

Fwd: SJRWMD Violation Help Introduction

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Mayor Deegan,

I have reviewed the City of Jacksonville's Environmental Resource Permit application submitted to the St. Johns River Water Management District ("SJRWMD") for the San Pablo Road Widening project.

"Permit No. 118023-1; Project: San Pablo Road Widening; Applicant: City of Jacksonville" was never issued by the SJRWMD. See: <https://permitting.sjrwmd.com/ep/#/prmtInfo?offclId=118023&seqNo=1> . Because the permit was never issued, the construction activities were never authorized by the SJRWMD.

The City's application sought an Individual Environmental Resource Permit, identified activities involving wetlands and surface waters, requested a federal Nationwide dredge and fill authorization, and acknowledged that work prior to permit approval would constitute a violation.

The City did not merely consider whether a permit from the SJRWMD might be needed. The City formally applied for one, a \$4,500 application fee was paid on behalf of the City, and detailed engineering documents were submitted to SJRWMD (all of which are in the link above).

As you can see from the email chain below, when I asked SJRWMD about "Permit No. 118023-1; Project: San Pablo Road Widening; Applicant: City of Jacksonville", Brian Corbin of the SJRWMD, responded:

"118023-1 was never issued. The permit application was withdrawn by the consultant on behalf of his client. Without an issued permit, no construction activities were authorized."

The City's own actions demonstrate that its engineers and consultants believed SJRWMD permit review and approval was necessary. The application described roadway widening, construction of two stormwater ponds, rerouting of existing drainage infrastructure, activities involving wetlands and surface waters, and requested federal dredge and fill authorization.

Notably, in response to the question "Are you claiming to qualify for an exemption?", the "no" box is checked.

The "total area...of work in, on, or over wetlands or other surface waters" is significant: the application states that the project involved 2.127 acres of work in, on, or over wetlands and other surface waters.

The permit application also documents a pre-application meeting with SJRWMD staff regarding the project. According to the City's own application, representatives of the City, its consultants, and SJRWMD met before the

application was submitted and discussed mitigation associated with the project. The record therefore reflects not only that a permit application was filed, but that regulatory review and mitigation issues were actively discussed with SJRWMD before the application was later withdrawn.

The permit application was withdrawn and never issued.

Equally troubling is the City's response to my recent public records request seeking permitting, environmental, drainage, dredging, wetland, mitigation, utility, excavation, grading, inspection, and related records associated with the San Pablo Road widening project (screenshot below).

The City responded that it had "no responsive documents" because the project "appear[ed] to be a Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) project, not a City of Jacksonville Public Works project".

However, the SJRWMD permit application identifies the Applicant as the City of Jacksonville. The application was submitted on behalf of the City, City personnel were identified as project representatives, the City's consultant paid the application fee on behalf of the City, and the project was presented to SJRWMD as a City project.

The public record shows that the City applied for a SJRWMD permit, the application was withdrawn, the permit was never issued, and SJRWMD has stated that "Without an issued permit, no construction activities were authorized."

Given these facts, I respectfully request answers to the following:

1) Please provide a written explanation reconciling the City's SJRWMD permit application, the documented pre-application regulatory discussions, the representation that the project did not qualify for an exemption, the subsequent withdrawal of the application, and SJRWMD's statement that "Without an issued permit, no construction activities were authorized."

Residents should not have to reconcile these conflicting positions.

2) On page 1 of the City's SJRWMD permit application, the box is checked for: "Construction and operation of a new system including dredging or filling in, on or over wetlands and other surface waters". Further down on page 1 of the application, "Nationwide" is selected for the "federal dredge and fill permit requested".

Was a federal dredge and fill permit for this project requested and obtained? If so, please identify the permit number and issuing agency.

Did any dredging or filling activities occur in connection with the project? If so, please identify the location, dates, and permits authorizing those activities.

B. Type of activity for which you are applying (check at least one)

Construction and operation of a new system including dredging or filling in, on or over wetlands and other surface waters.

D. For activities in, on or over wetlands or other surface waters, check type of federal dredge and fill permit requested:

Individual
General

Programmatic General
 Nationwide

3) On page 3, the description of the proposed project states:

Describe, in general terms, the proposed project, system or activity.

The proposed project is widening of the section of San Pablo Road from Beach Boulevard to Atlantic Boulevard, dig two stormwater ponds, and re-route a portion of an existing ditch. San Pablo Road will change from open ditch to storm sewer system. The JEA water lines will be up-sized and the very minor amount of sewage lines along the road will be improved.

Were two stormwater ponds dug, as the description states? If so, please identify where.

What impact did the rerouting of the ditch, the conversion from an open ditch to a stormwater system, and the upsizing of water and sewer infrastructure have on Hogpen Creek?

Were any analyses performed to evaluate the effects of these infrastructure changes on Hogpen Creek? If so, please provide or identify those analyses.

I look forward to your responses.

Sincerely,

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COJ Public Records Center <jacksonvilleff@govqa.us>
to me

Jun 12, 2026, 4:12 PM (2 days ago)

--- Please respond above this line ---



RE: PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST of June 10, 2026, Reference # R260433-061026
Dear William Jacobs,

The City of Jacksonville received a public records request from you on June 10, 2026. Your request mentioned:
"All permitting, entitlement, environmental, engineering, stormwater, drainage, dredging, excavation, fill, wetland, mitigation, utility, culvert, outfall, roadway construction, right-of-way, dewatering, watercourse alteration, inspection, and Section 404 records associated with the San Pablo Road widening project between Beach Boulevard and Atlantic Boulevard, including but not limited to retention ponds, detention ponds, stormwater management facilities, pond excavation records, compensating storage areas, grading plans, excavation or fill activities, successor permits, approvals, modifications, plan revisions, drainage studies, geotechnical reports, maintenance of traffic plans, and related correspondence concerning SJRWMD Projects 18273-7 and 118023-1.

This request includes ERP permits, roadway construction permits, utility permits, FDOT permits, City of Jacksonville permits, JEA coordination records, contractor permits, inspection records, dredge-and-fill authorizations, USACE records, wetland delineations, mitigation records, as-built drawings, stormwater calculations, environmental assessments, and any federal, state, regional, or local environmental or construction authorizations associated with the improvement and widening of San Pablo Road."

The City of Jacksonville has reviewed its files and has determined there are no responsive documents to your request.

To clarify, this appears to be a Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) project, not a City of Jacksonville Public Works project. I do not have a Public Works project file for this project.

JTA – Publicrecords@jtafla.com

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, you may contact my office at 904-255-7674.

Sincerely,
Angie Brown-Wilson
Public Records Request Coordinator
Neighborhoods

To monitor the progress or update this request please log into the [Public Records Center](#)



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From: **Brian L. Corbin** <BLCorbin@sjrwmd.com>
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Subject: RE: SJRWMD Violation Help Introduction
To: Jake Jacobs <jakejacobs1919@gmail.com>
Cc: Steve Proctor <steve.proctor@proctorace.com>

18273-7 was never issue. The permit application was withdrawn by the consultant on behalf of his client.

118023-1 was never issued. The permit application was withdrawn by the consultant on behalf of his client.

Without an issued permit, no construction activities were authorized.

Brian L Corbin

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From: Jake Jacobs <jakejacobs1919@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2026 10:00 AM

To: Brian L. Corbin <BLCorbin@sjrwmd.com>

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Hi Brian, good morning,

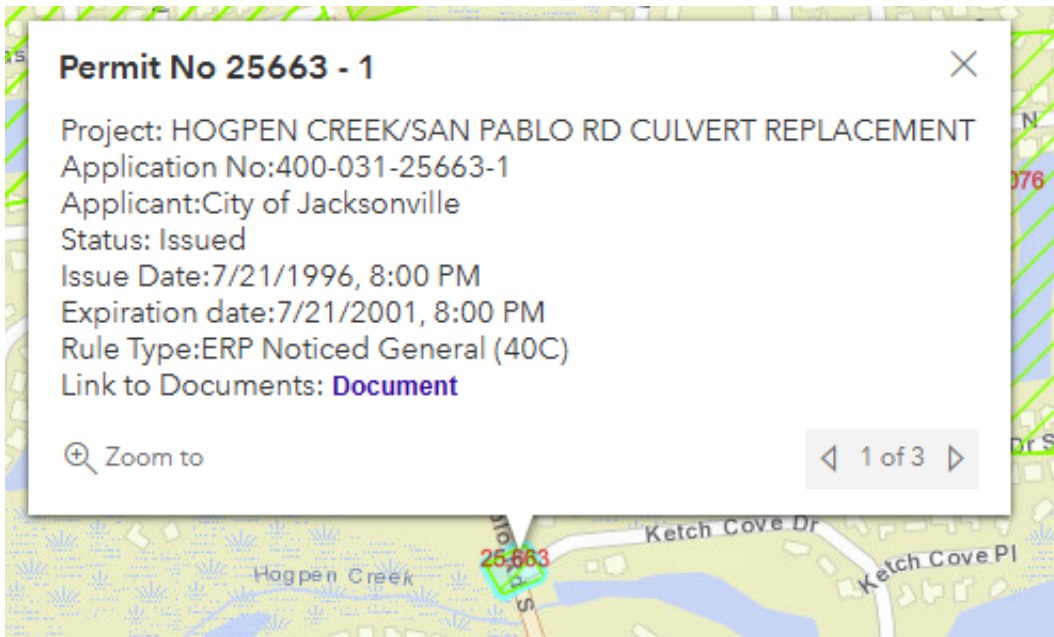
Regarding the San Pablo Road expansion, when I select "Environmental Resource Permit" and search for "Project Name" for "expansion" between 01/01/2021 to 12/31/2026, and then when I click "25,663", which appears in red exactly where Hogpen Creek meets San Pablo Road, three permits appear; screenshotted below.

Permit No 25663 - 1

Project: HOGPEN CREEK/SAN PABLO RD CULVERT REPLACEMENT
Application No:400-031-25663-1
Applicant:City of Jacksonville
Status: Issued
Issue Date:7/21/1996, 8:00 PM
Expiration date:7/21/2001, 8:00 PM
Rule Type:ERP Noticed General (40C)
Link to Documents: [Document](#)

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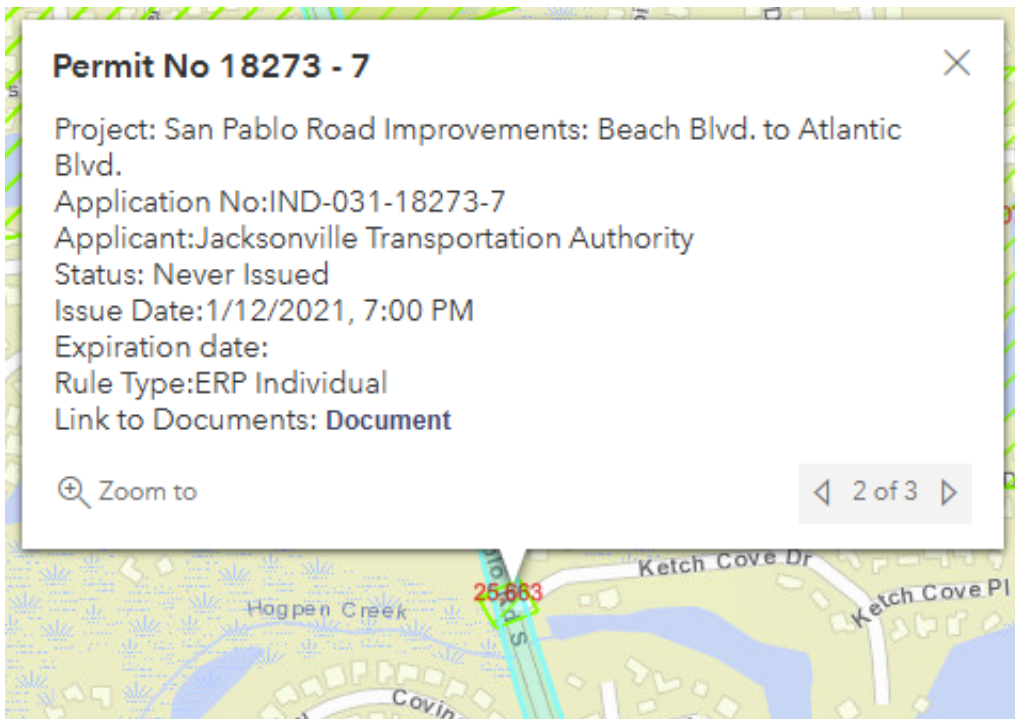


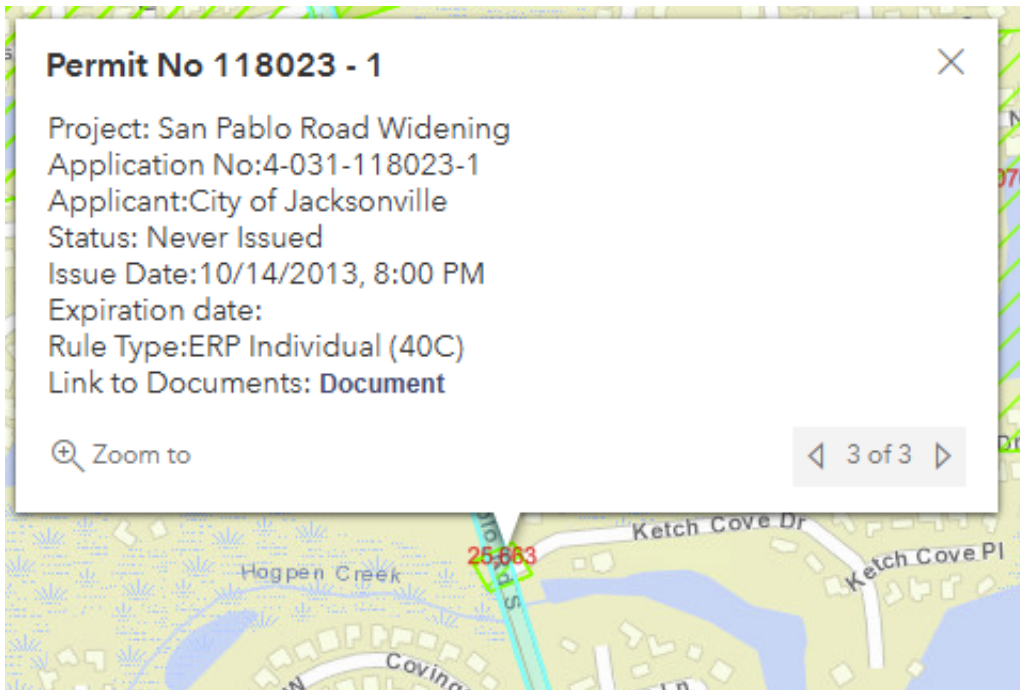
Permit No 18273 - 7

Project: San Pablo Road Improvements: Beach Blvd. to Atlantic Blvd.
Application No:IND-031-18273-7
Applicant:Jacksonville Transportation Authority
Status: Never Issued
Issue Date:1/12/2021, 7:00 PM
Expiration date:
Rule Type:ERP Individual
Link to Documents: [Document](#)

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The first permit shows a status of "Issued" and relates to work performed in 1996 that I am not concerned about at this point.

However, the second permit (Permit No 18273 - 7; Project: "San Pablo Road Improvements: Beach Blvd. to Atlantic Blvd."; Applicant: Jacksonville Transportation Authority) and third permit (Permit No 118023 -1; Project: "San Pablo Road Widening"; applicant: City of Jacksonville) show a "Status" of "Never Issued".

I have to ask: were permits issued for this work? If so, can you please tell me how I can identify them on the map?

Permit No 118023 -1; Project: "San Pablo Road Widening" Questions

When I select Permit No 118023 -1 for more information, it shows the following, screenshotted below. I am drawn to the Description: "The proposed project is widening of the section of San Pablo Road from Beach Boulevard to Atlantic Boulevard, dig two stormwater ponds, and re-route a portion of an existing ditch. San Pablo Road will change from open ditch to storm sewer system. The JEA water lines will be up-sized and the very minor amount of sewage lines along the road will be improved."

The "Recommendation" states "Withdrawn".

Project Number 118023 - 1 **Project Name** San Pablo Road Widening
Sequence Type Initial Sequence **Permit Type** ERP Individual (40C) **County** Duval (Jacksonville)
Received 08/11/2008 **Decision** 10/15/2013 **Expiration**
Description The proposed project is widening of the section of San Pablo Road from Beach Boulevard to Atlantic Boulevard, dig two stormwater ponds, and re-route a portion of an existing ditch. San Pablo Road will change from open ditch to storm sewer system. The JEA water lines will be up-sized and the very minor amount of sewage lines along the road will be improved.
Status Closed **Recommendation** Withdrawn **Current Process Stage** Closed ?
Applicant City of Jacksonville **Owner** City of Jacksonville Public Works **Agent** Peacock Consulting Group
Consultant Fred Wilson & Associates **Wetlands** Yes

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Application	Map:2	08/11/2008	2081009	Map:2	
Application	Map:3	08/11/2008	107281	Map:3	
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When I download the Application, on page 1 the box is checked for: "Construction and operation of a new system including dredging or filling in, on or over wetlands and other surface waters", as shown below:

B. Type of activity for which you are applying (check at least one)

- Construction and operation of a new system including dredging or filling in, on or over wetlands and other surface waters.
- Alteration and operation of an existing system which was not previously permitted by a WMD or DEP

Further down on page 1 of the application, "Nationwide" is selected for the "federal dredge and fill permit requested":

D. For activities in, on or over wetlands or other surface waters, check type of federal dredge and fill permit requested:

- Individual
- General
- Programmatic General
- Nationwide

Do you know if a federal dredge and fill permit had been requested and obtained?

Was dredging performed? If so, where and when?

On page 3, the description of the proposed project states:

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The proposed project is widening of the section of San Pablo Road from Beach Boulevard to Atlantic Boulevard, dig two stormwater ponds, and re-route a portion of an existing ditch. San Pablo Road will change from open ditch to storm sewer system. The JEA water lines will be up-sized and the very minor amount of sewage lines along the road will be improved.

Were two stormwater ponds dug, as the description states? What impact did the rerouting of a portion of an existing ditch, the change from an open ditch to storm water system, and the "up-sized" water lines have on Hogpen Creek? Did the improvements of the sewage lines have an impact on Hogpen Creek?

Permit No 18273 - 7; Project: "San Pablo Road Improvements: Beach Blvd. to Atlantic Blvd" Questions

On page 6 of the application, it shows "Hogpen Creek" as the Receiving Waterbody:

K. Name of waterbody(ies) (if known) in which activities will occur or into which the system will discharge:

Receiving Waterbody	Class Type	Outstanding Florida Water	Aquatic Preserve
Hogpen Creek	III Fresh	no	no

However, page 2 of the "Additional Material" document, states: "The project crosses Hogpen Creek, a tidal waterway, but no impacts will be incurred to this system":

Other Surface Waters

The project crosses Hogpen Creek, a tidal waterway, but no impacts will be incurred to this system. The project area includes a number of roadside ditch segments that will be affected by the project. The project includes the existing stormwater pond behind the Isle of Faith Church. This pond appears to be mostly dry, and will be expanded and deepened to serve as a new stormwater pond for San Pablo Road.

This seems conflicting: Hogpen Creek is the Receiving Waterbody, but "no impacts will be incurred to this system". How is that?

On page 3, it states "Construction will adhere to standard Best Management Practices (BMPs) to protect the water quality of downstream systems.":

Avoidance and Minimization of Wetland and Other Surface Water Impacts

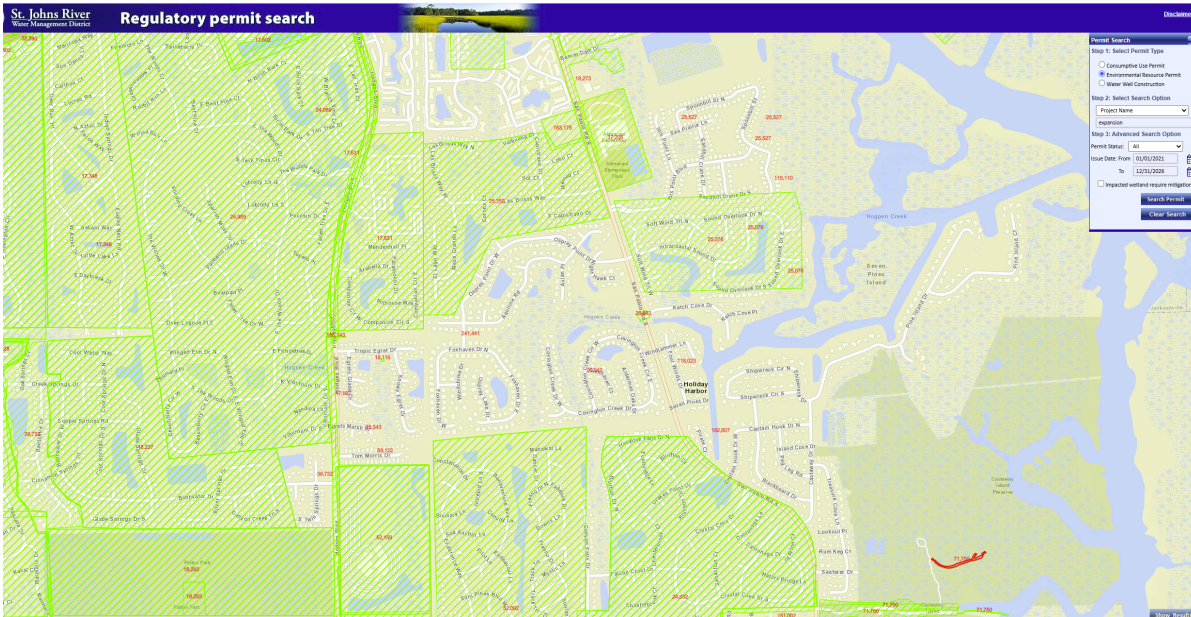
Impacts to wetlands have been avoided and minimized to the maximum extent practicable. Wetland impacts will only be incurred to extend one existing culvert and to expand an existing stormwater pond. Construction will adhere to standard Best Management Practices (BMPs) to protect the water quality of downstream systems.

What proof does JTA have that the water quality of downstream systems was in fact protected? You saw the photos & videos we sent you of the sludge/sediment that was pumped into Hogpen Creek during the widening.

Your guidance is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Jake

Search criteria:



On Thu, May 14, 2026 at 12:17 PM Steve Proctor <steve.proctor@proctorace.com> wrote:

Brian,

The most recent and the most obvious is the San Pablo widening work

Google earth photo from 10/2024 shows obvious silt settling on both sides of San Pablo and significantly more on the east side

The photo from 2017 you can already see sediment build up on the east side but not nearly as significant

We are not sure how to identify which permits are applicable and could use some guidance

Steve

From: Brian L. Corbin <BLCorbin@sjrwmd.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2026 8:56 AM

To: Steve Proctor <steve.proctor@proctorace.com>; 'Jake Jacobs' <jakejacobs1919@gmail.com>

Subject: RE: SJRWMD Violation Help Introduction

Is there a specific site or project that you suspect is causing the sediment issue? Has Jax identified any areas that I can hone in to research where there may be a specific District permit(s)? That is where I have authority. Pictures and locations will help. I'm the only compliance engineer in the Jacksonville service center. Typically Jax staff will loop us in if they identify one of our sites is causing a problem and we work the item together. I have not received anything from them regarding this problem.

Brian L Corbin

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Cc: 'Jake Jacobs' <jakejacobs1919@gmail.com>

Subject: RE: SJRWMD Violation Help Introduction

Brian,

Thanks for reaching out

I was in process of writing you an email summarizing what has happened over time from my recollection

Our neighbor Jake Jacobs has been spearheading this effort and has gathered the information and history and he has photos, time lines, etc. and he will send you some photos to get started. He has a big file.

Down stream sediment accumulation from San Pablo Road west dumping into Hogpen Creek looks so obvious to the residents that it is difficult for us to understand how anyone could say that has not happened and is not continuing to happen.

I will finish the email I started and send it to you this morning

We appreciate anything you can do to help

Steve

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From: Brian L. Corbin <BLCorbin@sjrwmd.com>

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Subject: RE: SJRWMD Violation Help Introduction

Sounds good.

Mr. Proctor, I'm in the office all day if you would like to give me a call here. And if you don't mind, please send me any pictures you may have and a description of where and what the issue is. Thank you!

Brian L Corbin

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