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Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 5:11 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stockton Bridge Replacement Project Design Amendment

Dear Capitola City Council members,

I am writing regarding the March 27th agenda item to approve a proposed replacement of the iconic Stockton Bridge in an effort to prevent "log jams". Since the Stockton Bridge was built in the 1930s, there has never once been a log-jam that caused flooding to any residences or buildings in Capitola. Even during the worst storms (1982 and the more recent "100-year storms") a crane was simply parked on the Stockton Bridge to remove any debris.

The expense for this project (\$840,398 just for the engineering plans!) is completely unnecessary when there are so many other priorities Capitola should focus on. Moreover, this appears to be outside special interests creating an excuse to replace a perfectly functioning bridge at the expense of Capitola residents (dare I even say "rail trail", or widening the bridge to accommodate the RTC).

Please demonstrate fiscal responsibility. Please use our tax dollars wisely, and stop the wasteful spending on projects that are completely unnecessary. Please say NO to outside special interests that attempt to manipulate our community to benefit their projects. Please vote NO on the Stockton Bridge Replacement Project Design Amendment!

Sincerely,

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