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US EPA Region 9 (WTR-2-2)  
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Attn: FY 2026 San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Review Committee

Subject: Support from the City of Mountain View for BACWA's Clean Water Together proposal

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of the City of Mountain View, 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.

Through on-the-ground implementation, targeted research, regional collaboration, and the development of a nutrient trading program, this work will enable publicly owned treatment works (POTWs) to leverage site-specific opportunities while contributing to broader, system-wide nutrient and contaminant management strategies. We believe this collaboration will generate valuable, transferable insights beyond the immediate project areas and inform practical, scalable approaches to wastewater nutrient management across the Bay Area and nationally.

Wastewater from the City of Mountain View is treated at the Palo Alto Regional Water Quality Control Plant (RWQCP), an advanced regional treatment plant serving multiple communities. The plant provides secondary treatment with nutrient removal and discharges treated effluent to the South San Francisco Bay under its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit issued pursuant to the Clean Water Act. Palo Alto plays an important role in regional nutrient management efforts to protect water quality and ecological health in the Estuary. The proposed project deliverables will provide valuable technical, regulatory, and implementation

insights into process intensification, nature-based solutions, and market-based strategies that can inform future upgrades at the RWQCP, support compliance with evolving nutrient requirements, and enhance Palo Alto's ability to manage nutrients and contaminants of emerging concern in a cost-effective and environmentally responsible manner.

The City of Mountain View 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.

The City of Mountain View 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.

Sincerely,



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