

SPAWNERS  
(San Pablo Watershed Neighbors Education and Restoration Society)  
c/o The Watershed Project  
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To the Fish and Wildlife Committee  
Contra Costa County Dept. of Conservation and Development  
30 Muir Road  
Martinez, CA 94553

Dear Members of the Fish and Wildlife Committee:

The members of the SPAWNERS (San Pablo Watershed Neighbors Education and Restoration Society) greatly appreciate the past support of the committee. Our most recent grant of \$582.00 for the Contra Costa Water Quality Monitoring and Apprenticeship Training Program was awarded in December 2024, but unfortunately we have been unable to make any progress towards fulfilling the terms of the grant. Therefore, we would like to turn down the funds, so that you may award them to some other group.

The reimbursable grant included the purchase of water quality monitoring equipment to use with students, and to deliver three educational programs on water quality within the year. We have been unable to recruit and schedule interested student groups for the water quality program, and we don't anticipate this situation will change in the next year. The responsibility for delivering this program was to be shared by myself, Martha Berthelsen, and the SPAWNERS paid coordinator. Since accepting this grant, we have been unable to hire and train a coordinator who stayed in the position more than a few months.

The SPAWNERS Steering Committee continues our other programs which support the health of San Pablo Creek; monthly restoration workdays with volunteers, maintenance of our demonstration native plant habitat garden at the El Sobrante Library, creek cleanups, quarterly newsletters, and watershed walks and talks. We hope we may be able to request support from your Committee at some point in the future, when we are able to expand these offerings.

Thank you once again for your support in offering us this grant, and we regret that we were not able to fulfill it.

Sincerely,

Martha Berthelsen  
On behalf of the SPAWNERS Steering Committee