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Dear Craig Cross:
Thank you for your program's recommended \$8 million award to the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority from the Prop. 1E grant program. A member of my staff, Kevin Murray, attended Friday's open house in Sacramento, which he found very useful. We look forward to working with you as the process moves forward. Both my elected Board of Directors and the Mayor of East Palo Alto wanted to communicate their appreciation for this award, and thus attached are two PDF letters. Please include these letters as part of your public comment process. Thank you again.

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Director Mark Cowin
California Department of Water Resources
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Dear Director Cowin:

As Mayor of the City of East Palo Alto, I write to thank you for the Department of Water Resources recommendation to provide \$8 million to the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority from the Stormwater Flood Management Grant program. I urge your department to finalize the award at that level of funding. The project recommended for funding, called the San Francisquito Creek Flood Protection and Ecosystem Restoration Capital Improvement Project, East Bayshore Road to San Francisco Bay, is part of a comprehensive program to address the flood management, ecosystem and recreational needs of my constituents.

As Mayor, I have been personally involved in this project's development, which will provide substantial life safety protection to approximately one thousand East Palo Alto homes that face great risk because they lie behind an uncertified levee and below sea level. When constructed, this will be one of the first regional public projects in California to simultaneously protect against a 100-year creek flow, a 100-year tide, and the State's assumption for Sea Level Rise. This is important because, as you may know, the State estimates that San Mateo County is the most vulnerable county in California to Sea Level Rise. Additionally, this project will restore important wetlands and trails to areas adjacent to East Palo Alto, and thus provide valuable quality of life and public health amenities to our community.

Again, thank you for your recommended award for this important project. Please feel free to contact me to discuss this matter.

Sincerely Yours,

Carlos Romero
Mayor