



February 24, 2026

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

Attn: FY 2026 San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Review Committee

Subject: Support from **Marin County Bicycle Coalition** for BACWA's Clean Water Together proposal

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of **Marin County Bicycle Coalition (MCBC)**, 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 **MCBC**. This project provides a multi benefit solution for sea level rise adaptation, ecosystem restoration and adaptation, public access, and nutrient reduction.

MCBC is the county's primary bicycle advocacy organization, working to promote bicycling for everyday transportation and recreation in Marin County. The multi benefit project described above will serve to protect a critical part of the Mill Valley-Sausalito Pathway, which serves as the north-south bicycle highway through southern Marin County. Despite its importance in the

active transportation network, this segment of pathway regularly floods during high tide events, and is greatly threatened under even moderate sea level rise projections.

MCBC 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.

MCBC 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 warren@marinbike.org or 410-703-9898.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Warren Wells". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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