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Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive Suite 315
San Rafael, CA 94903

Re: Marinwood Village Concept Plan (9/26/06 Agenda)

Dear Board Members:

The Sierra Club Marin Group supports the Marinwood Village Concept Plan for the following reasons:

1. The Plan is consistent with the infill housing and sustainable community goals of the draft Countywide Plan.
2. The Plan provides that 50 percent of the housing units would be for sale or rented at levels affordable to lower and moderate-income households.
3. The Plan calls for adherence to Green Building Principles, including materials and energy use.
4. The Plan specifically provides for pedestrian, bicycle and public transportation connections to the site to reduce greenhouse gas caused by dependence on the automobile.
5. The Plan does not require building on environmentally sensitive lands.

The Marinwood Village Concept Plan, if properly implemented, could provide a model for how to create sustainable communities. The Marin Group believes that process safeguards should be put in place to ensure that the completed project will fulfill the vision of the Concept Plan. Further, the Marin Group believes that the key to fulfilling the goals of the Concept Plan is to strengthen the community-based planning process in a way that will enable the community residents to participate fully in the design process.

Sincerely,

Gordon Bennett, Chair