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Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2025 1:30 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Opposition to March 27th Agenda Item - Stockton Bridge Replacement

Dear Capitola City Council,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the agenda item scheduled for March 27th regarding the proposed replacement of the iconic Stockton Bridge.

Since its construction in the 1930s, the Stockton Bridge has never experienced a log jam that resulted in flooding to any residences or buildings in Capitola. We have effectively managed debris by simply utilizing a crane parked on the bridge.

The proposed expense for this project, amounting to \$840K, just for engineering plans, is not only unnecessary but reckless. It raises concerns that this initiative may be driven by special interests seeking to replace a perfectly functioning bridge, potentially at the expense of Capitola residents.

As a resident of Riverview Dr. since 1992, I can attest that there has never been a log jam at the bridge that could not be easily managed. The flooding issues we face are primarily due to king tides, heavy rainfall, and high surf conditions. A true Capitola native would understand this reality.

I urge you to reconsider the decision to allocate \$840,000 for the replacement of this iconic bridge, which has served our community well for decades.

Thank you,
Tricia Proctor
Riverview Dr.