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US EPA Region 9 (WTR-2-2)
Attn: Luisa Valiela
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Attn: FY 2022 San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Review Committee

Subject: Support from the City of Mill Valley for BACWA's Clean Water Together proposal

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of the City of Mill Valley, I am writing to express our strong support of the proposal titled "Clean Water Together – A Coalition Proposal for Regional Nutrient Solutions" submitted by BACWA, with partners at the San Francisco Estuary Partnership, East Bay Municipal Utility District, Central Contra Costa Sanitation District, East Bay Dischargers Authority, Dublin San Ramon Services District, the City of South San Francisco, Mt. View Sanitary District, Sanitation Agency of Southern Marin, City of Burlingame, in response to the EPA's Notice of Funding Opportunity Number: EPA-R9-SFBay-26-0. As a region, we are at a critical juncture in protecting the San Francisco Bay, and this collaborative effort represents a viable and timely path toward sustainable nutrient management.

Of the notable projects included in the grant, the Sewerage Agency of Southern Marin (SASM)'s feasibility study at North Bothin Marsh is of particular interest to Mill Valley. This project provides a multi-benefit solution for sea level rise adaptation, ecosystem restoration and adaptation, public access, and nutrient reduction.

Mill Valley is currently developing a Subregional Shoreline Adaptation Plan in compliance with California Senate Bill 272 and the Bay Conservation and Development Commission's (BCDC)

Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan (RSAP) Guidelines. Critical to this work will be identifying possible adaptation strategies to protect against rising sea levels and creating a plan for funding and implementation of the named solutions. Partnering and collaborating with neighboring agencies and jurisdictions on multi-benefit projects, like the ecotone levee SASM is pursuing a feasibility study on, will put Mill Valley in the strongest position to successfully implement projects. While the City has not begun to address possible adaptation strategies with the community, we are confident that SASM's study would add great value to our process and help facilitate more informed discussions with the community, enhance our plan, and possibly help position the City for future funding opportunities.

The City of Mill Valley recognizes BACWA's long-standing history of successful regional coordination and fiscal responsibility. Their collaboration with the San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP) ensures robust administrative oversight and effective technology transfer across the region. We are confident that this coalition will deliver high-impact results that serve as a national model for watershed-scale nutrient management.

Mill Valley fully supports this collaborative effort to protect our Estuary while practicing economic efficiency with the co-benefits of drought and flooding resilience. We urge the EPA to fund this proposal and support the regional collaboration necessary for a sustainable San Francisco Bay. If you have any questions, please contact me at tcusimano@cityofmillvalley.gov.

Sincerely,



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