

To whom it may concern:

It is my understanding that the 5 year contract with Wildlife Services is up for its yearly renewal at next week's Board of Supervisors meeting. As someone who has worked with California's wildlife for decades, I am hopeful you will vote no on this renewal.

In past meetings, you have been shown all the available science why killing animals does not control their numbers, does not prevent predations and actually harms our environment and waterways, so I will not be repeating that evidence in this note to you. But, I do want to know what it will take to move you to make the right decision here? What more can we, as voting constituents do to convince you how wrong the USDA and their ultra secret arm, Wildlife Services is in their misguided attempts to "manage" wildlife? Why are the interests of a few always trumping the interests of the rest of us?

To all who will vote NO on continuing this contract, you have my deepest thanks. To the rest of you, why aren't you voting no?

Sincerely,

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~We survive together, or not at all~