

To: Board of Directors
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
From: Annie Holdren, PhD
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Re: San Carlos Road Streambank Stabilization Project

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Please give significant weight to the need to retain and restore the native plants located on the Carmel River streambank near San Carlos Road. In particular, the sedge plants hold significant natural and cultural value.

The stream bank near San Carlos Road has provided an unparalleled habitat for a large bed of sedge to grow along the Carmel River. This particular sedge bed, in turn, has provided an unmatched, renewable resource for Native California basketmaking materials.

If the Board is in any way uncertain about the cultural value of a bank restoration that retains the sedge bed, then the Board has not received enough information. If such is the case, I strongly encourage an expenditure for a Cultural Resource Study.