

Terrie Gillen

From: Genie McNaughton
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 6:49 PM
To: Board Comment
Subject: Support for CDF&W restoration of beaver habitat in Lagunitas Creek

Dear Marin Water District Board of Directors:

I am a property owner in Bolinas since 1973. I am a biologist by training. I worked for the US Environmental Protection Agency for over twenty years, overseeing environmental data collection for all EPA programs.

I was very happy to read about the effort to reverse national and state policies, in place for too many years, to reduce beaver populations and habitat. I strongly support Marin Water District's communication with CAF&W's review and proposed reversal of that policy. It is imperative that we acknowledge the role of beavers and beaver habitat to restore the ecological health of Marin County wetlands, streams and rivers.

Sincerely,
Eugenia McNaughton, Ph.D.

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From: Sally Gale
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 10:28 AM
To: Board Comment
Cc: Gerald Meral
Subject: Reintroduction of Beavers into Lagunitas Creek.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MMWD;

My name is Sally Gale and I am a beef rancher in Chileno Valley.

I am submitting a letter of support for the plan to reintroduce beavers into Lagunitas Creek. It seems there is a willing landowner and a willing sponsor, which is a wonderful start.

There can be no doubt that beavers provide valuable ecosystem services. Beavers build fertile soil, spread water and raise the water table, and slow water for wildlife habitat. It is well documented that the loss of beavers across the U S has degraded rivers and streams and rich valley bottoms over the past few centuries. The amount of money

Federal and State agencies have poured into our degraded waterways is beyond calculation.

There are many examples of the successful reintroduction of beavers across the British Isles and Eastern Europe. A good book on the subject is Derek Gow's "Eager Beaver", which I highly recommend.

Marin County has always led with progressive environmental solutions to the many land based problems that assail us. Beaver reintroduction will not be easy, and must be well thought out before being implemented. However, it is a most worthy project.

I strongly recommend the reintroduction of this keystone species.

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