



## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Jessica Matson, Legislative & Information Services Director/City Clerk

**SUBJECT:** Supplemental Information  
Agenda Item 10.a. – July 25, 2023 City Council Meeting  
Consideration of Conditional Use Permit 23-001 and Request for Fee Waiver; Corbett Creek Floodplain and Stream Restoration Project- Corbett Creek Between E Branch St and 379 Corbett Canyon Rd; Applicant - Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District

**DATE:** July 25, 2023

Attached is correspondence received for the above reference item.

cc: City Manager  
Assistant City Manager  
Community Development Director  
City Attorney  
City Clerk  
City Website and Public Review Binder

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**From:** [Cheryl Barton](#)  
**To:** [public comment](#)  
**Subject:** Tally Ho Creek Project, City Council Meeting 07\_25\_23  
**Date:** Friday, July 21, 2023 3:02:45 PM  
**Attachments:** [Letter to AG City Council Cheryl Barton Petrie, Tally Ho Creek 07\\_21\\_2023.docx](#)

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Cheryl Barton-Petrie



Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

July 21, 2021

Arroyo Grande City Council

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to voice my support of the potential planned project in the Tally Ho Creek.

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Potential future damage looms large, and flooding is almost a given if something is not done. I understand the creek is a watershed that must be protected and that property lines are unclear, which complicates matters. However, with the backing of the RCD, CLC, the city and other agencies, a competent solution is pending—at least it is a start.

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Clearly something must be done. I believe we all will benefit from the project and its following phases.

Thank you.

Cheryl

attached: image of my yard Jan. 9, 2023

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**From:** [Vince Petrie](#)  
**To:** [public comment](#)  
**Subject:** Tally Ho Creek Flooding  
**Date:** Monday, July 24, 2023 2:21:39 PM

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To: Arroyo Grande City Council,

My wife and I are residents and property owners on Tally Ho Road in Arroyo Grande. As a result of the flooding on January 9, 2023, our home was extensively damaged and required tens of thousands of dollars to repair. The threat of future flooding has reduced the value of our property, and caused us continuous anxiety and worry.

I strongly urge the AG City Council to support and approve all efforts to improve the condition of Tally Ho Creek to mitigate and prevent any future flooding. The current project to restore a portion of the Creek is a great start. However, to be truly effective, I believe that the work needs to continue from James Way upstream to Highway 227 and beyond. Please do your utmost to remove obstacles that might delay or prevent further Creek improvements.

Thanks,

Vince Petrie



**From:** [Jen Kaplan](#)  
**To:** [public comment](#)  
**Subject:** Tally Ho resident  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 25, 2023 10:10:54 AM

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I am a resident of Tally Ho and have been affected by the creek overflowing and destroying my house/property two times in the past 10 years. The first time we repaired our home and utilized mitigation factors which we thought would be suffice to avoid another flood, however after the destructive storms of this past winter, the creek overflowed twice - in January and March which completely destroyed our home. We cannot repair our home this time, we have had to demolish it and will need to rebuild it.

We have been displaced since January and we are not expected to have our home rebuilt for 12-18 more months. We have 3 school aged children and this has been traumatizing and completely disruptive to our lives as you can imagine. We lost our home, furniture and personal belongings. We currently have a major gap in funding for our rebuild due to a low insurance payout, and what we have been approved for through a construction loan.

The past 7 months have been devastating to our finances, family life and mental health. It is a daunting task to decide to rebuild again not knowing if the creek will back up due to debris and sediment every winter causing it to overflow and impact our homes.

If the creek is not restored and maintained it is apparent that many people will continue to live in fear and anxiety under this continued threat. The families that are affected will carry this financial burden and stress for years to come.

Please approve the process of starting the work in the creek which will hopefully positively affect the flow of the creek and calm the threat of future flooding.

Thank you,

Jennifer Kaplan

