sfgov.org)

**Re: Item 160183 [Urging the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to Expand Public Access to the Peninsula Watershed Lands] Sponsors: Avalos; Wiener and Campos**

**Resolution urging the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to provide enhanced public access to existing roads and trails in the Peninsula Watershed Lands consistent with the goals of protecting the water supply and the environmental quality of the area.**

I am writing on behalf of the Golden Gate Audubon Society urging you to vote no on this resolution; or at a minimum, postpone any decision until the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) has completed their study on the impacts and costs to opening the watershed. We believe the wording of the resolution itself is contradictory. How exactly does opening the watershed lands to public access protect the water supply and the environmental quality? It will not. Opening public access to our watershed will have environmental impacts – especially impacts to our drinking water, native plants, birds and other wildlife – which must be considered.

The public sees the watershed as a protected place for our water. It is also critical habitat for a variety of native plants, birds and other wildlife, many of which have been extirpated from other parts of the Bay Area. This watershed has the highest concentration of special status species in the Bay Area.<sup>1</sup> The Peninsula Watershed is within the Pacific Flyway, a major migratory route birds use each spring and fall. Many species of birds come to the watershed to spend the winter while other species use this as an important migratory stopover site where they can rest and feed. Other birds, including the Bald Eagle, breed within the protected areas of the watershed.<sup>2</sup> The Marbled Murrelet, a federally listed as threatened bird<sup>3</sup>, relies on this watershed as habitat.<sup>4</sup> The official bird of San Francisco, the

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.sfwater.org/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=756>.

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.mercurynews.com/san-mateo-county-times/ci\\_28567169/crystal-springs-bald-eagles-raise-two-more-chicks](http://www.mercurynews.com/san-mateo-county-times/ci_28567169/crystal-springs-bald-eagles-raise-two-more-chicks)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.fws.gov/arcata/es/birds/MM/m\\_murrelet.html](http://www.fws.gov/arcata/es/birds/MM/m_murrelet.html)

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California Quail no longer breeds within the City limits but currently this species lives and breeds within this watershed.

If the watershed is opened, our water, these habitats and the species that depend upon them will be threatened by the public and their recreational activities. Humans negatively impact wildlife by leaving food, trash, human waste, and by unwittingly transmitting weed seed and potentially spreading damaging disease to these habitats (ex: sudden oak death and more). Funding to address the impacts to water quality and wildlife have not been budgeted or identified.

Today the Crystal Springs Reservoir is truly a wilderness – one of few remaining on the peninsula. This past summer Fish and Wildlife relocated a mountain lion that had been in a residential area in San Mateo. The mountain lion was sedated, transported and released into the enclosed Crystal Springs Reservoir.<sup>5</sup> Fish and Wildlife and the SFPUC are responsible for protecting these habitats. Guidelines for safety in mountain lion territory include not hiking, biking or jogging alone.<sup>6</sup> These recreational activities pose a potentially dangerous situation and liability. The proposed resolution conflicts the mission of maintaining habitat for wildlife with recreation.

The additional 16 miles of proposed trailside fencing would negatively fragment habitats, interfering with wildlife movement. Fences cut wildlife corridors which are essential to maintain diversity of the wildlife species.

This year San Francisco is currently at normal rainfall levels due to El Nino. However as you well know, the past four years San Francisco experienced a severe drought. Last year the Peninsula Watershed was closed due to the fire danger in order to protect the watershed.<sup>7</sup> Severe storms and future periods of drought are anticipated in the future. Wildfires impact sediment delivery by increasing both erosion and the potential for debris flow.<sup>8</sup> Erosion from off trail use and potential for human caused fires would negatively impact water quality. The chief concern of the SFPUC in their 2002 Peninsula Watershed Plan was fire. “Studies in the FEIR demonstrate an increased chance of fire ignition once the public is allowed into a formerly closed area. Should a devastating fire occur, the resulting erosion and sedimentation would make treatment of the water using direct filtration a difficult (if not impossible) endeavor. In addition, there would be financial burden to San Francisco residents.

This watershed already has public access with a surrounding trail used for hiking, biking, horseback riding, and birdwatching. This fenced 16 mile trail, operated by San Mateo

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<sup>4</sup> See Fifield-Cahill Ridge Trail brochure by City and County of San Francisco and SFPUC

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/Police-on-the-hunt-for-mountain-lion-near-6271850.php>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Keep-Me-Wild/Lion>

<sup>7</sup> <http://www.almanacnews.com/news/2015/08/06/red-flag-warning-fire-risk-in-county>

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/nationaldisaster/docs/sfpuc-933356v.pdf>

County Parks, and open every day of the year is more than sufficient to support the approximately 300,00 annual visits. This trail is just not that busy.

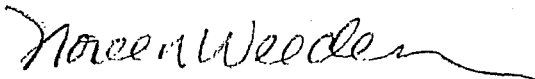
The SFPUC reviewed opening the watershed in 2002 and they, along with US Fish and Wildlife Service, CA Dept. of Fish and Game (now Wildlife) the CA Dept. of Health Services all “expressed concern with permitting unrestricted public access to the interior of the watershed due to the unique assemblage of habitats and species that occupy the watershed and potential for public health impacts.” These agencies recommended the use of the docent program which “minimizes or eliminates the impacts related to unrestricted public access, such as unauthorized off trail use and ignition of fire.”<sup>9</sup>

The SFPUC’s successful docent program has been providing protection of the watershed through public education about our water and this resource with guided access to Fifield-Cahill Ridge.<sup>10</sup> This docent program has been working for a dozen years and we support expanding this program with more training and resources.

Please protect San Francisco’s water while also protecting this unique habitat for rare, threatened and endangered species and other wildlife. Vote no on this resolution.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. If you would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me at [nweeden@goldengateaudubon.org](mailto:nweeden@goldengateaudubon.org) or 510-843-2222.

Sincerely,



Noreen Weeden  
Conservation Project Manager

<sup>9</sup> See page 327-334 <http://www.sfwater.org/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=756>

<sup>10</sup> <http://sfwater.org/index.aspx?page=147>

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Patricia Greene <pjgreene@sonic.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 9:17 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS)  
**Cc:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Please vote to continue protection of the San Francisco Watershed!

Dear Supervisors:

I am writing as a concerned citizen to strongly urge you to vote NO on a resolution to open the currently protected San Francisco watershed to unlimited public access.

The area, as it is currently managed, insures that the water supply in the Crystal Springs Reservoirs retains its pristine character. Fire hazard may be the furthest thing from our minds as we experience the current "atmospheric river", but think back to this past summer when even usually fog shrouded slopes were tinder dry. These conditions will prevail again, and unregulated human use will greatly increase the risk that a wild fire will destroy areas of the watershed with consequent degradation of the reservoirs.

I know one small area where the Mountain Bike community has developed a culture of responsible use and sharing with other users. Unfortunately, this culture doesn't extend even a few blocks to an adjacent parcel where erosion from unskilled, amateur expansion of a 'social' trail has made the adjacent downhill yards of neighbors all but unusable. Even without wildfire, if this more usual Mountain Bike culture is allowed access to the watershed lands, trail building without regard to erosion will happen, with the resultant degradation of the watershed.

In longer term considerations, the wildlife that calls this area home must also be considered. Right now this is a rare parcel of refuge for birds, mammals, and other wild creatures, and high plant diversity. All of the user impact that affect our water supply, would be even more disastrous for the plant and animal life currently survives there.

I only recently learned of the docent program that provides escorted access to this area. I believe that a large expansion of this program could provide access to many more people without degrading the resource. Furthermore any tax dollars spent on significant expansion would be minimal compared to the price of trying to enforce regulated open use—and this attempt at enforcement would certainly fail in the face of persistent attempts at illegal use by individuals who do not respect the value of the protected watershed,

Respectfully yours,  
Pat Greene

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Dear Board of Supervisors and Mayor Lee:

**I am a longtime Sierra Club member and support quickly and broadly opening the Watershed to all forms of public access, to the limits allowed by the EIR.**

First, **the withholding of open public access to the Watershed is an issue of race and income.** Folks with money can always take the time to drive the hour to open space in Marin, the East Bay, or along the southernmost areas of the San Mateo coast. They can even afford to live in those green places. But for folks in South City, Daly City, and southward, who don't have the luxury of time to drive an hour to go for a walk in nature, who don't have the money to live in a green place but rather live in the ultra-urbanized Peninsula east of 280, the Watershed presents an amazing opportunity.

There's a lack of easily accessible hiking and biking opportunities in the urban Peninsula – **parking lots at most if not all open space preserves and beaches on the Peninsula are overfull literally every weekend.** The urban areas around the Watershed in particular have a critical lack of open space. **I recommend visiting one of the few "parks" in the area, such as Candlestick Point or Crystal Springs trail, to see the crumbs of "open space" that folks in that area get to enjoy and do, to overflow).**

**Second, standard urban planning would open the Watershed to robust public access.** I've had the good fortune to have the time to backpack into multiple wilderness areas, and the joy of introducing others to these quiet, untrammelled spaces untouched by development. The Watershed, in contrast, is not wilderness by any definition – it is public open space and has been operated as such by the PUD. **Such open spaces are generally appropriate for nonmotorized public use, and every other PUD in the Bay Area that has a watershed has opened it to such public use – hiking, biking, and even boating.** Again, the Watershed is an urban public property that is crisscrossed with actively used roads and trails that have existed for over a century. The centerpiece is an artificial reservoir that is actively managed, using water imported from hundreds of miles away. The land, far from being pristine, was logged, farmed, and then finally operated by a public utility.

**Finally, opening the Watershed will reap public health benefits and help us to protect areas that are truly wilderness and need greater protection.** How do we get folks to appreciate nature, so that they will not just vote to protect open spaces from development, but also vote to protect wilderness areas and other tracts of nature that they will never see? We make it easier, not harder, to get them outside (and my public health friends agree on the urgency of this, for other reasons!). Easy access to public open space is the key to this.

Thank you for your consideration.

-Nate McKitterick

Owner, 1370 15th Ave. SF 94122

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## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Rita Vrhel <ritavrhel@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2016 10:45 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; aaron.peakin@sfgov.org; Avalos, John (BOS)  
**Cc:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Re: Nature News from Jake Sigg ADDENDUM TO SPECIAL EDITION

Please do not accept the proposed resolution to "open up" the Peninsula Watershed lands including Crystal Springs Watershed to unrestricted recreational use.

This is a horrible idea and will not doubt result in irreversible harm to and degradation of these vital and beautiful areas.

These are pristine lands and need to be protected. That is your responsibility. I know it is difficult to say "NO" again and again but these lands must be protected for the good of us all and for future generations.

I am sorry that I can not attend the meeting tomorrow because of work. Please vote NO.

Thank you.

Rita C. Vrhel, RN, BSN, CCM, CEES  
Medical Case Management & Ergonomic Specialist  
PO Box 270, Palo Alto, CA 94301  
Phone: 650-325-2298  
Fax: 650-326-9451

On Saturday, March 12, 2016 11:46 AM, Jake Sigg <jakesigg@earthlink.net> wrote:

I should have included email addresses for the Land Use Committee members: Malia Cohen <[Malia.Cohen@sfgov.org](mailto:Malia.Cohen@sfgov.org)>, Scott Wiener <[Scott.Wiener@sfgov.org](mailto:Scott.Wiener@sfgov.org)>, and Aaron Peskin <[Aaron.Peskin@sfgov.org](mailto:Aaron.Peskin@sfgov.org)>.

Also, send a copy of their emails to the Clerk of the Land Use Committee: Alisa Somera <[Alisa.Somera@sfgov.org](mailto:Alisa.Somera@sfgov.org)>.



**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Lennie Roberts <lennie@darwin.ptvy.ca.us>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2016 10:35 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS)  
**Cc:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Land Use Committee meeting, 3-14-16, Item 2 re access to Peninsula Watershed  
**Attachments:** CGF SFPC watershed access 3-13-16.pdf

Dear Chair Cohen and Supervisors Wiener and Peskin,

Please see my attached letter on behalf of Committee for Green Foothills regarding the proposed Resolution that you will be considering at your March 14 meeting.

Thanks very much for consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

Lennie Roberts, Legislative Advocate  
Committee for Green Foothills



COMMITTEE FOR  
GREEN FOOTHILLS

March 13, 2016

Supervisor Malia Cohen, Chair, Land Use and Transportation Committee  
Supervisor Scott Wiener  
Supervisor Aaron Peskin

**Re: March 14, 2016 Meeting of the Land Use and Transportation Committee Item 2:  
Resolution Urging the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to Expand Public  
Access to the Peninsula Watershed Lands**

Dear Supervisor Cohen and Members of the Committee,

I write on behalf of the Committee for Green Foothills (CGF), a regional environmental organization in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. CGF was founded by Pulitzer Prize winning author Wallace Stegner in 1962, and has a long-standing interest in the Peninsula Watershed lands.

CGF urges your rejection of the proposed Resolution for the following reasons:

**Water Quality:** As documented in numerous public opinion surveys over the years, the public overwhelmingly supports the SF PUC's primary mission of **providing the highest quality water for the City and County of San Francisco and its suburban customers**, and does not want it to be compromised in any way. A survey by the SF PUC in 1993 concluded that: "the overwhelming response of the people interviewed was that the water quality should be protected and public access should not be increased" (Country Almanac, 11/17/93). Recent failure of agencies in other areas of the country to adequately protect drinking water quality heightens and magnifies these concerns.

**Fire:** As outlined in the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) Findings for the Peninsula Watershed Management Plan (PWMP), the chief concern of the SF PUC with regard to water quality is catastrophic fire. "Studies in the FEIR document an increased chance of fire once the public is allowed into a formerly closed area. Should a devastating fire occur, the resulting erosion and sedimentation of watershed streams and lakes would make treatment of the water using direct filtration a difficult, if not impossible endeavor". (PWMP FEIR, Spring 2002) "A catastrophic fire...will reduce water quality, increase sediment load in the reservoirs, reduce storage capacity, and create a potential filtration problem." (Guido Ciardi, Forester, SF Water Department and President of Fire Safe San Mateo County: <http://firesafesanmateo.org/projects/crystal-springs-watershed>)

**Trespass:** Unrestricted access will foster trespass and other illegal activities including cutting new trails through protected areas for mountain biking, camping, swimming and fishing in the lakes, illegal marijuana grow sites, and hunting, among others. "Although most recreational users consider themselves to be environmentally responsible, the experience of public land managers in the Bay Area demonstrates that a percentage of public land users will invariably

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violate access rules and engage in illegal trespass and the building of unauthorized trails.” (PWMP FEIR, Spring 2002).

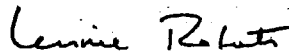
**Protection of Unique Habitats:** The watershed supports the highest concentration of special status species in the Bay Area (PWMP FEIR, Spring 2002). “Resource agencies with statutory authority to regulate SFUC construction and other activities in the watershed (US Fish and Wildlife, CA Fish and Wildlife, and CA Department of Health Services) all expressed concern about permitting unrestricted public access to the interior of the watershed due to the unique assemblage of habitats and species that occupy the watershed and potential public health impacts.” (PWMP FEIR Spring 2002).

**Cost:** Uncontrolled public access will greatly increase annual costs of patrolling the watershed, restoring unauthorized trails and other areas impacted by trespass, and higher levels of water filtration and treatment, particularly in the event of a catastrophic fire. These costs should not be borne by the ratepayers, as expressly directed by the SF PUC in adopting the Peninsula Watershed Management Plan.

**Public Access Aleady Exists:** Over 300,000 people per year use the 16-mile long Crystal Springs Trail near Highway 280, operated by San Mateo County Parks, and open every day to unrestricted access.. Access to Fifield-Cahill Ridge is provided by docents three days a week; this program should be expanded and improved.

Please reject the proposed Resolution and instead pass a Resolution affirming that the primary function of the watershed is protection of our water supply and preservation of its natural resources while allowing increased public access through an expanded docent program.

Sincerely,



Lennie Roberts, Legislative Advocate

cc: Land Use and Transportation Committee Clerk Alisa Somera  
Mayor Ed Lee and San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
President Warren Slocum and San Mateo County Supervisors  
Harlan Kelly, Jr. General Manager, SF PUC  
Tim Ramirez, Natural Resources and Land Division Manager, SF PUC  
Kim Turner, US Fish and Wildlife Service  
Scott Wilson, CA Fish and Wildlife  
Brian Aviles, Senior Planner, Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
Other Interested Parties

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Gary for Water <gary4water@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2016 10:09 PM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Support of Resolution for Opening the SFPUC lands: BOS Land Use and Transportation Committee meeting on Monday, March 14 agenda item (File 160183)

Honorable Board of Supervisors:

My name is Gary Kremen.

I am the founder of Clean Power Finance, located at 201 Mission that employs over 300 people.

I was also the founder of Match.Com which was based in San Francisco.

I am also the elected board member of the Santa Clara Valley Water District ("SCVWD") representing the 240,000 people in Northern Santa Clara County closest to SFPUC watershed. The SCVWD is similar to the SFPUC but for Santa Clara County. We provided wholesale water to the nearly 2,000,000 people in Santa Clara County as well as primary responsibility for all the watersheds in Santa Clara County.

I am writing you as a private citizen with knowledge of sustainability, especially water issues.

I support the resolution to grant responsible access to the SFPUC watershed lands over existing service road such as Fifield-Cahill Ridge.

There is no reason for denying granting access to the SFPUC lands from a water supply or a public safety perspective. At Santa Clara Valley Water District, there has been no material issues involved in giving the public responsible access to similar land.

Recreation land in San Francisco is degraded because it is overused. By spreading some of this usage to the SFPUC lands, in the matter proposed, environmental degradation is minimized.

The trails in question are currently heavily used by the SFPUC as well as private parties such as cell phone operators, antenna owners as well as other private owners. Why not grant the public access to their lands on existing trails?

Local elected officials such as San Mateo Supervisor David Pine and Don Horsley support this.

Online permitting systems could with cameras and electronic locks such as those used by the US Forest service offer the public responsible access.

Docent programs like the one in place fail when one looks at the social justice issues around how they are being implemented. For example working people can't use the lands due to the hours that the docent programs operate.

Thank you for your public service

Gary Kremen



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**From:** JanetFiore@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2016 9:45 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS);  
janetfiore@aol.com  
**Subject:** NO increased access to destruction of our lands and ecosystems.

### Land Use Committee:

This rushed-through proposal for "recreation" on vital parts of our watershed needs to be immediately denied and terminated. This is nothing but allowing destructive dirt bikes and their usually ignorant and disrespectful owners to desecrate our lands and watersheds.

California has already given over hundreds, probably thousands, of acres to these disrespectful and dirty fools. They DO NOT need any more lands for their private destruction.

We should NOT have to pay for more monitoring and protection just so these thugs can destroy. We already know if they are allowed more lands and ecosystems to destroy, they will just destroy more via trespassing and creating illegal vandal trails. Keep these ignorant, disrespectful criminals out.

We already allow public access on the Crystal Springs Trail which is 15 miles long. And even though this trail is fenced, the ignorants routinely trespass. Keep these ignorant, disrespectful criminals out of our ecosystems. Let them go to the Cow Palace and pay for their dirty, violent games as seen on TV. Tell them NO we are not giving them license to destroy.

J. Fiore  
9th Ave.  
San Francisco.

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Pam Hemphill <pam.hemphill@gmail.com>  
**sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2016 7:58 PM  
**to:** Wiener, Scott  
**Cc:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Please vote NO on increasing access to our SF watershed lands

Supervisor Wiener:

Please vote against more access to our watershed lands. The watershed needs to continue to be protected. Those acres of watershed provide wildlife habitat and also guarantee that we have clean water.

Mountain bikers have made outlaw trails on many public lands despite the fact that there are numerous wonderful dedicated trails for their rides. They can respect wildlife habitat by riding elsewhere.

More fencing to keep people on the trail will only cage wildlife and prevent their foraging for food. The risk of fire will also be increased. It is raining now, but drought will return.

NPR recently had a story highlighting the thrill for some people of getting past the security guards on Yerba Buena Island to party in the historical buildings. Clearly that is problematic. I can just imagine the parties down by the Crystal Springs Reservoir.

Please do not support more access to the watershed. I have walked the Fifield Cahill trail with the docent program and that is a fine way to see the area and be more educated about the wildlife and the habitat at the same time.

Thanks,  
Pam Hemphill MD

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Pam Hemphill.<pam.hemphill@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2016 7:53 PM  
**To:** Peskin, Aaron (BOS)  
**Cc:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Please vote NO on increasing access to the SF Crystal Springs watershed

Supervisor Peskin:

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Thanks,  
Pam Hemphill MD



**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Pam Hemphill <pam.hemphill@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2016 7:50 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS)  
**Cc:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Vote NO...Keep access to the SF watershed protected as it is now

Supervisor Cohen:

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Thanks,  
Pam Hemphill MD

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Stan Zeavin <margstan@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2016 7:41 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS)  
**Cc:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Watershed protection

Dear Supervisors,

In San Mateo County we have marvelous open space already accessible. Our watershed deserves the best protection possible for our water. Opening more trails without supervised access is a terrible mistake that will ultimately cost tax payers more and put our water at risk.

Thank you for your consideration,

Margaret Goodale  
Pacifica's Environmental Family  
Pacifica Shorebird Alliance

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Margaret Goodale  
Pacifica Environmental Family

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Stan Zeavin <margstan@sbcglobal.net>  
**Content:** Sunday, March 13, 2016 7:36 PM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Watershed protection

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**From:** M.A. Miller <ma-miller@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2016 5:29 PM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Re: LUH item Crystal Springs access

*Here is the text of my letter to the LUH Committee, for your information.*

Dear Supervisors,

This proposal would overturn decades of responsible management of Crystal Springs' unique, unspoiled habitat which is the source of San Francisco's clean, delicious and inexpensive water. The proposal would open access to new areas and remove all supervision for walkers, horses, and bicycles in this gorgeous unspoiled area.

Recreation access is already available through the docent program. The system is functioning well but possibilities of expanding the amount of that access could be explored but it should remain docent-led.

I have hiked in this area on a docent-led hike. It was more instructive and more fun than if I had just gone in on my own. We learned about the extensive presence of native plants, some of them rare, and we were discouraged from stepping off the trail but we knew what a privilege it was just to be there. But without supervision, it is inevitable that people and animals would stray off the trails, disturb soils and wildlife and leave litter and other waste. Why risk this pristine ecosystem, let alone our water supply?

Please do not open up Crystal Springs to uncontrolled access. Please do not recommend this proposal.

Thank you very much!

Mary Anne Miller

San Francisco

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Lee Rudin <leewaysf@pacbell.net>  
**nt:** Sunday, March 13, 2016 9:18 AM  
**o:** Somera, Alisa (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS)  
**Subject:** REJECT the Proposal to open up the San Francisco Peninsula Watershed Lands

Greetings,

Allowing uncontrolled access to these remote areas will tremendously increase costs to taxpayers, as people will inevitably trespass into protected, sensitive areas. Fencing to prevent access would interrupt established wildlife migration corridors and would not deter trespassers – as has been well documented in other watersheds and public lands. People will inevitably bring their dogs, just as they do to other parks and open space areas, even if there are signs prohibiting them.

Thank you, lee Rudin Daly City, CA



*Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, Nothing is going to get better. It's not. Dr. Seuss **The Lorax**"*



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**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Alice Polesky <askalice@pacbell.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 12, 2016 10:13 PM  
**To:** Wiener, Scott  
**Cc:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** No to Fouling our Watersheds -- Crystal Springs is NOT an Amusement Park

Dear Supervisor Wiener,

I just heard about this and I'm shocked it isn't being broadcast everywhere in the Bay Area. I can't believe that anyone except a mentally or hormonally challenged and/or unconscionably selfish individual would want to risk polluting everyone's water, possibly the best urban water in the world -- and in a drought-ridden area to boot -- simply for their own amusement. We residents have fought for our water quality. Anyone who thinks their recreational sorties into an area the rest of us have protected for decades are more important than decent drinking water should drink out of their toilets, or move to Flint, Michigan -- that's all they deserve. We don't. Nor can the wildlife afford any more encroachment.

Nature belongs to all of us, including the local wildlife, and decent drinking water is our right. Our watershed is not an amusement park conveniently placed for the pleasure of some self-entitled and immature fools because, hey, it's cool to have fun. If they love the environment, there are plenty of opportunities for volunteering as stewards in one capacity or another. They can give to it, instead of despoiling it. It's not as if there isn't already plenty of public access to Crystal Springs.

Thank you,  
Alice Polesky  
San Francisco, CA

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Chuck Heimstadt <chuckheimstadt@yahoo.com>  
**ant:** Saturday, March 12, 2016 5:46 PM  
**ro:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Please keep our water safe

To whom this concerns,

Allowing uncontrolled access to these remote areas will tremendously increase costs to taxpayers, as people will inevitably trespass into protected, sensitive areas. Fencing to prevent access would interrupt established wildlife migration corridors and would not deter trespassers – as has been well documented in other watersheds and public lands. And you know that with the over-populated numbers of dogs, everyone will want to take them there and there will have poop all over just as there is in all public areas and parks and beaches. Thank you, the Heimstadt family, So. SF, CA

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Bob Isaacson <rbisaacson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 12, 2016 5:15 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS)  
**Cc:** Somera, Alisa (BOS); Jake Sigg  
**Subject:** Opening Watershed to Recreational Use

Honorable Supervisors Cohen, Wiener and Peskin:

This is to strongly request that you **DO NOT OPEN SAN FRANCISCO'S WATERSHED TO UNRESTRICTED RECREATIONAL USE.**

**Our water quality is too valuable. Other areas are available for recreational use.**

**Bob Isaacson**



**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Nancy Rossman <nancyrossman@sbcglobal.net>  
**ant:** Saturday, March 12, 2016 4:50 PM  
**o:** Cohen, Malia (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Use of the Crystal Springs Watershed

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Nancy Rossman <nancyrossman@sbcglobal.net>  
**Subject:** Use of the Crystal Springs Watershed  
**Date:** March 12, 2016 4:45:38 PM PST  
**To:** [Malia.Cohen@sfgov.org](mailto:Malia.Cohen@sfgov.org)

i am against any change in the way our water is protected. How fortunate we in SF are to have a precious, clear, and healthy water supply. Please don't allow recreational bicycles to push their agenda which would compromise our treasure: pure water. Nancy Rossman, SF Homeowner

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Jake Sigg <jakesigg@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 12, 2016 4:26 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS)  
**Cc:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** DO NOT OPEN CRYSTAL SPRINGS WATERSHED TO UNRESTRICTED RECREATION

Dear Supervisors:

San Francisco has the best quality of water of any urban center in the world. That is because Crystal Springs Watershed has always been treated as a drinking water supply, not as a recreation area.

It is also the reason why the water is inexpensive. Why is there no mention of the hugely increased costs that this Resolution will entail? I find it difficult to believe the Board of Supervisors would embark on such a venture without answering that question first. You're going to have an angry public after you if you approve this.

Jake Sigg  
338 Ortega Street  
San Francisco 94122

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Barbara Bernhart <bbernhart@yahoo.com>  
**ant:** Saturday, March 12, 2016 3:14 PM  
**o:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS)  
**Cc:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Proposal to open up the San Francisco Peninsula Watershed Lands

I am totally opposed to this idea. The land needs to be kept protected for the safety of our water supply and should not give unsupervised access to the public. It would increase disturbances to the vegetation, trash, and fire risk. This is unacceptable. The safety of our water supply is non-negotiable. Please vote against this ill conceived plan.

Barbara Bernhart  
262 Greenview Drive  
Daly City, CA 94014  
Tel.: 415-586-0357

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Tish Brown <tishubrown@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 12, 2016 2:59 PM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Keep our watershed safe!

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Tish Brown <tishubrown@gmail.com>  
**Date:** March 12, 2016 at 2:46:49 PM PST  
**To:** "Malia.Cohen@sfgov.org" <Malia.Cohen@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Keep our watershed safe!

Please oppose the requests to open up the Skyline Drive area to any recreation. Given concerns from long term shortage potential to the Flint Michigan disaster, we should be more careful than ever with our watershed.

Fortunately for bike riders, etc., we have lots of other open space for them to enjoy.

Tish Brown  
109 Edgewood Ave. SF

Sent from my iPhone

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** mcnicholson <mcnicholson@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 12, 2016 2:08 PM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Crystal Springs watershed

Ms: Somera: Please do not open up the watershed. We already are blessed to have an abundance of hiking trails etc. and wonderful clean drinking water. You know all the objections to opening up the watershed which I will not repeat here.

Thank you.

Mary Nicholson

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Marina Moreno <marinamorenous@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 12, 2016 12:59 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Please, please, please, keep protections around Crystal Springs watershed!!!

Please do not allow our Crystal Springs Watershed to be opened to unlimited access.

Unfortunately this would open up the area to much higher risk of fires which alone would jeopardize the quality and quantity of our water in an already desperate drought situation. This is without considering other environmental impacts to fauna/flora.

Opening up the use to bikers, horseback riders, hikers, etc. would inevitably introduce unplanned social trails and forbidden activities in an area that provides water for 2M+ in SF and Bay Area, and needs to be preserved with the highest of priorities. The proposal would overturn decades of successful management of this unspoiled habitat and reliable source of clean and inexpensive water.

I love to be immersed in nature, but in Northern California we cannot say we are without alternative gorgeous opportunities for this type of activity. Opening the watershed to unlimited access would be foolish at best. Let's please protect this precious watershed so close to urban areas. Why has this been rushed through with such low profile? Why haven't we heard about this more in the news and newsletters from the City? Please, keep access the way it is now or we will all regret it.

Unfortunately I cannot be present on Monday at 1:30PM due to work and home commitments. I am sure this time isn't convenient for most, so please accept this letter in lieu of my physical presence and opposition.

Marina Moreno  
San Francisco resident since 1986

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Denise Louie <denise\_louie\_sf@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 12, 2016 12:53 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS)  
**Cc:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Land Use Committee - Peninsula Watershed

Dear Supervisors Malia Cohen, Scott Wiener and Aaron Peskin,  
Please reject the proposal to open Peninsula Watershed around Crystal Springs Reservoir to unrestricted public use. We've been over this in prior years. Nothing has changed regarding very solid reasons to reject the current proposal to provide unrestricted public access. The current restricted access inside the fence lines and the unrestricted access outside the fence lines have provided access to the public, which no doubt has grown in number. But the problem is just that—too many people. Don't let the problem of too many people become a problem of too many people inside the fence causing irreversible harms to Crystal Springs Reservoir or the Peninsula Watershed. We can and must continue to protect our drinking water and the land around it. JUST SAY NO!

Thank you,  
Denise Louie

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** sharonreevelamesa@gmail.com on behalf of Sharon Reeve  
<sharon.reevelamesa@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 12, 2016 12:05 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Wiener, Scott  
**Cc:** Somera, Alisa (BOS); Jake Sigg  
**Subject:** Keep San Francisco's Watershed Closed

We have enough hiking trails in the Bay Area. We do not need to open the San Francisco Watershed. It will damage our water quality and bring about extinction of the Marbled Murrelet, as well as other species. Please preserve this precious area.

Increased trail use will open up the area to littered garbage including food scraps, illegal activities, improper behavior to wildlife. Some people will not wait to get to a bathroom; a seemingly harmless activity that can be a disease/pollution vector for a watershed. An additional hazard will be the open door to a segment of the cycling culture that believes in building their own bike trails through the woods, showing no respect for laws against this or any concern effects on ecosystems or others.

And, let's be honest here, unsupervised access will bring all that, and people with their pets as well. Dogs in particular are a stressor for wildlife, sometimes causing physical mayhem and death by their activities, but often just by leaving their scent as they run in areas wildlife lives. The added stress, in a time of great stress and decreasing habitat is more than wildlife can survive.

SF Watershed is one of the last places on the peninsula where wildlife is safe: a very reduced area from before the peninsula began to gain population some 150+ years ago.

### RARE SPECIES WILL LOSE. AGAIN.

Wildlife is under added pressure from the drought, which lessens the amount and location of food and shelter, from global warming, which causes loss of habitat, increased human activities.

Marbled Murrelets, when exposed to humans, begin an unstoppable population decline accelerated by ravens, crows, and jays.

Added trail use at SF Watershed will destroy this and other rare species, adding to yet another local spot where they are extinct.

### MANY BEAUTIFUL AREAS ARE OPEN TO HIKING, BIKING, RIDING NOW

There is tremendous amount of public access to so much very beautiful open space now – for hiking, biking and riding – do we really need to take the last spaces that wildlife so desperately needs?

Once the pathway for these predators is opened, it is only a matter of time before the Marbled Murrelet and other species in the ecosystem become less numerous, damaged and locally extinct. This is not an opinion, it's a fact.



The types of loss this represents to residents and visitors is added pollution to the watershed, and loss of healthy ecosystems including some rare species.

In the case of the Marbled Murrelet, the damage will be done: Should ravens, crows, jays get added ingress to their heretofore enclosed in the forest habitat, no law or action after will save the local population.

They will be gone.

We've seen what happened to a still declining Golden Gate Park, we're watching the degradation of other public open spaces including Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, Big Wave hiking area, some of the public beaches, etc.

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** REBECCA HOLLAND <rebeccahollandstudio@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2016 5:53 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Save the San Francisco Watershed

I just posted to the Save the San Francisco Watershed Facebook page. I cannot attend the meeting, but please enter my well-considered opinion.

Rebecca Holland

Today at 5:46pm

I have been in the watershed on horseback and have always been amazed by the wild beauty that has been protected for so long even though it is in the middle of a crush of urbanization. Access to this property has been an issue for a long time. Well-connected residents of San Francisco used to get access for picnics—and NOT well-connected people went up in arms. I was there with a ranger escort whose job it was to monitor our activity and even keep us well from the water's edge. Many people would block even this careful access to anyone unless it was busted wide open to all. I would rather never be allowed to go there again if it meant access without total vigilance. Unfortunately, we all know that there are not enough funds or volunteers to monitor the property 24-7, and we know how the land is treated by some people. Why is not important. Maybe economic necessity, ignorance, or whatever, but the truth is, we can't trust what would happen if we opened this pristine land. We have so much Open Space that is patrolled, let's be grateful for that and support Mid-Pen, and leave the watershed alone.

My old friends and I had a stupid joke I am going to share. We were water skiers at the time. We all agreed that if we saw a mushroom cloud, we would all meet at Crystal Springs with our boats.

Until then, let's keep it clean.

Rebecca Holland

[www.rebeccaholland.com](http://www.rebeccaholland.com)

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Trailer Playa <trailerplaya@yahoo.com>  
**ant:** Friday, March 11, 2016 3:22 PM  
**o:** Cohen, Malia (BOS)  
**Subject:** I've personally seen people dump pesticides on streets around the watershed

I do not support the plan to allow access to the watershed. I've personally seen a man cover his face with a bee-keeper mask (probably an exterminator?) and dump liquids on Skyline at the intersection with 92 (the area immediately surrounding the watershed). If he could have walked up to the water's edge he would have simply dumped whatever liquid that was directly into the water. He'd be less likely to get busted because the evidence would be instantly dissolved into the drinking water. He clearly knew he was dumping illegally because he chose to cover his face and the plate numbers on his truck.

Getting rid of toxic substances (like gasoline, flares) in San Mateo often requires making an appointment a week away, then showing up on time, giving your name and telling them what you plan to dispose of. They don't even take all kinds of hazardous substances. Why wouldn't an out of town contractor, a exterminator with leftover or banned pesticide see the watershed as a place to just easily dump toxic substances? They already dump them on the side of the road in the areas surrounding the watershed!

People dump random appliances and truckloads of trash up here on a regular basis. If we open the watershed then people will simply dump trash and chemicals there too.

I drive through and around this watershed every day and routinely see dumped gas and propane containers, random boxes of loose unidentified white powder, trash bags full of goo and other gross items.

I honestly don't know why people drive their trash up here and dump it on the side of the road instead of just taking it to the dump.

The plan to open the watershed is literally to just open the gates and let people in. They don't even plan to install or maintain trash cans.

--Leslie Eckles

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Lieven <lievenleroy@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2016 9:15 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Please help keep the SF Peninsula watershed safe

Dear Supervisors Cohen and Peskin:

I'm writing to ask you to oppose the resolution to further open the San Francisco Peninsula watershed.

I've lived and hiked in San Francisco and the Peninsula for 25 years. The watershed is more beautiful and more untouched than the rest of the Peninsula for the simple reason that it has been carefully protected. Statements from Open the SF Watershed are dangerously oversimplifying the issue. (Just "take down a few signs," Scott Wiener declares in their promotional video!)

The trails at the Marin watershed demonstrate how expensive and risky it is to open such an area. The Marin Municipal Water District has not only its own staff but several affiliated nonprofit organizations who work to keep trails safe and to protect water quality, plants and wildlife. They are still only partly successful: that area is not as well preserved as the SF watershed, even though it is in a lower traffic area than the Peninsula. I've hiked there and watched dogs chase off birds and swim in the water. The workers I spoke with talked about the constant fire risks.

Further, most of the Peninsula watershed is 20 miles from downtown and already surrounded by excellent existing parks and trails. If San Francisco opens the watershed, it is basically paying to provide San Mateo County with another recreation area.

I've found the Open the SF Watershed movement is curating their Facebook page to present only positive commentary. So I've started <https://www.facebook.com/savetheSFwatershed/> as a way to help share more information.

I urge you to look past their broad claims and entitled views about how the land should be used. Its best use is to preserve it for future generations. Personally, in order to keep the watershed and its endangered species safe, I'm happy to keep admiring it from the other side of a fence.

Thank you,  
Lieven Leroy

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Gene Chaput <genechaput@sbcglobal.net>  
**ant:** Tuesday, March 08, 2016 7:07 PM  
**o:** Calvillo, Angela (BOS); Major, Erica (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Request for the SF BoS to vote NO on opening the Crystal Springs watershed to the public

Please include this request in the record to urge the SF BoS NOT to open the Crystal Springs reservoir and watershed to the general public.

This is an urgent and most necessary request to deny consideration of an ill conceived 'proposed plan' that the Crystal Springs Reservoir and Open Space watershed be opened for public access; specifically bikers and hikers but, as importantly, to any form of human encounter.

We are firmly against any suggestion(s) or actions that public access be approved in or to the pristine Crystal Springs watershed area as devastation and destruction to all living within the greenbelt will result and its future irretrievably lost. This 'experiment' was tried many years back and FAILED miserably ... and the idea was subsequently rejected/abandoned.

The Crystal Springs watershed is a precious asset belonging to ALL ... but to be enjoyed from a distance. Human interaction will produce NO positive effect; on the contrary, it will de-enhance any benefit to the retention of this last piece of unspoiled open space in the SF Bay Area.

Most sincerely,

Susan and Gene Chaput  
1(415) 613-0014

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Rachel Kesel <rachelkesel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2016 6:41 PM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Protect our drinking water supply on the Peninsula Watershed lands

Dear Alisa Somera,

I am forwarding this message for inclusion in the public record.

Thank you  
Rachel Kesel

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Rachel Kesel <rachelkesel@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Tue, Mar 8, 2016 at 9:34 PM  
**Subject:** Protect our drinking water supply on the Peninsula Watershed lands  
**To:** [Malia.Cohen@sfgov.org](mailto:Malia.Cohen@sfgov.org), [aaron.peskin@sfgov.org](mailto:aaron.peskin@sfgov.org)  
**Cc:** [John.Avalos@sfgov.org](mailto:John.Avalos@sfgov.org), "Campos, David (BOS)" <[david.campos@sfgov.org](mailto:david.campos@sfgov.org)>, [scott.wiener@sfgov.org](mailto:scott.wiener@sfgov.org)

Dear Supervisors Cohen and Peskin,

I urge you to vote against the resolution to open the Peninsula Watershed for unrestricted recreation in the Land Use and Transportation Committee.

I am a San Francisco resident and PUC rate payer. I have spent the last ten years devoted to the responsible stewardship of our public lands as a natural resource manager. I am an avid hiker, bicyclist and dog walker. I would rather have my water supply protected over having access to the Peninsula Watershed.

The watershed lands provide incredible and irreplaceable services to the Bay Area in terms of water filtration and storage. I would have hoped that four years of drought and the Rim Fire would have taught our leaders and the public to appreciate those services more fully. Make no mistake, vital ecosystem services are placed in harm's way with the opening of the watershed for unrestricted access.

Scott Wiener briefly mentions environmental review in his advertisement for opening the watershed before asserting that it's as easy as removing a few signs and opening a few gates. This is short-sighted and very narrow thinking. Supervisor Wiener fails to address funding for rangers and staff to maintain the roads and trails with increased use. In an area rife with Sudden Oak Death, who will cover all the roads and trails after a storm like yesterday's to ensure that trail users are safe from falling tanoaks? Who will ensure parking areas are safe and clean? This thinking also fails to account for dealing with impacts to the biological resources, including the sixteen threatened and endangered species on the watershed.

If we are going to open the Watershed, the City must provide sufficient rangers and maintenance staff to cover the 23,000 acres every day of the year. As a tax payer in San Francisco, I do not want to fund that in San Mateo County. How will tax payers without cars be afforded access to their watershed? Will the city begin shuttle service to ensure equitable access? There are many residents who will *never* visit the watershed if it is opened. The PUC has assured rate payers that they will not bear the financial burden of recreation on its lands. So who will pay? Hikers and bikers? Or will we open the watershed and provide inadequate services to protect our water supply and the rich biodiversity of the lands?

These are difficult questions at a time when there is great pressure to provide more recreation opportunities. I believe that the Land Use and Transportation Committee wants to steward San Francisco's land, and I hope you will acknowledge the challenges and investigate the costs of land management before passing any resolutions to open the watershed. I recognize your situation but urge you to do what is best for the public, which is to protect our water supply and the biodiversity of the watershed.

Best Wishes,

Rachel Kesel  
33 Massasoit Street  
San Francisco, Ca  
94110

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Jordan Kestler <jordankestler@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 29, 2016 4:06 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); BreedStaff, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); Lee, Mayor (MYR); commissioners@sfwater.org  
**Cc:** dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.org; Marlene Finley; parkscommission@smcgov.org  
**Subject:** SF Watershed Opening

Dear honorable Supervisors,

Please include this email as part of the public record.

I would like to express my support for improved public access to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Peninsula Watershed. This issue is very important to me and my family. The public has been closed off from the Watershed's scenic, historical and recreational experiences for too long. Please do what you can to help achieve access reform.

I support the resolution (SFBOS file # 160183) to allow responsible access to the SFPUC watershed lands over existing service road such as Fifield-Cahill Ridge, Pilarcitos Road, Whiting Ridge, Old Cañada, and to historical sites for the following reasons:

-Access to the watershed's existing dirt roads would allow hikers, cyclists and equestrians to visit the area's largest and most scenic unused, publicly held open space, integrating National, State and County parklands across the San Francisco Peninsula.

-At this time there are no significant, scientific concerns over water security, fire safety or environmental stewardship. Prior to opening a complete environmental investigation will surface any environmental issues that need to be addressed.

-The "trails", dirt roads actually, are currently used by SFPUC trucks on a daily basis. They could easily be designated as a trail system, much as is done in the Marin County and Santa Clara County Watersheds.

-The Watershed property contains some of the most important historical and cultural heritage sites in the state of California. The public has a right to be able to access these sites.

Please support of Resolution 160183 and for SFPUC to work cooperatively with San Mateo County to improve access to the watershed.

Thank you for your public service.

Jordan Kestler

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Harlan Kelly, Jr., General Manager, Public Utilities Commission  
Phil Ginsburg, General Manager, Recreation and Park Department

FROM: *S* Alisa Somera, Assistant Clerk, Board of Supervisors

DATE: March 4, 2016

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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On February 23, 2016, Supervisor Avalos introduced the following proposed legislation, and on March 1, 2016, it was referred to the Land Use and Transportation Committee:

**File No. 160183**

Resolution urging the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to provide enhanced public access to existing roads and trails in the Peninsula Watershed Lands consistent with the goals of protecting the water supply and the environmental quality of the area.

This matter is being referred to you since it may affect your department.

If you have any comments or reports to be considered with the proposed legislation, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102 or by email: [alisa.somera@sfgov.org](mailto:alisa.somera@sfgov.org).

c: Juliet Ellis, Public Utilities Commission  
Sarah Ballard, Recreation and Park Department

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# Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor

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- 5. City Attorney request.
- 6. Call File No. [ ] from Committee.
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- 8. Substitute Legislation File No. [ ]
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- 11. Question(s) submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on [ ]

Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following:

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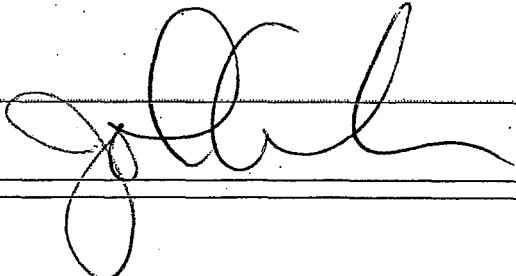
Supervisors Avalos, Wiener

**Subject:**

Resolution - Urging the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to Expand Public Access to the Peninsula Watershed Lands

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