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ATTN:
Santa Cruz City Council
809 Center Street, Room 10
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Comments on proposed changes to San Lorenzo River Watercraft Ordinance

Dear Council Members and Staff -

The Conservation Committee of the Santa Cruz Group recently invited Coastal Watershed Council and Friends of San Lorenzo River Wildlife to present their perspectives on the proposed introduction of recreational watercraft on the San Lorenzo River.

After hearing from both groups and reviewing evidence of potential adverse impacts to avian wildlife on the river, we voted unanimously to urge the city of Santa Cruz to conduct an environmental review consistent with CEQA before allowing any further watercraft events on the river and before any deliberations to consider amending Ordinance 9.66.040 to allow recreational watercraft on the San Lorenzo River.

We would appreciate being kept informed of progress with respect to the environmental review of this proposed project.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Sincerely,

Greg McPheeters
Chair, Santa Cruz Group, Sierra Club