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Dear Friends and Colleagues:

As an individual who over the past 12 years has spent much of my spare time seeking protection of the Laguna de Santa Rosa as a last remnant of some of the original West County watershed, I am now asking for your support.

A portion of this watershed is threatened by an 18-unit subdivision which will be developed if the money is not raised to purchase the upland area for open space. The Laguna Uplands Project Committee was formed to do just that. These dedicated individuals have been hard at work raising the money to purchase the Uplands, a.k.a. Palm Terrace, in order to hold the land in trust for the community.

The May 1st deadline to raise the remaining \$50,000 to close escrow is fast approaching. After that the project and the community have three years to come up with the entire purchase price of \$1.5 million. They very much need our generous financial assistance now.

As a wildlife biologist I am acutely aware that if we lose this highland portion of the Laguna, much of the wildlife habitat will be lost or disrupted and the intrinsic value of these exceptional wetlands will be greatly diminished.

I am proud of the contribution I have made to our local West County environment throughout the years. I recognize and appreciate your commitment to this cause as well. By combining our efforts at this critical time, we can ensure that we will have the opportunity to preserve this precious and irreplaceable natural resource and its sensitive ecosystem.

The enclosed flyer gives you more information on the project and directs you where to send your check. I urge you to contribute as much as you can at this eleventh hour. Your gift is essential. If we lose the Laguna Uplands, we will have misspent a valuable portion of our legacy and impoverished the natural surroundings that our children's children will inherit.

Sincerely,

  
Robert W. Sharp