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

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 rezoned 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.

Individuals

Anna Eshoo  U.S. House of Representatives (CA-18)
Jared Huffman  U.S. House of Representatives (CA-2)
Mark DeSaulnier  U.S. House of Representatives (CA-11)
Ro Khanna  U.S. House of Representatives (CA-17)
Zoe Lofgren  U.S. House of Representatives (CA-19)
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Kansen Chu  State Assembly
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California Native Plant Society  Pacific Merchant Shipping Association
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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
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