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Subject: Don't ignore the Bay Area community
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Dear Ms. Lehnertz,

I'm sorry that you're not able to meet with me to hear about the various concerns people in the Bay Area have about the GGNRA's general management plan, interim dog walking rule, and dog management plan. I believe that today many people are emailing those concerns directly to you.

Our ask is simple: Please do not sign off on any of these plans right now. The National Park Service and GGNRA have not properly analyzed the impact of these plans on San Francisco, San Mateo and Marin County residents. If you asked most of the Bay Area local elected officials if they've even heard of the general management plan, I'm sure the vast majority would say no. When we educated Mayor Lee of San Francisco about it last week, he was quite surprised to learn about the general management plan and the sweeping changes it proposes.

I urge you to meaningfully engage with the elected officials of the Bay Area as well as with concerned community groups before signing off on any of these plans. As evidenced in the LA Times article today about the tensions between the NPS and Pt. Reyes farmers, it is best to engage local communities rather than ignoring them before the tensions escalate and fences end up needing to be mended.

If part of Frank Dean's job is to reach out to and engage with the concerned and impacted communities regarding the general management and the interim dog walking permit, I regret to say that he needs to be held accountable for not having done it.

Please do not sign off on anything new right now.

Thank you,
Andrea Buffa
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