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**Re: PN #2015-00036N, Larkspur Marina Maintenance Dredging**

Dear Mr. D'Avignon:

Marin Conservation League requests that the Alcatraz Island Disposal Site not be considered for deposition of sediment removed over the 10-year life of the proposed permit, but that the material be applied to a beneficial use, such as an upland/marsh restoration.

We urge you to investigate possibilities for appropriate use of the material, for example, at Cullinan Ranch, Hamilton, or a 72-acre restoration adjacent to the Corte Madera Ecological Reserve which the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District will be undertaking in the near future. WRA Consultants has been retained to design restoration of the bridge district site. That project, a restoration to promote recovery of endangered species and also build a buffer against sea level rise, is needed to fulfill the district's mitigation requirements.

The Alcatraz site has been problematic. The dredge disposal site is close to bird habitat and disposal there has the potential to damage aquatic resources; in addition, mounding of sediment near the island in the past has posed a navigation hazard. As a result, LTMS goals favor beneficial reuse.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jon Elam".

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