
Fw: San Rafael Canal

From Wong, Makena@BCDC <makena.wong@bcdc.ca.gov>
Date Wed 7/22/2026 5:48 PM
To BCDC Public Comment <publiccomment@bcdc.ca.gov>

Please see below for a public comment for the Aug 6 Commission meeting.

Thanks,

Makena

From: Laura Kaplanis <llkaplanis@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 1:34 PM
To: Wong, Makena@BCDC <makena.wong@bcdc.ca.gov>
Subject: Re: San Rafael Canal

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Hi Makena,
Yes, please do forward this for me to the appropriate inbox.
I do intend for my email & photos to be considered "a public comment" at a future Commission meeting.

Thank you so much for your reply, Laura

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 22, 2026, at 11:25 AM, Wong, Makena@BCDC <makena.wong@bcdc.ca.gov> wrote:

Hi Laura,

Thank you for your message and the photos. I will share with the appropriate BCDC staff so they are aware.

If you do intend for this to be a public comment for a future Commission meeting, please send to publiccomment@bcdc.ca.gov or let me know and I can forward your message on to that inbox for our public comment records.

Thanks,

Makena

Makena Wong (she/her)

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From: Laura Kaplanis <llkaplanis@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 20, 2026 2:25 PM

To: Reception@BCDC <reception@bcdcc.ca.gov>

Subject: San Rafael Canal

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Hello -

I understand that at your August 6th meeting, your agency is proposing to become the agency responsible for the San Rafael Canal.

As a resident, kayaker, sailor, etc on this waterway, I applaud this possible preemptive action.

The SR Canal has been long abused and homeowners & apartment owners are taking this special area not only for granted but as their personal waste area.

I have reached out to the City of San Rafael and while they have attempted to be responsive to me by email, they seem to be powerless to affect any change with this problem.

I have claimed that if the debris that is degrading into the Canal were on the streets of San Rafael, this waste & wreckage would be considered blight!

I will attach a few photos for your review but also invite you on a short boat ride down the canal (with us or on the SR Police Boat) to see firsthand what is deteriorating into our beloved waterways!

thank you,

Laura Kaplanis

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