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Re Olema Farmhouse Coastal Permit Renewal (EX 06-7)

The Sierra Club did not receive notice of this renewal; nevertheless, we offer the following comments:

It appears that the deck proposed to be legalized as an enclosed room is within the Streamside Conservation Area (SCA) from both the west side (Olema Creek) and the south side (un-named tributary to Olema Creek) and thus requires an Initial Study. The original deck appears to be of standard construction built over a former garden area. As such, the deck would have allowed water to pass through directly into the ground beneath. Thus our concern that the proposal is to convert what used to be a permeable surface to instead be an impermeable surface within an SCA adjacent to a creek that provides key breeding habitat for endangered salmon.

It also appears that there is a deck next to the enclosed room that is covered with an open-air roof. We do not know if this roof was permitted, but it too appears to be within the SCA and thus we share the same concern about conversion of permeable to impermeable.

Sincerely,

Gordon Bennett