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Re: Comment Letter: Caltrans CDO

Dear Mr. Bowyer:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit comments on the draft Caltrans Cease and Desist Order R2-2019-xxxx (to be numbered when adopted). As a volunteer group active in the Corte Madera Creek watershed of eastern Marin County, we are keenly interested in improving and protecting water quality and the natural resources that depend on clean water and healthy habitats. High on our list is reducing the amount of trash entering our creeks and ultimately the Bay and ocean.

Casual observers of Caltrans rights-of-way in the Corte Madera Creek watershed can easily believe that virtually no effort is made to clean trash. In meetings convened by Clean Marin, a coalition of environmental organizations, municipal and county agencies, businesses, and individuals that work together to create a litter-free Marin, we have been told that Caltrans does not have the staff or budget to do more trash control in Marin County.

Clearly, relying on Caltrans to meet its permit obligations is not working. We strongly support stronger, legally binding measures that will force Caltrans to address the substantial trash problem in our watershed and throughout the San Francisco Bay Region by providing funding and staff to meet its legally binding permit requirements.

Sincerely,

Sandra Guldman, Vice President

c: Robert Carson, MCSTOPPP