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**Re: Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit
P.N. 2011-00346N**

Dear Sir:

Marin Conservation League asks that the following be done:

1) Additional information be provided to the public about this project and its impacts, and a new Public Notice be issued.

The list of potentially affected species and habitats in the Public Notice on its own justifies more scrutiny than the legally required agency consultations you suggest. There is an astonishing lack of information about impacts to the threatened and endangered species which the PN says "may be affected by project implementation." This is insufficient for a public understanding of the impacts.

2) All wetland loss mitigation should be as close to the impacted site as possible, and at least within the same watershed (as defined in Marin County's watershed program) as the project impacts are incurred, and not accomplished through a mitigation bank elsewhere. Mitigation should be the correct habitat, e.g. tidal marsh, for the impacted species. Please specify what is proposed for mitigation.

3) The comment time should be extended. This PN was received late in June.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Schnapf", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

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