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My name is Stanley Langland and I am a volunteer on the flood control zone advisory board. I would like to respectfully enter comments in support of the retention structure project.

First I'd like to say how disappointed I am with the Sierra Club. While I respect their right to comment, the entire organization is no longer positive or realistically beneficial. The New York Times and countless other media outlets have been talking about the failings of this organization for some time.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/11/07/us/politics/sierra-club-social-justice.html>

When my grandparents were members in the 60's and 70's, this organization was respectful, fair, and reasonable. They discontinued membership in the 80's as they evolved into something political and antagonistic. Today it's funded and operated by politics, is entirely irrelevant, focuses on divisiveness, and has lost all credibility.

Rather than focusing on semantics such as what the project is called, I'd like to address the real benefits this project will bring once it's completed.

I believe we are all in this together. We all have common goals and interests including fish populations and reducing the damage caused by destructive flooding events. I believe we should all be interested in collaborative solutions. We should take an objective and common sense approach. This project does just that.

The structure will likely benefit fish populations by reducing sediment. Lowering the energy in flood waters will significantly reduce bank erosion and loss of woody debris and vegetation on and near riverbank areas. This will help to retain and encourage vegetation near the river and lower water temperatures. This will encourage fish populations with extremely minimal disruption in fish passage.

There will be a significant number of new jobs. History has consistently proven that improving wages and economic conditions always brings improvements in environmental concerns.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this beneficial project. My hope is that we can all work collaboratively towards a result that benefits all of us.