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Naval Facilities Engineering Command Northwest
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Dear Ms. Kler,

The Marin County Board of Supervisors has only recently become aware of the Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS) for the Northwest Training Range Complex, along with the associated public process and deadlines. Since Marin County was never notified of the EIS/OEIS process, we are joining other county governments in Northern California, including most recently Mendocino County, in requesting that the US Navy reopen the Public Review Period and postpone the Record of Decision for the EIS/OEIS.

Many of Marin County’s migratory species travel through the NTRC Operating Area and Warning Areas. The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors and others assert that the Navy has failed to address mitigations related to species that are of importance to Marin County. Since Marin’s marine ecosystems may be impacted by the preferred alternative in the EIS/OEIS, we hereby request the extension of public processes related to the EIS/OEIS.

Sincerely,

Judy Arnold, President
Marin County Board of Supervisors

cc: Senator Dianne Feinstein
    Senator Barbara Boxer
    Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey