



## NOVATO SANITARY DISTRICT

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June 20, 2023

Eileen White  
Executive Officer  
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

Re: Acceptance of Plant-Specific Findings for the Regional Evaluation of Potential Nutrient Discharge Reduction by Natural Systems

Dear Eileen White,

On behalf of the Novato Sanitary District, I have reviewed the individual plant report prepared for the Novato Sanitary District that is included as an appendix to Regional Evaluation of Potential Nutrient Discharge Reduction by Natural Systems (Evaluation). The Evaluation was prepared by the SFEI consulting team (Consultants) under a contract with the Bay Area Clean Water Agencies (BACWA) in compliance with the 2019 Nutrient Watershed Permit (Order No. R2-2019-0017, NPDES No. CA0038873) on behalf of the Dischargers. Novato Sanitary District staff reviewed the report and offered comments for incorporation into a final draft. A representative group of BACWA members (i.e., Contract Management Group) also directed the Consultants in preparing the individual plant reports and the overall summary for the Evaluation.

With this level of involvement and oversight of our staff who worked with the Consultant in preparing the report for the Novato Sanitary District, I agree the conceptual approach for reducing nutrients via natural systems at our facility is reasonable with respect to the context of the overall report. Furthermore, in accordance with the Watershed Permit requirement for report certification, I certify, under penalty of law, that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sandeep Karkal". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sandeep" and last name "Karkal" clearly distinguishable.

Sandeep Karkal  
General Manager-Chief Engineer