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Re: Discharge into Del Mar Landing Ecological Reserve

Dear Mr. Gregorio:

Thank you for your letter of October 18, 2004 regarding discharge of storm water into the Del Mar Landing Ecological Reserve. The Sea Ranch Association wishes to pursue an exception to the requirement to cease discharging storm water into the reserve.

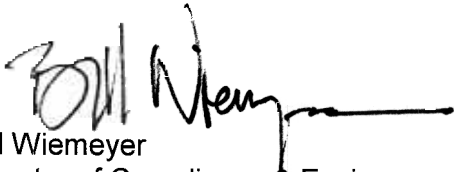
The residential tract immediately adjacent to the Del Mar Reserve is known as Unit 35C, with a portion later developed as Unit 35E. Unit 35C and relevant infrastructure improvement plans were approved by the County of Sonoma in the latter part of 1972. More than half the acreage within Unit 35C is common area, maintained in a natural state (mostly coastal prairie) by The Sea Ranch Association. A common area buffer of 100 to 150 feet extends along the entire length of Unit 35C's boundary with the Del Mar reserve, separating any developed private lots from the reserve. One 18" CMP and one 15" CMP provide drainage from roads within Unit 35C and debouche on the common area bluff face above the mean high tide line, the boundary of the reserve. The length of The Sea Ranch Association's boundary with the reserve is roughly 2,300 feet, with no other drainage improvements other than the two aforementioned lines, which were approved before creation of the reserve.

The Sea Ranch Association believes that the two relatively small drain pipes along the 2,300 foot length of the preserve will not compromise protection of ocean waters for beneficial uses and also believes that the public interest is being served in light of Sonoma County's approval of this infrastructure in 1972. As a result, please advise us as to what steps we will need to undertake to secure a permanent exception for this minimal discharge.

Please feel free to contact me at (707) 785-2316 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

FOR THE SEA RANCH ASSOCIATION



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