Greetings Friends,

This spring, as the global pandemic arrived at our doorsteps, it disrupted our lives, and in its wake left many of us in a cycle of fear, grief and anxiety. American poet, Mary Oliver once said, “Someone I loved once gave me a box full of darkness. It took me years to understand that this, too, was a gift.” It is our wish that out of this darkness rises hope - hope in our love for natural places, all creatures, and each other. For those that were able to get outside during shelter in place, this innate craving to connect with nature may have been reawakened.

The pandemic reminds us that a healthy environment and access to wild places and our coastline is essential for our planet’s health and well-being. Ensuring natural places and their biodiversity are protected requires vigilance, engagement, and advocacy. These are the core values of our mission.

EAC members and supporters, like you, help ensure everyone benefits from land, water and biodiversity protection and conservation in West Marin for generations to come. Consider a special tax-deductible gift at any level to support our continued efforts.

Through your support, we continue to take on the threats to West Marin’s habitats, coastal resources, public access, and biodiversity with open arms by:

- Providing a local environmental voice to advocate for acquisition, restoration, and conservation of habitats and biodiversity on local lands and in local waters;
- Advocating for equitable public access to our at-risk beaches and coastline;
- Protecting coastal resources by supporting forward-thinking, ecological, nature-based, and resilient coastal land-use policies;
- Defending the coastal dune ecosystems and endangered species of Tomales Dunes;
- Ensuring thriving and healthy West Marin Watersheds including Tomales Bay by monitoring industrial and agricultural operations to reduce pollution and protect natural resources and species like eelgrass and migratory bird species;
- Safeguarding coastal and marine systems by advocating for expansion of Marine Protected Areas, for sustainable fisheries, and by sponsoring intertidal and beach water quality research and data collection;
- Fighting marine plastic pollution at the source;
- Keeping offshore oil development away from our coast;
- Responding to the climate crisis by promoting clean energy solutions and natural resource and ecosystem services for adaptation and mitigation to improve community resiliency and equity; and
- Providing environmental education through our West Marin Wild Marin County Parks and Open Space field trips and educational resources, and to people of all ages through our annual Point Reyes Birding & Nature Festival and online webinars.

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For almost 50 years, EAC has pushed back against irresponsible development, helping to prevent habitat destruction and biodiversity loss. Our legacy of work has ensured the long-term protection of places like the Tomales Bay Watershed and Dunes, Giacomini Wetlands, Drakes Estero, and Estero Americano. We continue to take on the difficult challenges like advocating for critical habitats and species protection that allows for public land acquisition and restoration, as our environment changes.

Our work does not stop because of the pandemic. We have adapted to the new workspace, pivoted to new tools, and continue to fight the onslaught of environmental attacks.

The pandemic highlights some of the new and complex challenges our communities will face in the coming years due to climate change impacts. Our hope is that we emerge from these challenging times with a renewed strength in our communities, the intrinsic value of our natural world, and by harnessing community coalitions to promote responsible environmental practices that ensure a thriving ecosystem now and for future generations.

You can count on EAC to apply the best available science, facts, and policies to advocate, collaborate, and become better informed through research to address the threats and changes facing our communities.

Donors, like you, ensure EAC exists now and into the future. Because of our membership support, we will celebrate our 50th anniversary next year - a half century of environmental conservation through local engagement! Today, as we are confronted with federal environmental rollbacks, reduced government funding, and biodiversity loss, your support is needed more than ever.

Help us ensure the lasting protection of the irreplaceable habitats and species in West Marin with a special tax-deductible contribution at any level to assist us during these challenging times. Long-term protection of our environment requires constant awareness and persistence, and I want to thank you for sticking with us. I hope you and your loved ones are doing well, and I look forward to seeing you in West Marin soon.

In gratitude,

Morgan Patton | Executive Director

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