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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Fort Mason, San Francisco, California 94123

IN REPLY REFER TO:

D-18 (GOGA-SUPT)

JAN 26 2015

Raul Rojas
Marin County Public Works Department
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room #304
San Rafael, CA 94903

Re: Stinson Beach Watershed Program

Dear Mr. Rojas:

I am writing to express my support of the Stinson Beach Watershed Program. The Watershed Program has a goal of working with public and private partners to develop projects that address on-going flooding and sedimentation issues in the lower sections of the creek while improving habitat for steelhead trout and coho salmon.

Golden Gate National Recreation Area staff has participated in the planning process to date and have provided data and comments to the Stinson Beach Watershed Flood Study and Alternatives Assessment. We appreciate the County's willingness to present to our Project Review Committee on several occasions to describe the program and the results of the Flood Study. The proposed strategy includes a combination of dredging Easkoot Creek, bypassing flood flows, restoring wetlands, and maintaining channel conveyance. The National Park Service manages Stinson Beach to support intensive use as a scenic recreational beach and we support projects that will improve the visitor experience, balance infrastructure projects with the natural environment, and enhance and protect natural resources.

We will continue to provide input to the process and work with the community of Stinson Beach and Marin County DPW staff to develop solutions that meet the goals of the Watershed Program and the National Park Service.

Sincerely,

Frank Dean
General Superintendent