

JOINT STATEMENT FROM SAN MATEO COUNTY SUPERVISOR DAVE PINE, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS ON DEVELOPMENT OF REDWOOD CITY SALT PONDS

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We oppose development on the Redwood City salt ponds, because we don't build on San Francisco Bay.

Cargill Salt and luxury home developer DMB have colluded with the Trump Administration to weaken Clean Water Act protections for San Francisco Bay. They are again proposing to build on Bay salt ponds where massive public opposition stopped their 12,000-home project in 2012.

New housing on the Redwood City salt ponds would put people at risk from rising seas, destroy habitat for fish and wildlife, lack an adequate water supply, and worsen traffic. To combat climate change and create more resilient and equitable communities, the Bay Area needs more affordable housing near transit hubs and city centers, not on Bay wetlands.

Redwood City Mayor Ian Bain has said publicly that he does not want to see the salt ponds re-zoned for housing and prefers to see Cargill donate or sell the land for wetlands restoration.

We urge Redwood City to reject proposals for development on the salt ponds, and restore them as wetlands for Bay Area residents and future generations.

Elected Officials

Anna Eshoo	<i>U.S. House of Representatives (CA-18)</i>
Jared Huffman	<i>U.S. House of Representatives (CA-2)</i>
Ro Khanna	<i>U.S. House of Representatives (CA-17)</i>
Nancy Skinner	<i>State Senate</i>
Marc Berman	<i>State Assembly</i>
Kansen Chu	<i>State Assembly</i>
Phil Ting	<i>State Assembly</i>
Sally Lieber	<i>Former State Assemblymember, Mountain View</i>
Dave Pine	<i>San Mateo County Board of Supervisors</i>
Carole Groom	<i>San Mateo County Board of Supervisors President</i>
Warren Slocum	<i>San Mateo County Board of Supervisors</i>
David Canepa	<i>San Mateo County Board of Supervisors</i>
John Gioia	<i>Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors</i>
Kathrin Sears	<i>Marin County Board of Supervisors</i>
Aaron Peskin	<i>San Francisco Board of Supervisors</i>
Susan Gorin	<i>Sonoma County Board of Supervisors</i>
Bill Widmer	<i>Atherton Mayor</i>

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Rick DeGolia	<i>Atherton Vice Mayor</i>
Elizabeth Lewis	<i>Atherton City Council</i>
Jesse Arreguin	<i>Berkeley Mayor</i>
Michael Brownrigg	<i>Burlingame City Council</i>
Lisa Gauthier	<i>East Palo Alto Mayor</i>
Vinnie Bacon	<i>Fremont City Council</i>
Deborah Ruddock	<i>Half Moon Bay City Council</i>
Ray Mueller	<i>Menlo Park Mayor</i>
Betsy Nash	<i>Menlo Park City Council</i>
Cecilia Taylor	<i>Menlo Park City Council</i>
Margaret Abe-Koga	<i>Mountain View City Council</i>
Dan Kalb	<i>Oakland City Council</i>
Eric Filseth	<i>Palo Alto Mayor</i>
London Breed	<i>San Francisco Mayor</i>
Sam Liccardo	<i>San Jose Mayor</i>
Eric Rodriguez	<i>San Mateo City Council</i>
Daniel Yost	<i>Woodside Mayor</i>
Karen Holman	<i>Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District</i>
Yoriko Kishimoto	<i>Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District</i>
James Dudley	<i>Redwood City Parks, Rec., and Cmty. Services Commission</i>
Matthew Greenberg	<i>Redwood City Parks, Rec., and Cmty. Services Commission</i>
Jennifer Johnson	<i>Menlo Park Parks Commission</i>
Josie Gaillard	<i>Menlo Park Environmental Quality Commission</i>
James Payne	<i>Menlo Park Environmental Quality Commission</i>
Mike Etheridge	<i>San Mateo Planning Commission Chair</i>

Community Groups & Organizations

Acterra	Greenbelt Alliance
Bay Institute	Marin Audubon Society
California Native Plant Society	Marin Conservation League
Center for Biological Diversity	Pacific Merchant Shipping Association
Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge	Redwood City Neighbors United
Clean Water Action	San Francisco Baykeeper
Committee for Green Foothills	Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society
Defenders of Wildlife	Save The Bay
Endangered Species Coalition	Sequoia Audubon Society
Fossil Free Mid-Peninsula	Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter
Fresh Approach	Sierra Club San Francisco Bay Chapter
Friends of Bedwell Bayfront Park	350 Silicon Valley
Golden Gate Audubon Society	Transform