



MARIN COUNTY BICYCLE COALITION

Marin Municipal Water District
220 Nellen Ave.
Corte Madera, CA 94925
Attn: Jean Lacher, Office of Grants and Local Services
Re: Azalea Hill Trail Restoration RTP application ZT-21-018

Dear Ms. Lacher,

On behalf of Marin County Bicycle Coalition's (MCBC) 5,000 annual contributors, and Marin's greater bicycle community, I am writing to you in support of Marin Municipal Water District's application for Recreational Trails Program funding for the Azalea Hill Trail Restoration Project.

MCBC has worked closely with other stakeholders, including representatives from the hiking, equestrian and the Conservation communities, to establish a project that serves multiple purposes, including safety, connectivity and habitat restoration. Our organization supports the project for the following reasons:

- The project provides a safe alternative to the current bike route up Bolinas-Fairfax Road on a 1.3 mile stretch of windy road with no shoulder.
- The project decommissions 4.5 miles of social trail that fragment over 100 acres of Serpentine habitat.
- The project allows for enhancements to the Liberty Gulch Road, which will prevent over 4,000 cubic yards of sediment from entering Azalea Hill's creeks or Alpine Lake over 20 years.
- The project can serve as a powerful vehicle to broaden awareness and appreciation of the rare plant and animal communities.

The project would create multi-use access between Mt. Tam and Pine Mountain, two popular destinations, across a pristine hill with spectacular views of Alpine Lake. We urge you to give Marin Municipal Water District's request for funds your full consideration.

Best regards,

Tom Boss, Off-Road Director