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FILE NO. 160183 RESOLUTION NO.

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The Peninsula Watershed's two regional trail systems are the Crystal Springs Regional Trail, operated and maintained by San Mateo County Parks, and the Bay Area Ridge Trail, operated and maintained by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and connecting the Sweeney Ridge Trail operated by the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA); and

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

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

WHEREAS, Other Bay Area water districts, including the Marin Municipal Water District and the East Bay Municipal Utility District, allow public access to their lands without compromising water safety or environmental quality and that the public regularly shares service roads with maintenance vehicles in these and other public lands; and

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

WHEREAS, In its 2015 management plan, the GGNRA, the owner of the Scenic Easement over the watershed, has encouraged the construction of a new multi-use trail on watershed lands from Cañada Rd to Skyline Boulevard North of the Phleger Estate unit of the GGNRA and South of CA-92; and

WHEREAS, The SFPUC recognizes that additional educational opportunities can be increased, consistent with the goals and objectives of the PWMP with the construction of new recreational trails combined with improvements to existing trails and appropriate staffing and maintenance of the Watershed Trail System; now, therefore, be it

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

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors strongly supports the PUC's current efforts to develop a permit system for unsupervised public access to the Fifield-Cahill Ridge Trail and urges the SFPUC to expedite implementation of this permit system by the end of 2016; and, be it

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

- opening the 2 mile section of the Bay Area Ridge Trail north of Highway 92 through Skylawn Cemetery to the SFPUC Cemetery Gate on Cahill Ridge;
- the operation of the entire 16 miles of the Bay Area Ridge Trail on SFPUC property, and the design and construction of the North San Andreas Trail Connector;
- constructing the Bay Area Ridge Trail south of CA-92 to the GGNRA Phleger Estate; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the SFPUC to provide additional access to the watershed beyond what is included in the current PWMP, subject to applicable environmental clearances, including the following:

- working with the GGNRA and San Mateo County Parks to determine what steps are necessary to open the Whiting Ridge Trail to public access, subject to relevant federal and state environmental review requirement;
- proposing possible routes for further public access to existing service roads by permit-holders and that these routes include at least one east-west route starting on the Crystal Springs Regional Trail near the Western end of the San Andreas reservoir dam, connecting to the Bay Area Ridge Trail and then passing the Pilarcitos Reservoir and ultimately connecting to the trail system in the Corral de Tierra unit of the GGNRA;

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

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

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests the SFPUC to report on its progress developing these plans, including the projects already approved as well as the potential revisions to the PWMP listed here, by September 1, 2016.

Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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)

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@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:	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.
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" 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.

Marilyn Haithcox
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Somera, Alisa (BOS)

From:	Siddhartha Jain <sjain@sjain.me>
Sent:	Tuesday, September 06, 2016 11:48 AM
To:	Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); commissioners@sfwater.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@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.or; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.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
950 Glenview Dr
San Bruno CA 94066

Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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@sfwater.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.
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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)

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:

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- 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)

From: Valas Valancius <valas@google.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 04, 2016 7:45 PM
To: Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); commissioners@sfwater.org; Somera, Alisa (BOS)
Cc: Lee, Mayor (MYR); Eric.L.Mar@sfgov.or; 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.or; 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)

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://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. The PWMP's FEIR concluded: ***"Although most recreational users consider themselves to be environmentally***

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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 extraordianry, 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.

<u>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.</u>

Lennie Roberts

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)

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:

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.

Kevin Haithcox
San Mateo Resident

Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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@sfwater.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

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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Thank you for your public service!

/tom

Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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@sfwater.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

Dear Supervisors Cohen, Peskin and Wiener:

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Thank you for your public service.

Kuniko Kersnick

Somera, Alisa (BOS)

From: Virginia <vpcakes@astound.net>
Sent: Monday, September 05, 2016 9:24 PM
To: Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS)
Cc: commissioners@sfwater.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)

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@sfwater.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:

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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)

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
Subject:	Open the watershed

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Timothy Hu

Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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@sfwater.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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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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Thank you for your public service.

Shin & Tomoko Yamade

Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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@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.or; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org
Subject:	Resolution 160183: Expanded Public Access to the San Francisco's Peninsula Watershed

Dear Supervisors Cohen, Peskin and Wiener:

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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)

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@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); dpine@smcgov.org; cgroom@smcgov.org; dhorsley@smcgov.org; wslocum@smcgov.org; ATissier@smcgov.or; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.org
Subject: SF Watershed - Qualifications

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

Regarding the Golden Gate Audobon's "fear-campain" 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 exiting 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 forseight 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)

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)

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.or; 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)

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@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: SFPUC watershed

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Thank you for your public service.

Jean-Nicolas Vollmer
San Francisco resident

Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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)

From:	Mark Shihadeh <markwshihadeh@gmail.com>
Sent:	Sunday, August 28, 2016 10:02 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); 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:	San Francisco's Peninsula Watershed

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Thank you for your public service.

Mark Shihadeh, San Bruno
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Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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

Dear Supervisors Cohen, Peskin and Wiener:

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Thank you for your public service.

Vladimir Gedgafov
253 Westridge ave, Daly City, CA 94015

Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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?

Robert L. Buelteman, Jr.
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From ***The Unseen Peninsula:***

Moonlight Temple (1993)

Crystal Fen (1993)

Montara Mountain (1988)


280 Sunrise (1988)

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)

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.or; mfinley@smcgov.org; parkscommission@smcgov.or
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:

-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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-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)

From:	Eric Kuehne <erickuehne@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, August 23, 2016 9:21 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); 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:	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 our 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 Kuehne
El Granada

Somera, Alisa (BOS)

From:	Gene McKenna <mckennagene@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, August 23, 2016 10:38 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:	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)

From:	Justin <jwooster33@comcast.net>
Sent:	Wednesday, August 24, 2016 7:33 AM
To:	Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Peskin, Aaron (BOS); commissioners@sfwater.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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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)

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@sfwater.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 Count 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)

From: 龚琪 <gongqi@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2016 9:34 AM
To: Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott
Cc: commissioners@sfwater.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)

From: Mark Lindbeck <marklindbeck56@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2016 12:14 PM
To: Cohen, Malia (BOS); Wiener, Scott; aaron.pesking@sfgov.ore; 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)

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

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Thank you for your public service.

Peter Borak,

Burlingame

Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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@sfwater.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

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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)

From:	Shawne Portman <shawneportman@gmail.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, August 17, 2016 10:57 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); 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:	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)

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.

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.

Regards,
Mike Voytovich
Millbrae, CA

Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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 uban 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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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.

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

For San Mateo County residents: Please ask for support of 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.

Dr Brent S McKenzie

San Mateo Highlands Resident.

Somera, Alisa (BOS)

From: Maxence Nachury <nachury@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 25, 2016 8:02 AM
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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) 160183

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 somtimes thes 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 an 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

COMMITTEE FOR
GREEN FOOTHILLS

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=aeJUmANEAiU. 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

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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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

160183

Ausberry, Andrea

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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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

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@sfwater.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, Whiting 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

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] **On Behalf Of** Nancy Reyering
Sent: Sunday, May 08, 2016 5:08 PM
To: Somera, Alisa (BOS) <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 Reyering
Martin Walker

Ausberry, Andrea

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]
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2016 2:15 PM
To: Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <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 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 Avalos, 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
cell 650 291 4100

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

Ausberry, Andrea

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.

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From: Mark Alan Prior [mailto:mark@markalanprior.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2016 2:26 PM
To: Mark Prior <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
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District #5

Ausberry, Andrea

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

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From: Neal Schlatter [mailto:schlatter.neal@gene.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2016 8:01 AM
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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?

-Local elected official such as SF Supervisors John Avalos, Scott Wiener & David Campos and San Mateo Supervisors David Pine and Don Horsley support access reform

-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,

Neal Schlatter
Montara, CA

Ausberry, Andrea

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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Subject: Please open the Crystal Springs Watershed: please consider this email a part of the public record

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 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.

Thank you for your public service.

Kerianne Steele
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94577

Ausberry, Andrea

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

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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>
Subject: Please open the SF watershed - for public record

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. I live in San Carlos, I have been an avid local trail runner for over ten years, and I look at this beautiful stretch of land everyday on my commute on the 280 wondering why it is kept closed off, especially considering how well public access appears to be managed by the Marin Municipal Water District and the Easy Bay Municipal Water District lands where I often run. I have participated in one of the docent-lead hikes in the Crystal Springs watershed, which was nice, but too restrictive in terms of timing and activity to consider this as an alternative to opening the land to the public. As an active member of the local trail

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

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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Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2016 11:18 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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Thank you for your public service.

Kevin W. Loomis <><

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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:gnat77@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

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 OPPORTUNTY 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

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

[Landmark Tree Designation - Norfolk Island/Cook Pine Hybrid Located at 46ACook 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?"**

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Thank you for your public service.

Matt Rolandson
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SF, CA

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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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Thank you for your public service.

Margaret K. Chilton

Menlo Park, CA

Ausberry, Andrea

From: Somera, Alisa (BOS)
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2016 9:15 AM
To: Ausberry, Andrea
Subject: FW: Reform the Watershed

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

Rob Walsh

Petaluma, CA

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Thank you for your public service.

Jennifer Wagner
Burlingame, CA 94010

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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

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Respectfully,

Larry E. Robinson

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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.

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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.

mahalo,

John Collins
Public School Teacher since 1997 in Pacifica California
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Ausberry, Andrea

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

For file.

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Subject: Crystal Springs 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 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:

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Thank you for your public service.

Roger Cain
South San Francisco

Ausberry, Andrea

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]
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Cc: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Subject: Please open the watershed to recreational use!

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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

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 Municiapl 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

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Somera, Alisa (BOS)

From: Lennie Roberts <lennie@darwin.ptvy.ca.us>
Sent: 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)

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

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, untrammeled 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

Somera, Alisa (BOS)

From: Nancy Reyering <nanzo@alumni.stanford.edu> on behalf of Nancy Reyering <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 Fifield Cahill Ridge.

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

WILDLIFE:

The disturbance to established wildlife corridors has been well document 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)

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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Woodside, CA 94062

Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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)

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

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)

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,

Adrian and Ludmila Stroganoff
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Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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)

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 luck 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)

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)

From: Eugenie Marek <emarek@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2016 9:26 AM
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

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:
Supervisor Malia Cohen, email Malia.Cohen@sfgov.org
Supervisor Aaron Peskin, email Aaron.Peskin@sfgov.org
Supervisor Scott Wiener, email Scott.Wiener@sfgov.org
Ms. Alisa Somera, Clerk of the Land Use Committee, email 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. [1] 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.[2] The Marbled Murrelet, a federally listed as threatened bird[3], relies on this watershed as habitat.[4] The official bird of San Francisco, the

[1] http://www.sfwater.org/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=756
[2] http://www.mercurynews.com/san-mateo-county-times/ci_28567169/crystal-springs-bald-eagles-raise-two-more-chicks
[3] 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. [5] 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. [6] 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.[7] 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. [8] 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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[4] *See* Fifield-Cahill Ridge Trail brochure by City and County of San Francisco and SFPUC
[5] http://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/Police-on-the-hunt-for-mountain-lion-near-6271850.php
[6] https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Keep-Me-Wild/Lion
[7] http://www.almanacnews.com/news/2015/08/06/red-flag-warning-fire-risk-in-county
[8] 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." [9]

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.[10] 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 or 510-843-2222.

Sincerely,

Noreen Weeden

Noreen Weeden
Conservation Project Manager

[9] See page 327-334 http://www.sfwater.org/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=756
[10] http://sfwater.org/index.aspx?page=147

Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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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Somera, Alisa (BOS)

From: McKitterick, Nate <Nate.McKitterick@dlapiper.com>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2016 9:02 AM
To: Lee, Mayor (MYR); Somera, Alisa (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS); Farrell, Mark (BOS); Christensen, Julie (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Wiener, Scott; Campos, David (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS)
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, untrammeled 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

Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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
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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>, Scott Wiener <Scott.Wiener@sfgov.org>, and Aaron Peskin <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>.

Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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).

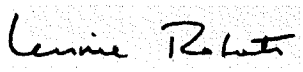
Protection of Unique Habitats: The watershed supports the highest concentration of special status species in the Bay Area (PWMP FEIR, Spring 2002). "Resource agencies with statutory authority to regulate SFUC construction and other activities in the watershed (US Fish and Wildlife, CA Fish and Wildlife, 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
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Other Interested Parties

Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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 is 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

Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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)

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)

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

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Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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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Pam Hemphill MD

Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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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Somera, Alisa (BOS)

From: Stan Zeavin <margstan@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 13, 2016 7:36 PM
To: Somera, Alisa (BOS)
Subject: Watershed protection

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Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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)

From: Lee Rudin <leewaysf@pacbell.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 13, 2016 9:18 AM
To: 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"***

Please consider the environment before printing this email. Thank you.

Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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)

From: Chuck Heimstadt <chuckheimstadt@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 12, 2016 5:46 PM
To: 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)

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)

From: Nancy Rossman <nancyrossman@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 12, 2016 4:50 PM
To: 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

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)

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)

From: Barbara Bernhart <bbernhart@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 12, 2016 3:14 PM
To: 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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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 repre nts to residents and visitors is ded 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)

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

Somera, Alisa (BOS)

From: Trailer Playa <trailerplaya@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2016 3:22 PM
To: Cohen, Malia (BOS)
Subject: I've personally seen people dump pesticides on streets around the watershed

I do not support to 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)

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)

From: Gene Chaput <genechaput@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 7:07 PM
To: 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)

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, aaron.peskin@sfgov.org
Cc: John.Avalos@sfgov.org, "Campos, David (BOS)" <david.campos@sfgov.org>, 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 failing 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 t[illegible] when there is great pressure to provi[illegible]ore 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

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Harlan Kelly, Jr., General Manager, Public Utilities Commission
Phil Ginsburg, General Manager, Recreation and Park Department

FROM: Alisa Somera, Assistant Clerk, Board of Supervisors

DATE: March 4, 2016

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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.

c: Juliet Ellis, Public Utilities Commission
Sarah Ballard, Recreation and Park Department

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☐ 8. Substitute Legislation File No. _____

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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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