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Dear Neighbor of the Former Sunnyside Nursery Growing Grounds,

As you may have heard, the Marin County Flood Control & Water Conservation District has been in discussions with owners of the former “Sunnyside Nursery Growing Grounds” property at 3000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. in Fairfax to explore the possible purchase of the site. At this time, negotiations between the property owners and District are in progress, but no formal agreement has been approved by either party.

Should we proceed toward a possible purchase, we would further evaluate the site as a potential stormwater reserve during rare flood events in order to help reduce the risk of harm and injury that our local community, including citizens, families and businesses, might otherwise suffer. We also would evaluate the site for recreational improvements that could potentially be of benefit all-year around. We want you to know that there will be ample opportunities to review and be involved with helping shape conceptual options which may be considered for the site.

To evaluate the potential for rare flood event storage, the District is prepared to contract with soils engineers to test the underlying soils and environmental conditions as we work to help determine the feasibility of the site. You may notice trucks, contractors and equipment on site performing tests beginning this summer. As for the other possible uses for the site, again we look forward to your input.

Our goal will be to keep the community well informed as we move forward and to be here to answer questions you might have. We will send out additional notices regarding what to expect over the coming weeks and months, including an announcement of a possible future neighborhood meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact District Planning Manager Liz Lewis, at lizlewis@marincounty.org or (415) 473-7226.

Sincerely,
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