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Subject: Comments About Trancas Crossing Park

I'm a long standing member of the City of Napa as I was born and raised here. I'm 59 years of age. Guess you could say I've seen a lot of water go under the bridge. In regards to the Trancas Crossing Park construction process, I've never seen a project more mishandled from start to finish like the Trancas Park. The most disturbing aspect would be the blatant disrespect and damage done to the Salvador Creek and Napa River during the winter months of construction. I've been involved in the construction industry for well over thirty years as a worker and a licensed contractor by the State of California. I witnessed the City ignore many construction safeguards and procedures as part of this project in and around Salvador Creek and more importantly our core valued Napa River. Fish and Game has gone to great lengths to nurture the salmon and steelhead fishery in the Napa River. If a private landowner would have damaged the ecosystems of the Napa River and just as important, the Salvador Creek, the project would have been shut down and never restarted.

To summarize, there's been many mistakes (too many to list) made by the contractor, Public Works (LaRochelle and Tomko), the City Manager (Parness), and Parks and Recreation (Mazucca). Basically everything involved in this project was conceived, planned, and executed in an unprofessional fashion from start to finish. My question is why aren't these people being referred to the district attorney's office for prosecution for violating all of these laws and working throughout the whole winter season in the floodway? I personally witnessed them running amok of the law. They should be held accountable along with the contractor. I'm requesting the Water Board have a hearing and hold them accountable for ALL the violations.

By the way, when I go to the park I see dog crap all over the place, off leash dogs, and inconsiderate people going off the designated trail trampling on the wetlands and other sensitive areas of the park. They throw trash in the river and creek. No one does anything about it. It's really damaging the ecosystem.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

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