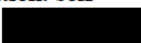

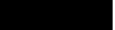


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Message:

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We need your help—not partisan map games.

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We live downstream from the “best, most beautiful” pollutant discharge in the state.
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At our expense.

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And water does what water does when people get up in her business.

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It's not the people flushing toilets who live with the consequences of their waste.
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Let me be clear: the risk isn't just to property.
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IMG_5615.HEIC 7/5/2025 @0657 - View of the swollen South San Gabriel River, 10 foot rise is considered a flood, this is about 30 of the 35+ feet above normal it would rise that morning, taken from the raised second floor of our home just after calling 911 asking for evacuation of San Gabriel Ranches as south CR 270, our only egress, was about to flood (where the creek that's "not a creek" according to the developer was beginning to breach the road).
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IMG_9954.JPG 8/16/2020 @ 1534 - View of the polluted South San Gabriel River of wastewater from the riverbank cliff behind our home

Stephanie Ryder Morris

Birds N Bees Farm

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