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Supervisor David Potter, Chair  
Fort Ord Reuse Authority  
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Regarding: Capital Improvement Program Review

Dear Supervisor Potter,

LandWatch reviewed the staff report and the related materials for item 6b, the Capital Improvement Program Review. LandWatch has the following comments:

1. LandWatch recommends environmental review on any reduction of fees to the fee program. This review should address whether the fee reduction is consistent with the FORA Plan and its identified mitigation measures as well as GPU 2010. The environmental review should also address the fee reduction's impact on regional transportation projects which are often used as mitigation measures for local projects in their EIRs.
2. LandWatch is concerned that a fee reduction could impact on-site improvement projects. On-site projects are 100% funded by the fee program and are therefore the most vulnerable.
3. How would a fee reduction take into account the "unknown" costs of projects such as habitat conservation and EIR review for projects that have not gone through the process?

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this item.

Sincerely,

Amy S. White, Executive Director  
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