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Ross Town Council Members:

**NO MAN'S LAND**

I have a home at 20 Sylvan Lane in Ross. It is at the confluence of Corte Madera Creek and Ross Creek. **The San Anselmo Flood Risk Reduction Project (SAFRRP)** addresses the floodplain area in downtown San Anselmo to the Winship Ave Bridge. **The Corte Madera Creek Flood Risk Management Project (CMCFRMP)** addresses the floodplain area south of the Lagunitas Road Bridge in Ross to the town tennis courts. There is 5/10s of a mile in length, (more than half the length of the Corte Madera Creek that runs through Ross), is left out of the flood control project along the Corte Madera Creek, between San Anselmo and Ross. This area, known as Unit #4, has not been addressed by either plan. This includes approximately 18 homes, on Sylvan Lane, Shady Lane, Locust Ave and Sir Francis Drake Blvd that have not been included in either plan. I and my neighbors live in No Man's Land.

**INCREASED FLOWS**

In a winter storm, the water in Corte Madera Creek at the Ross Gauge rises quickly and conversely when the rain stops it drains fast. The Ross Staff in its report dated March 9, 2023. ... "more water stays within the banks of the CMC, thus increasing the water surface elevation within the CMC between downtown San Anselmo and the Sir Francis Drake bridge, potentially impacting some residential homes in both San Anselmo and Ross with increased flood risk." In past floods, the downtown area of San Anselmo has flooded and acted as a detention basin, with water flowing down San Anselmo Ave. to Bolinas Ave. to Shady Lane and back into Ross Creek at the confluence of Corte Madera Creek in Ross (behind my home). It would take hours during a storm to have this happen. With the new plan under SAFRRP the water would be kept in the creek. This increased flow would flood the additional 18 homes in Ross and possibly more. FEMA's regulations state there is to be "no rise" caused by a project.

**BOTTOM UP, TOP DOWN**

From the very beginning of the Ross Valley Watershed Plan, the correct and sensible starting point was to determine the maximum capacity of the channel at the Bay and work upstream to Fairfax. This effective strategy was abandoned when DWR Grants were issued to San Anselmo and Ross. You don't add more water in San Anselmo without fixing downstream first. This is not "rocket science"!

**INDEMINIFACTION**

The county will not indemnify the town of Ross for any project the county provides to the town of Ross. If there is a flood disaster and the town is sued, the residents of Ross will be held responsible for the financial losses. The Town is not building the project and should be protected from any lawsuits.

Respectfully

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