

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE
of the
MIDCOAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Mr. Bill Rozar
Address

December 3, 1998

RE: Cliff Damage at 445 Mirada due to Illegal Rip Rap Placement

Dear Mr. Rozar:

On October XX, 1998, Mr. Michael Murphy, the property owner of the structure at 445 Mirada Road began dumping illegal rip rap boulders down the cliff creek of Arroyo en de la Medio. This was in direct violation of the Findings from the Board of Supervisors regarding the construction on this property. In addition to the damage caused to the creek and the cliff, the riparian vegetation next to the creek was also destroyed. This secondary destruction was also in violation of the Findings from the Board of Supervisors which specifically required that he protect the vegetation during and after construction. We find this act to be especially arrogant since, during the appeal process on this approval, Mr. Murphy consistently alleged that his structure met all Coastal Commission requirements to be outside the 50-year erosion.

1. We wish the county to require that Mr. Murphy explain why he felt it was necessary to attempt emergency protective measures for his property, since he consistently alleged his property was in no danger from erosion.
2. We ask that the county immediately require that Mr. Murphy remove the boulders he has dumped down the creek cliff.
3. We ask that the county require that Mr. Murphy immediately restore the riparian vegetarian to its former state.
4. We ask that the county NOT permit Mr. Murphy to add rip rap at a later date, even if part of a joint power action.
5. We ask that the county level appropriate fines (beyond the current 'administrative only' fines) for this act which is in direct violation of your instructions.

Sincerely,

Laura Stein
Vice Chair

cc. Supervisor Richard Gordon
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