

City

**Mariner's
Green
Association #3**



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Mr. Al Bergeron
Director of Maintenance
City of San Mateo
City Hall
330 West 20th Avenue
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Reference: Marina lagoon maintenance

Dear Al:

Approximately the end of February, 1980, Mike Mooney and I met with you at a City Council meeting and had a brief discussion in reference to the algae and shopping carts in the Marina lagoon. You informed us at that time that certain things were going to happen with reference to the algae and that you would look into the shopping carts underneath Highway 92 and Hillsdale bridges. It has been brought to our attention that these carts are still underneath the bridges and pose a serious navigable hazard for boating.

Mariners Green Association #3 would like to propose that a defined maintenance program of this lagoon system be established for now and in the future. The three creeks that handle the storm drain runoffs create the biggest problem for both algae and floating debris. We propose that a gate of some nature be installed after the dikes have been pulled in September to hold back the debris that comes out of these creeks. This material could be picked up by your maintenance crews on a periodic basis and would therefore not become a hazard or distraction to the waterfront properties, Marina lagoon or possibly damage to your pumping system. Just before you raise the water in March, we propose that the water underneath the bridges be cleared of any debris that has been thrown in during the wintertime.

We are aware of the fact that the City of San Mateo dikes those creeks that feed the San Mateo Marina lagoon during the summer months for the purpose of holding back the phosphate and nutrients that stimulates growth of the algae. We propose that these areas, that have diked waters, be treated with the proper chemicals to retard and hopefully, prevent algae growth when the dikes are removed. In addition, we suggest that the debris that has piled up behind these levees during the summer months be removed before the dikes are removed.

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As you may recall, at the same Council meeting we talked about the debris that was in the catch basins on Shoal Drive and also the rocks and mud that was backed up behind the flapper gates which cause the rain water to back up through the drainage system and cause minor flooding. We were under the impression that the mud and rocks were going to be removed from behind the flapper gates before the water level was raised under them. This also did not occur and would hope that this could be accomplished before next years rainy season.

Mariners Green Association #3 is fully aware of your budget cutbacks because of Proposition 13, but we do not feel these minor maintenance problems require that much labor allocation per year and therefore request that you would communicate with us, in writing, as to how this could be set up in the future.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter and looking forward to your earliest reply.

Sincerely yours,



Harry Haller
Resident

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