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Dear Mark West/Wikiup Neighbor,

The Sonoma County Water Agency (Sonoma Water) is pleased to introduce ourselves as your new neighbor. We recently took ownership of the former Wikiup Golf Course property located at 5001 Carriage Lane. We are now calling the property the Mark West Creek Preserve.

The Mark West Creek Preserve will be protected for wildlife, conservation and community engagement forever thanks to a conservation and recreational easement purchased on the property by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District. These easements restrict activities on the property to protect wildlife yet allow for public access. We will continue to mow the property as appropriate to address fire safety concerns and we will be constructing a trail system on the property that will also serve as a maintenance road for our work crews when servicing the existing sewer system. We plan to install some signage along the trail system to educate the community about the importance of Mark West Creek to the overall Russian River watershed, including its fisheries, groundwater protection, importance of stream maintenance and water resource management awareness in general.

As your new neighbor, it is our goal to ensure we communicate with you about property updates and keep you informed of all activities on the property. We have set up a web page at [www.sonomawater.org/markwestpreserve](http://www.sonomawater.org/markwestpreserve) that will serve as our main communications hub. Please refer to this web page for property updates. We also have a dedicated staff person, Hailey Norman, who will serve as your liaison for Sonoma Water should you have any property related questions. Hailey can be reached at [hailey.norman@scwa.ca.gov](mailto:hailey.norman@scwa.ca.gov) or (707) 806-7860.

We look forward to being your neighbor and serving as a steward of the Mark West Creek Preserve for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Grant Davis  
General Manager  
Sonoma Water