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Department of Parks and Recreation
298 Garden Hill Drive
Los Gatos, CA 95032

Kimberly Brosseau, Senior Planner Santa Clara County Parks
Michael Hettenhausen, Associate Planner Santa Clara County Parks

RE: Sanborn Master Plan Southern Area Christmas Tree Farm Site

Dear Senior Planner Brosseau et al:

The Sierra Club Santa Cruz Group is writing in support of the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter, the California Native Plant Society and the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society in expressing our concerns regarding the proposal for an intensive-use bike park for this site.

The Loma Prieta Chapter has detailed the compelling reasons for rejecting such a plan and we will not repeat them here although we echo their observations and concerns. We note the letter of concern from Santa Cruz County Supervisor Bruce McPherson. We also note that although only a few acres of the Park lie within Santa Cruz County, the site encompasses the San Lorenzo River watershed. The San Lorenzo River is the primary source of drinking water for the residents of Santa Cruz. We are concerned about increased erosion, increased silt and the impacts on the quality of water within the San Lorenzo River.

In sum, we hope that you will reject the plan for an intensive-use bike park for this site. Such activities have their place. This site within Sanborn Park is not one of them.

Thank you for considering the Sierra Club's comments. We look forward to a response and would appreciate your keeping us updated with progress on the Sanborn Park Master Plan.

Sincerely,

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Gillian Greensite, Chair
Sierra Club, Santa Cruz Group

