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TO: City Council 
FROM: Bruce Aspinall, Planning Consultant
SUBJECT: "No Net Fill" Requirements

On August 16, 1988, the City Council discussed the issue of "no net fill" in the "developed" portions of Sebastopol, lying below 76 foot elevation, reviewing information and recommendations of the "Technical Advisory Committee". One of the items discussed by the Council was the indication that, even if FEMA excludes the "developed" portions of Sebastopol from the "Floodway" mapping, the Sonoma County Water Agency would still recommend "no net fill" in those portions. The council asked for some clarification from the Sonoma County Water Agency on why they would make such a recommendation in light of a recent Corps of Engineers Study which showed no measurable effect of net fill in those areas.

On Monday, August 22, 1988, I discussed this question with Mr. Bill Stillman of the Sonoma County Water Agency, who assisted us in the "Technical Advisory Committee". Mr. Stillman stated that at such time as FEMA actually changes their maps to show the subject areas as "Flood Plain" (not "Floodway") the Sonoma County Water Agency would not recommend "no-net fill". This is different than previously understood by City staff and subsequently reported to the City Council on August 16.

Also in response to City Council request, Mr. Stillman has agreed to attend the Council meeting of August 30 to help answer questions as to siltation and other factors affecting the flood storage capacity of the Laguna.