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To: [Board Comment](#)
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Dear MMWD Directors:

I have been a resident of Nicasio for the past 47 years, worked at Nicasio School for 20 of those years (1992-2012), am presently President of the Nicasio School Board of Trustees and have been the president of the Nicasio Historical Society since its inception in 2003.

I am aware of the flooding that has persisted at the school since the 1990s. During one storm in the mid 1990s, I remember the entire school grounds underwater reaching the top of our classroom thresholds. Nowadays, the school grounds flood each year. The school's wells, water tanks, and septic are situated at the rear of the school property, the area first to flood. Raising the level of the reservoir spells disaster.

The Marin Municipal Water District has a responsibility to monitor the reservoir feeder creeks, Nicasio and Halleck, and address the long-standing maintenance issues, including the need to remove sediment and debris from these streams. My hope is that we initiate a collaborative process between the Nicasio Landowners Association and Marin Water through which we jointly can assess the condition of the streams and identify a plan for how the poor conditions will be remediated. Marin Water has done this on Lagunitas Creek, so there is a great example for how we could do the same work here.

I recently read on the MMWD website that "MMWD is commonly recognized as a leader in the area for salmon conservation." I understand that this is due to your work on Lagunitas Creek and I applaud that effort.

Back when the Seeger dam was first built, MMWD installed two fish traps in Nicasio to rescue the large number of salmon and steelhead that traveled in Nicasio's creeks to spawn and return to the sea. I never understood why this program of transporting the fish around the reservoir lasted only four years (1964-1967) when the data show that the number of salmon and steelhead transported during those four years ranged from the hundreds to the tens of thousands annually. Why was it ended so abruptly? Was it just too costly?

One further point is regarding the lower portion of Laurel Canyon Road that runs along the creek. Although it is on property that belongs to MMWD, we homeowners of the Laurel Canyon Road Association have always maintained and improved the roadway surface as per agreement. However, the amount of water over 60+ years coming from the spillway, especially during major storms like during the flood of 1982, has severely undercut the road. I know that MMWD is aware of this problem, and I trust that we of the Laurel Canyon Road Association can work collaboratively with you as we did in 1982 to save that road.

Sincerely,
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