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As a member of the Creeks Task Force, please you to approve the CTF/Staff version of revisions to the Creeks Ordinance including Alternative 1 only.

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The creeks task force has worked hard for almost 2 years on these revisions and everyone has had to compromise on issues they deemed important. We were fortunate to have so much support from the city's planning staff. They made this confusing and difficult process much easier for us to come through with a good grasp of the issues and clarification of the city's process. We are very appreciative.

With a greater understanding of realities of the city's infrastructure visa-vis the creeks, culverts and storm drains, the Task Force has come together on the large concerns that need attention as we go into the future. We all know that dealing with the movement of water through the City's systems needs to be addressed in a holistic, watershed- wide approach.

To that end the Task Force strongly supports hiring a Watershed/Creeks Coordinator to help both the City and citizens in dealing with watershed issues. The Task Force is also working on developing a Creek Care Guide for property owners.

All of the task force members have concerns about insuring good water quality in our streams, culverts and storm drains that empty into the bay..... which is still one of most polluted. We are troubled by the flooding in West Berkeley last winter and how little is still known about the underground portions of the watershed. We are concerned about how our community will pay for the needed improvements of our city's environment.

With the passage of revised ordinance, the community will be able to begin to deal with these pressing issues and we look forward to an on-going dialog between the city and community about what can be done to improve the quality of life for all of us (and the fish...who are our canaries in the coal mine).

Thank you

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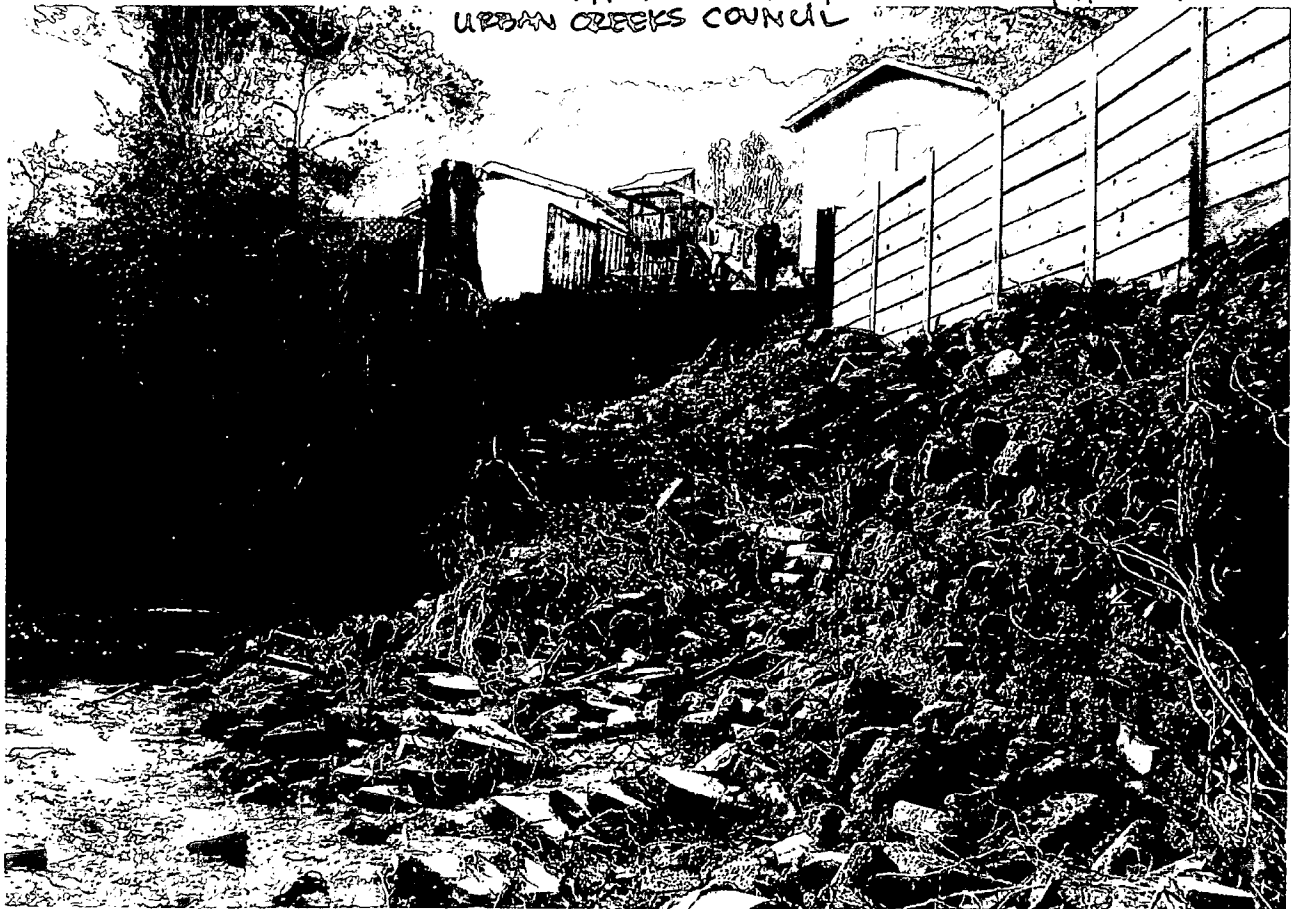
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From: ELLWINT@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2006 5:45 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Revisions to the Creeks Ordinance

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As a home owners in Berkeley we have attended several public meetings held to discuss revision of the Creeks Ordinance. During that time we have become aware of the group "Neighbors on Urban Creeks" and have come to respect and agree with their suggested changes to the Ordinance.

This email is written in support of the changes suggested by that group. We wish to

1. ensure the right to re-build without a public hearing, all or part of my house in the same footprint and to the same height and size if it is damaged,
2. see the Ordinance protect property owners **and** preserve creeks,
3. allow new construction within 30 feet of the center of an open creek via a Use Permit--not a Variance,
4. see an accurate map of the regulated areas--including culverts,
5. reverse current City policy making homeowners solely responsible for locating, repairing and maintaining culverts,
6. remove of culverts from the Creeks Ordinance,
7. see a watershed management plan developed for the City,
8. retain the Administrative Use Permit required for reducing setbacks --not the Use Permit/public hearing.

We request that a copy of this message be distributed to each City Council member.

Sincerely,

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