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

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

**Subject:** Support from Mt. View Sanitary District for BACWA's Clean Water Together proposal

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

I write on behalf of Mt. View Sanitary District (MVSD) to express our strong support of the proposal titled "Clean Water Together – A Coalition Proposal for Regional Nutrient Solutions" submitted by BACWA. MVSD is proud to join 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, Sanitation Agency of Southern Marin, and the City of Burlingame in response to the EPA's Notice of Funding Opportunity Number: EPA-R9-SF Bay-26-0. As a region, we are at a critical juncture in protecting the San Francisco Bay. 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.

MVSD serves a population of 22,000 in unincorporated Contra Costa County and Martinez. The District was the first wastewater facility on the West Coast to use a constructed wetland to help polish nutrients and has continued to pioneer nature-based wastewater solutions. MVSD is excited to work with BACWA as a subrecipient on the project.

MVSD will reduce nutrient load in its outflow using additional floating treatment islands and strategically placed solar aeration units. These islands will provide surfaces for native plants whose root masses will remove nutrients from MVSD's treated wastewater, improving the water quality downstream in the San Francisco and Suisun Bays and preventing harmful algal blooms. As the Bay Area's only district using floating treatment islands for nutrient reduction, MVSD will both use its findings to optimize its own ponds for nutrient removal and share its findings with other applicants to drive adoption of ecologically friendly wastewater treatment practices.



We are particularly supportive of incorporating our work into the diverse approaches of our partners, whose projects include:

- Process Intensification: Piloting advanced technologies like Membrane Aerated Bioreactors (MABR) and Densified Activated Sludge (DAS) to reduce nutrients within existing plant footprints, achieving nutrient reductions more efficiently and more quickly than would otherwise be possible without this funding.
- Nature-Based Solutions (NBS): Advancing projects like the "First Mile" Horizontal Levee
- Market-Based Solutions: Developing a regional nutrient trading program that leverages site-specific opportunities to achieve aggregate load reductions more efficiently

Mt. View Sanitary District recognizes BACWA's long-standing history of successful regional coordination and fiscal responsibility. Their collaboration with the San Francisco Estuary Partnership 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.

Mt. View Sanitary District 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 [lcorona@mvsd.org](mailto:lcorona@mvsd.org).

Sincerely,

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