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Coastal Alliance for Species Enhancement
C/o Steve Simms
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Dear Steve,

Thank you for your letter regarding your concerns about the apparent impact of the conditions of the Pescadero marsh on the migration of fish to their natural spawning grounds in Butano Creek.

As you may know, the role of the Board of Director's for the Butano Canyon Mutual Water Company is to monitor water quality and conditions for our association. However, there has been discussion among board members and our community residents regarding a serious negative impact on fish migration.

Those of us, who live in Butano Canyon year-round, are aware of the gradual loss of fish returning up the Butano Creek to spawn. Over the years, we have noticed a steady decline in the number of fish we see in our area of the Butano Creek. We are very sad to say that for the first time that anyone can remember, not one fish was observed in our creek this spawning season.

We applaud your efforts to work with State Parks on this issue and are saddened by the prospect of the potential extinction of native fish. Your reference to other species that may be endangered is of serious concern. While the extinction of different forms of life in the local environment may not have an apparent direct impact on our water supply, it may have many unforeseen impacts on our environment. Sometimes costly studies only serve to delay action that is needed and readily apparent. As individuals, who have lived in this community for generations, we support your efforts to find a solution before it is too late.

The fact that you have formed the nonprofit Coastal Alliance for Species Enhancement seems like an excellent effort to protect the local environment. We are gratified to hear that you have regulatory agency support and that other federal or state agencies are aware of the situation in the Pescadero marsh. We hope that State Parks will work with you to find a solution sooner than later.

Our board supports your effort to find a solution as soon as possible.

Respectfully Yours,

Michael Lydon, President
Board of Directors
Butano Canyon Mutual Water Company

cc. State Parks