



Letters of Support for
Clean Water Together – A Coalition Proposal for Regional Nutrient Solutions

Submitted to US EPA SF Bay Program
Funding Opportunity Number: EPA-R9-SF Bay-26-01

A Bay Area Clean Water Agencies Coalition Proposal

This document contains letters of commitment from the project subawardees:

- Central Contra Costa Sanitary District
- City of Burlingame
- City of South San Francisco
- Dublin San Ramon Services District
- East Bay Discharger Authority
- Mt. View Sanitation District
- San Francisco Estuary Partnership
- Sewerage Agency of Southern Marin

This document also contains letters of support from the following entities:

- Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
- California Association of Sanitation Agencies
- Central San Support for DSRSD project
- City of Dublin
- City of Hayward
- City of Livermore
- City of Mill Valley
- City of Millbrae
- City of Morgan Hill
- City of Mountain View
- City of Palo Alto
- City of San Bruno
- City of San José
- City of San Leandro
- City of San Ramon
- City of Sunnyvale
- Contra Costa Resource Conservation District
- DSRSD Support for Central San
- DSRSD-EBMUD Recycled Water Authority
- East Bay Leadership Council
- East Bay Municipal Utility District
- East Bay Regional Parks District
- Greenbelt Alliance
- Hayward Area Shoreline Planning Agency
- Livermore Amador Valley Water Management Agency
- Marin County Bicycle Coalition
- Marin County Open Space District
- Oro Loma Sanitary District
- Plantify
- Representative Mark Desaulnier (CA-10)
- San Francisco Bay Nutrient Management Strategy (NMS)
- San Francisco Bay Water Board
- Save The Bay
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- Transportation Authority of Marin
- UC Berkeley
- Valley Water
- Zone 7 Water Agency

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**SUBJECT: SUPPORT FROM CENTRAL CONTRA COSTA SANITARY DISTRICT
(CENTRAL SAN) FOR THE BAY AREA CLEAN WATER AGENCIES' (BACWA)
CLEAN WATER TOGETHER PROPOSAL**

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer:

On behalf of Central San, 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, East Bay Dischargers Authority, Dublin San Ramon Services District, the City of South San Francisco, Mt. View Sanitary District, Sanitation Agency of Southern Marin, and City of Burlingame, in response to the USEPA'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. We respectfully request your support for this critical initiative.

Central San is a special district of the State of California that provides wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal services; recycled water production and distribution; and household hazardous waste collection. Central San serves nearly 500,000 residents and more than 15,000 businesses. As a partner and subrecipient to BACWA's application to the EPA's Notice of Funding Opportunity Number: EPA-R9-SFBay-26-0, Central San will develop a demonstration-scale Membrane Aerated Biofilm Reactor (MABR) facility, following a successful pilot phase. MABR technology has the potential to provide significant nutrient removal capacity within a treatment plant's existing tankage, helping save hundreds of millions compared to conventional treatment methods. The project will include the design and

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evaluation of densified activated sludge (DAS) as a complementary strategy to MABR to optimize nitrogen removal performance, reduce lifecycle costs, and increase the facility's capacity for nutrient reduction using existing tankage. Knowledge from the project will be valuable to both Central San and our partners across the Bay Area as we collectively pursue cost-effective nutrient treatment methods to protect the health of our ecosystem.

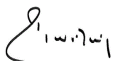
We are particularly supportive of the diverse approaches outlined in the BACWA proposal, which include:

- Process Intensification: Piloting advanced technologies MABR and 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 and floating wetland islands to provide nutrient polishing alongside habitat enhancement and flood resilience; and
- Market-Based Solutions: Developing a regional nutrient trading program that leverages site-specific opportunities to achieve aggregate load reductions more efficiently.

Central San 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.

Central San 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 USEPA 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 rbailey@centralsan.org or 925-229-7386.

Sincerely,



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General Manager
Central Contra Costa Sanitary District



The City of Burlingame

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

Subject: Support from City of Burlingame for BACWA's Clean Water Together Proposal

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of the City of Burlingame, 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.

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The City of Burlingame Public Works Department operates a wastewater treatment plant serving approximately 31,000 residents. Knowledge gained from this MBR design project will be valuable to Burlingame in developing cost-effective strategies for meeting Regional Water Quality Control Board nutrient reduction requirements while simultaneously advancing the City's water supply resiliency goals through recycled water development. The City of Burlingame is delighted to collaborate on this important work in the manner specified in the proposal. Burlingame will complete the design of a Membrane Bioreactor system to achieve enhanced nutrient removal and produce high-quality effluent suitable for future water recycling applications, with the City providing about 30% in matching funds from the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

We are particularly supportive of the diverse approaches outlined in the proposal, which 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.
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- Market-Based Solutions: Developing a regional nutrient trading program that leverages site-specific opportunities to achieve aggregate load reductions more efficiently.

The City of Burlingame 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 Burlingame 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 or Mahesh Yedluri at 650-558-7230.

Sincerely,



Lisa K. Goldman
City Manager



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February 24, 2026

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

Subject: Support from **City of South San Francisco** for BACWA's Clean Water Together proposal

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of the **City of South San Francisco**, 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.

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The City of South San Francisco operates a regional Water Quality Control Plant (WQCP) serving residential, commercial, and industrial customers, including disadvantaged communities within our service area. Knowledge gained from full-scale demonstration of DAS at the WQCP will support cost-effective nutrient removal strategies that protect public health and the environment, while minimizing infrastructure and helping to maintain affordable sewer rates for our community.

The City of South San Francisco is pleased to collaborate on this important work in the manner specified in the proposal. The City will provide approximately 25% matching contributions

(\$500K) through staff labor and support for project design, equipment procurement, pilot operation, monitoring, preparation of technical reports and knowledge transfer.

We are particularly supportive of the diverse approaches outlined in the proposal, which 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 and floating wetland islands to provide nutrient polishing alongside habitat enhancement and flood resilience.
- **Market-Based Solutions:** Developing a regional nutrient trading program that leverages site-specific opportunities to achieve aggregate load reductions more efficiently

City of South San Francisco 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.

City of South San Francisco 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 Laura.Snideman@ssfca.gov

Sincerely,



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

Subject: Support from Dublin San Ramon Services District for BACWA's Clean Water Together Proposal

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of the Dublin San Ramon Services District, 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.

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Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) serves approximately 194,600 residents in Dublin, San Ramon, and, by contract, Pleasanton. The District operates three primary enterprises: local wastewater collection in Dublin and southwest San Ramon; regional wastewater treatment and disposal for Dublin, southwest San Ramon, and Pleasanton through a contractual partnership; and potable water service for Dublin and the Dougherty Valley area of San Ramon.

As a sub-awardee under the Bay Area Clean Water Agencies (BACWA) Clean Water Together proposal, DSRSD shares the regional objective of reducing nutrient loads to San Francisco Bay. This project offers opportunities for coordinated research, operational learning, and technology evaluation.

We are particularly supportive of the diverse approaches outlined in the proposal, which 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 and floating wetland islands to provide nutrient polishing alongside habitat enhancement and flood resilience.
- **Market-Based Solutions:** Developing a regional nutrient trading program that leverages site-specific opportunities to achieve aggregate load reductions more efficiently

Dublin San Ramon Services District 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.

Dublin San Ramon Services 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 dgill@dsrsd.com or (925) 875- 2345.

Sincerely,

Dan Gill
Operations Director
Dublin San Ramon Services District



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

Subject: Support from East Bay Dischargers Authority for BACWA's Clean Water Together proposal

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of the East Bay Dischargers Authority (EBDA), 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, Dublin San Ramon Services District, the City of South San Francisco, Mt. View Sanitary District, Sanitation Agency of Southern Marin, and 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. We respectfully request your support for this important initiative.

EBDA is a joint powers authority made up of the Cities of San Leandro and Hayward, and the Castro Valley, Oro Loma, and Union Sanitary Districts. Including contract flows from the Livermore-Amador Valley Water Management Agency, EBDA manages the sustainable disposal of wastewater from one million East Bay residents and businesses to San Francisco Bay. EBDA has been a leader in championing multi-benefit shoreline adaptation projects that remove nutrients while providing flood protection and

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enhancing habitat resilience, including the Oro Loma Horizontal Levee Pilot and the First Mile Horizontal Levee Project.

Under the proposed grant, EBDA looks forward to continuing our leadership on the First Mile Horizontal Levee Project, working with partners to finalize the design and permitting for this first-of-its-scale project to bring it to “shovel-ready.” This project has benefitted from EPA’s stewardship to date, with the Water Quality Improvement Fund supporting the 30% and 60% design phases. EBDA’s proven track-record as a subawardee on the Transforming Shorelines and Pivot Point grants demonstrates our readiness to complete the design with this funding. As part of the proposed project, EBDA is pledging \$278,000 as an in-kind contribution, representing staff time, to be used as match to EPA’s funds.

Through its innovative design and permitting strategies, the First Mile is paving the way for other multi-benefit nature-based solutions, including the work of Mt. View Sanitary District and Santa Clara Valley Water District proposed here. We envision continued cross-support and coordination in this phase.

EBDA is also very supportive of and would directly benefit from the diverse, innovative nutrient reduction and management approaches outlined in the proposal, including:

- **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. EBDA particularly supports Dublin San Ramon Services District’s efforts to pilot innovative technology, which would reduce total inorganic nitrogen discharged through EBDA’s outfall.
- **Market-Based Solutions:** Developing a regional nutrient trading program that leverages site-specific opportunities to achieve aggregate load reductions more efficiently.

EBDA 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.

EBDA 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 jzipkin@ebda.org.

Sincerely,



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General Manager



February 24, 2026

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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.

Sincerely,

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Attn: Luisa Valiela | Program Lead

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Subject: Support from the San Francisco Estuary Partnership for BACWA's Clean Water Together proposal

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of the San Francisco Estuary Partnership, I am writing to express our support of and partnership in the proposal titled "Clean Water Together – A Coalition Proposal for Regional Nutrient Solutions" submitted by BACWA. The Estuary Partnership is one of the partners in the proposal, along with partners at 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, and 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 vital – and viable – collective path toward sustainable nutrient management.

The Estuary Partnership is one of 28 National Estuary Programs, established under the Clean Water Act in 1988. The Estuary Partnership works to protect and restore the San Francisco Estuary, and is guided by the development and implementation of the San Francisco Estuary Blueprint, a comprehensive collaborative action plan for the Estuary's future.

Through on-the-ground project implementation, targeted research, regional technology transfer, and the creation of a nutrient trading program, this project will directly address critical Actions and Tasks in the Estuary Blueprint by enabling publicly owned treatment works (POTWs) to leverage site-specific opportunities while contributing to broader, region-wide nutrient and contaminant management strategies. This project will result in measurable reductions in nutrient loading, leading to better water quality in the Bay, along with additional important outcomes for shoreline habitat provision, flood risk reduction, and regional water security. In addition, this project 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. We respectfully request your support for this important initiative.

The San Francisco Estuary Partnership is involved with this project in several ways: as a subawardee, it will provide organizational and strategic administrative support to BACWA to leverage the Estuary Partnership's experience with many multi-partner, complex, federally-funded Clean Water projects; it will coordinate and engage in tasks related to the planning and implementation of multi-benefit nature-based solutions for nutrient management at the First Mile project and in the South Bay, as well as collaborate with regulatory agencies and local communities to forge permitting pathways for these innovative projects; and it will lead regional institutional capacity-building and technology transfer for advancing innovative, cross-jurisdictional nature- and market-based clean water initiatives through the Bay Area One Water Network and the Transforming Shorelines Collaborative. Collectively, this proposal will advance the implementation of several actions in the Estuary Blueprint, including Action 20 "Advance nutrient management", Action 21 "Address emerging contaminants in the Estuary's waters", Action 21 "Expand the use of recycled water", and Action 4 "Implement adaptation projects that prioritize natural and nature-based strategies" and others.

The San Francisco Estuary Partnership recognizes BACWA's long-standing history of successful regional coordination and fiscal responsibility. We are confident that this coalition will deliver high-impact results that serve as a national model for watershed-scale nutrient management.

The proposed project fulfills a critical need for the San Francisco Estuary. We urge your support of this timely and impactful proposal for clean water and a healthy San Francisco Bay. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at caitlin.sweeney@sfestuary.org.

Sincerely,



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Subject: Support from Sewerage Agency of Southern Marin for BACWA's Clean Water Together proposal

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of the Sewerage Agency of Southern Marin (SASM), 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.

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SASM will benefit from this project both directly and indirectly. By potentially having an alternative analysis funded, we could understand whether a horizontal levee could provide nutrient reduction benefits, sea level rise adaptation, flood protection, and habitat transition zones in Mill Valley. Additionally other nature-based solution projects reaching shovel ready condition will help us further our ability to forecast the requirements for actually building a project of this scale in our region.

We are particularly supportive of the diverse approaches outlined in the proposal, which 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 and floating wetland islands to provide nutrient polishing alongside habitat enhancement and flood resilience.
- Market-Based Solutions: Developing a regional nutrient trading program that leverages site-specific opportunities to achieve aggregate load reductions more efficiently

SASM 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.

SASM 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 415-686-3869.

Sincerely,



Mark Neumann
General Manager
SASM

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Daniel Woldesenbet, Ph.D., P.E., Director

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February 12, 2026

US EPA Region 9 (WTR-2-2)
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San Francisco, CA 94105

Attention: Luisa Valiela

FY 2022 San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Review Committee

Subject: Support from Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District for BACWA's Clean Water Together proposal

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District), I am writing to express our strong support of the proposal titled "Clean Water Together – A Coalition Proposal for Regional Nutrient Solutions" submitted by the Bay Area Clean Water Agencies (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, and 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, 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. We respectfully request your support for this important initiative.

We are particularly supportive of the diverse approaches outlined in the proposal, which 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.

- Market-Based Solutions: Developing a regional nutrient trading program that leverages site-specific opportunities to achieve aggregate load reductions more efficiently.
- Nature-Based Solutions (NBS): Advancing projects like the "First Mile" Horizontal Levee and floating wetland islands to provide nutrient polishing alongside habitat enhancement and flood resilience.

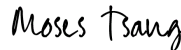
The District is collaborating closely with the East Bay Dischargers Authority and other partners on the First Mile Horizontal Levee Project, and we strongly support this proposal to help bring that multi-benefit project to fruition. We see the First Mile Project as a critical opportunity to enhance shoreline resilience and flood protection in Alameda County, and it is well-aligned with our long-term planning for the area.

The District 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 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 (510) 670-6549; e-mail: moses@acpwa.org.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

Moses Tsang

Moses Tsang, P.E.

Deputy Director

Flood Control Program



February 24, 2026

US EPA Region 9 (WTR-2-2)

Attn: Luisa Valiela

FY 2022 San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Review Committee

75 Hawthorne Street

San Francisco, CA 94105

Subject: CASA Support for BACWA's "Clean Water Together" Proposal

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of CASA, I am writing to express our support of the proposal titled "Clean Water Together – A Coalition Proposal for Regional Nutrient Solutions" submitted by the Bay Area Clean Water Association (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. CASA represents more than 150 public agencies and municipalities in California that engage in wastewater collection, treatment, recycling, and resource recovery. Our vision is to advance sound public policy and shape programs that empower the clean water community to drive sustainability, protect public health, and advance circular water solutions.

As a region and a state, 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, the state, and across the nation. We respectfully request your support for this important initiative.

We are particularly supportive of the diverse approaches outlined in the proposal, which include process Intensification and piloting advanced technologies, nature-based solutions, and market-based solutions.

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CASA is a long-standing partner with BACWA through the Clean Water Summit Partners as well as several joint initiatives that benefit clean water agencies across the state. We recognize 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.

CASA supports this collaborative effort to protect the environment 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 alink@casaweb.org or (916) 446-0388.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam D. Link". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Adam" being the most prominent.

Adam D. Link, Executive Director
California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA)



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February 24, 2026

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KATIE YOUNG
Secretary of the District, CMC

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FROM CENTRAL CONTRA COSTA SANITARY DISTRICT
(CENTRAL SAN) FOR THE BAY AREA CLEAN WATER AGENCIES' (BACWA)
CLEAN WATER TOGETHER PROPOSAL

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer:

On behalf of Central San, 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, East Bay Dischargers Authority, Dublin San Ramon Services District, the City of South San Francisco, Mt. View Sanitary District, Sanitation Agency of Southern Marin, and City of Burlingame, in response to the USEPA'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, 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. We respectfully request your support for this critical initiative.

Central San is a special district of the State of California that provides wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal services; recycled water production and distribution; and household hazardous waste collection. Central San serves nearly 500,000 residents and more than 15,000 businesses.

As a sub-awardee under the BACWA Clean Water Together Proposal, Central San shares the regional objective of reducing nutrient loads to San Francisco Bay. Central San supports the Dublin San Ramon Services District's pilot project to implement Membrane Aerated Biofilm Reactor (MABR) technology in conjunction with its recycled water program to meet final Total

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Inorganic Nitrogen (TIN) targets by reducing nutrient discharge. The project will quantify nutrient reductions, benchmark energy use, assess improvements to recycled water treatment and quality, and validate a siting strategy. The knowledge gained from this project will be valuable to Central San as we collectively reduce nutrient output to the San Francisco Bay and local watersheds.

We are particularly supportive of the diverse approaches outlined in the BACWA proposal, which include:

- Process Intensification: Piloting advanced technologies like 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 and floating wetland islands to provide nutrient polishing alongside habitat enhancement and flood resilience; and
- Market-Based Solutions: Developing a regional nutrient trading program that leverages site-specific opportunities to achieve aggregate load reductions more efficiently.

Central San 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.

Central San 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 USEPA 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 gnorby@centralsan.org or 925-228-9500.

Sincerely,



Greg Norby
Deputy General Manager, Engineering and Operations
Central Contra Costa Sanitary District



February 24, 2026

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

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

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

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of the City of Dublin, I am writing to express our 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, and 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. We respectfully request your support for this important initiative.

The City of Dublin recognizes that nutrient reduction is essential for improving the health of the San Francisco Bay and preventing harmful algal blooms that threaten ecosystems and public health. The City of Dublin supports Dublin San Ramon Services District's (DSRSD) approach to piloting proven MABR technology and optimizing operational efficiencies to achieve significant nutrient reductions within the facilities existing footprint at a fraction of the cost of traditional methods while still providing recycled water that meets the needs of the community. This commitment to fiscal responsibility ensures that ratepayers benefit from environmental improvements without undue financial burden.

We are particularly supportive of the diverse approaches outlined in the proposal, which include:

- Process Intensification: Piloting advanced technologies like Membrane Aerated Bioreactors (MABR) and Densified Activated Sludge (DAS) to

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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 and floating wetland islands to provide nutrient polishing alongside habitat enhancement and flood resilience.
- Market-Based Solutions: Developing a regional nutrient trading program that leverages site-specific opportunities to achieve aggregate load reductions more efficiently.

The City of Dublin 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 Dublin fully supports this collaborative effort. 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 colleen.tribby@dublin.ca.gov or at 925-833-6650.

Sincerely,

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Colleen Tribby
City Manager
City of Dublin



February 23, 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 City of Hayward for BACWA's Clean Water Together Proposal

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of the City of Hayward, 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, and the 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. We respectfully request your support for this important initiative.

The City of Hayward is a member agency of the East Bay Dischargers Authority, of which Dublin San Ramon Services District is also a partner agency. Hayward and DSRSD share the same discharge outfall to the San Francisco Bay and the responsibility of protecting water quality in the Bay. Meeting the low nutrient limits mandated in the Regional Water Quality Control Board's Order R2-2024-0013 requires collaboration among the agencies and participating partners to achieve a combined 40% total inorganic nitrogen (TIN) reduction from 2022 TIN loads. Hayward is currently embarking on a significant project to meet the current permit requirements but is designing the project with future permits in mind, which may reduce nutrient limits even further. Hayward supports Dublin San Ramon Services District's (DSRSD's) MABR pilot project as an innovative, and cost-effective solution. MABR



technology offers a proven method for simultaneous nitrification and denitrification with lower energy use and operational costs compared to conventional systems. By piloting this technology, DSRSD will demonstrate a scalable solution that complements its recycled water operations, minimizes financial impacts on ratepayers and helps Hayward and sister agencies to stay below the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Board's 2034 TIN limit.

We are particularly supportive of the diverse approaches outlined in the proposal, which 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. Though Hayward's current project does not include MABR or DAS, it is being designed to potentially accommodate either or both of these technologies in the future. Hayward sees MABR and DAS as potential ways to further reduce nutrients if required, and is interested in learning more about how these technologies work and how effective they are for our local partners.
- **Nature-Based Solutions (NBS):** Advancing projects like the "First Mile" Horizontal Levee and floating wetland islands to provide nutrient polishing alongside habitat enhancement and flood resilience. Hayward is currently in the preliminary design stage of an NBS project at our wastewater treatment plant that potentially includes both a horizontal levee and constructed treatment wetlands. Further research on and a greater understanding of these emerging technologies will enhance the effectiveness of our NBS project.
- **Market-Based Solutions:** Developing a regional nutrient trading program that leverages site-specific opportunities to achieve aggregate load reductions more efficiently. Hayward expects to meet and at first potentially exceed the requirements of Order R2-2024-0013 in advance of the compliance date. However, it is not clear that all bay area wastewater agencies will be able to do so. Market based solutions such as regional trading programs, if done correctly, are of interest to Hayward as a potential way to provide revenue, assist other agencies in ensuring regional compliance, and incentivize our plant to maximize nutrient removal.

Hayward 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.

Hayward 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 alex.ameri@hayward-ca.gov or (510) 583-4720.

Sincerely,



Alex Ameri
Director of Public Works
City of Hayward



February 24, 2026

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

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

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of the City of Livermore, 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. We respectfully request your support for this important initiative.

The City of Livermore provides wastewater, recycled water, and stormwater services to approximately 90,000 customers in eastern Alameda County. The City of Livermore recognizes that nutrient reduction is essential for improving the health of the San Francisco Bay and preventing harmful algal blooms that threaten ecosystems and public health. The City of Livermore supports Dublin San Ramon Services District's (DSRSD) approach to piloting proven MABR technology and optimizing operational efficiencies to achieve significant nutrient reductions within the facilities existing footprint at a fraction of

the cost of traditional methods while still providing recycled water that meets the needs of the community. This commitment to fiscal responsibility ensures that ratepayers benefit from environmental improvements without undue financial burden.

We are particularly supportive of the diverse approaches outlined in the proposal, which 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 and floating wetland islands to provide nutrient polishing alongside habitat enhancement and flood resilience.
- **Market-Based Solutions:** Developing a regional nutrient trading program that leverages site-specific opportunities to achieve aggregate load reductions more efficiently

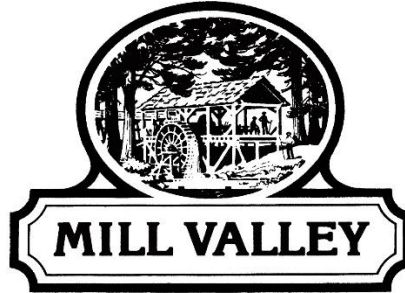
The City of Livermore recognizes BACWA's long-standing history of successful regional coordination and fiscal responsibility. Their collaboration with the San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP) ensures robust administrative oversight and effective technology transfer across the region. We are confident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

The City of Livermore 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 awsmith@livermoreca.gov.

Sincerely,



Anthony Smith
Water Resources Division Manager
Public Works Department
City of Livermore



February 24, 2026

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,



Todd Cusimano, City Manager
City of Mill Valley
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City of Millbrae

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Attn: Luisa Valiela
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San Francisco, CA 94105

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

Subject: Support from City of Millbrae for BACWA's Clean Water Together proposal

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of the City of Millbrae, 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 (SFEP), 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, and the City of Burlingame. The proposal was prepared in response to the EPA's Notice of Funding Opportunity Number: EPA-R9-SFBay-26-01.

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. We respectfully request your support for this important initiative.

The City of Millbrae owns and operates a POTW which discharges to the San Francisco Bay via a joint outfall with San Bruno Water Quality Control Plant (WQCP). Therefore, the City of Millbrae has a close relationship with nutrient reductions that may be achieved at the WQCP. Knowledge gained from full-scale demonstration of

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DAS at the WQCP will support cost-effective nutrient removal strategies that protect public health and the environment, while minimizing infrastructure and helping to maintain affordable sewer rates for our community. We are particularly supportive of the diverse approaches outlined in the proposal, which 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.
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- **Market-Based Solutions:** Developing a regional nutrient trading program that leverages site-specific opportunities to achieve aggregate load reductions more efficiently

The City of Millbrae 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 Millbrae 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 twilliams@ci.millbrae.ca.us .

Sincerely,



Fai Ali, Director of Public Works and Engineering
City of Millbrae
650-259-2336

Cc: Thomas C. Williams, City Manager



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

Subject: Support from the City of Morgan Hill for BACWA's Clean Water Together proposal

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of the City of Morgan Hill, 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.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us for further discussion. I can be reached at 408.782.9154 or chris.ghione@morganhill.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Chris Ghione
Assistant City Manager/Public Services Director



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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.

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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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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 Palo Alto for BACWA's Clean Water Together proposal

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of the City of Palo Alto's Regional Water Quality Control Plant (RWQCP), 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.

The City of Palo Alto owns and operates the Palo Alto Regional Water Quality Control Plant (RWQCP), an advanced wastewater treatment facility serving residents and businesses within the city and portions of the surrounding community. The RWQCP provides advanced secondary treatment 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.

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As a South Bay discharger, Palo Alto plays an important role in regional nutrient management efforts aimed at protecting water quality and ecological health in the Estuary. 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 the City's ability to manage nutrients and contaminants of emerging concern in a cost-effective and environmentally responsible manner.

We are particularly supportive of the diverse approaches outlined in the proposal, which 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 such as the "First Mile" Horizontal Levee and floating wetland islands to provide nutrient polishing, support reduction of CECs from RO Concentrate (ROC) and other similar waste streams prior to discharge to the San Francisco Bay, and deliver co-benefits including habitat enhancement, shoreline resilience, and flood protection.
- **Market-Based Solutions:** Developing a regional nutrient trading program that leverages site-specific opportunities to achieve aggregate load reductions more efficiently

The City of Palo Alto's RWQCP 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 Palo Alto's RWQCP 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,

Signed by:


Aaron Gilbert, Plant Manager
City of Palo Alto Regional Water Quality Control Plant
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February 24, 2026

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 **City of San Bruno** for BACWA's Clean Water Together proposal

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of the **City of San Bruno**, 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. We respectfully request your support for this important initiative.

The City of San Bruno co-owns the South San Francisco - San Bruno Water Quality Control Plant (WQCP), a regional wastewater treatment facility which is operated and maintained by the City of South San Francisco under a Joint Powers Agreement. The WQCP serves residential, commercial, and industrial customers, including disadvantaged communities within our service area. Knowledge gained from full-scale demonstration of DAS at the WQCP will support cost-effective nutrient removal strategies that protect public health and the environment, while minimizing infrastructure and helping to maintain affordable sewer rates for our community.

We are particularly supportive of the diverse approaches outlined in the proposal, which 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.
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- **Market-Based Solutions:** Developing a regional nutrient trading program that leverages site-specific opportunities to achieve aggregate load reductions more efficiently

City of San Bruno 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.

City of San Bruno 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.

Sincerely,



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February 25, 2026

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Subject: Support from City of San José for BACWA's Clean Water Together proposal

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of the City of San José, 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, 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, Valley Water, City of San José, and UC Berkeley, 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. We respectfully request your support for this important initiative.

The City of San José administers, maintains, and operates the San José-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility (RWF), which it co-owns with the City of Santa Clara. The RWF is the largest POTW in the region, treating wastewater from 1.5 million residential customers and over 17,000 commercial and industrial business spread across most of Santa Clara County. The RWF is an environmental leader in protecting the San Francisco Bay while providing excellent and reliable wastewater treatment services that already remove up to 80% of incoming nitrogen through an advanced secondary treatment system and substantial recycled water diversions.

The knowledge gained from this project will be valuable to our organization and the region. We are particularly supportive of the diverse approaches outlined in the proposal, which include:

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- Nature-Based Solutions (NBS): Advancing projects like the "First Mile" Horizontal Levee and floating wetland islands to provide nutrient polishing alongside habitat enhancement and flood resilience.
- Market-Based Solutions: Developing a regional nutrient trading program that leverages site-specific opportunities to achieve aggregate load reductions more efficiently

As a subrecipient on this award, the City of San José will be working closely with SFEP, Valley Water, and UC Berkeley to conduct a comprehensive feasibility study on the potential use of an NBS (a horizontal levee) in the lower south bay to treat reverse osmosis concentrate (ROC) and other high nitrogen waste streams. The City of San Jose is excited to collaborate on this important work in the manner specified in the proposal. In particular, with our project partners, we will:

- Evaluate the effectiveness of a horizontal levee to reduce TIN in ROC from high-efficiency reverse osmosis systems.
- Evaluate the cost and feasibility of implementing an NBS in the lower south bay, including development a regulatory pathway.
- Begin development of models and machine learning tools to predict horizontal levee performance, which will help inform decisions on design and operations.
- Draft a Memorandum of Understanding to define ownership and operational and maintenance responsibilities of a horizontal levee.

As a principal member of BACWA, the City of San José 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.

City of San José 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 eric.dunlavey@sanjoseca.gov or (408) 635-4017.

Sincerely,



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Attn: Luisa Valiela
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Subject: Support from City of San Leandro for BACWA's Clean Water Together proposal

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of the City of San Leandro, 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. We respectfully request your support for this important initiative.

San Leandro is a member agency of the East Bay Dischargers Authority which Dublin San Ramon Services District is a partner agency to. San Leandro and DSRSD share the same discharge outfall to the San Francisco Bay and the responsibility of protecting water quality in the Bay. Meeting these very low nutrient limits requires collaboration among the agencies and participating partners to achieve a combined 40% total inorganic nitrogen (TIN) reduction from 2022 TIN loads. San Leandro supports Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) MABR

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pilot project as an innovative, and cost-effective solutions. MABR technology offers a proven method for simultaneous nitrification and denitrification with lower energy use and operational costs compared to conventional systems. By piloting this technology, DSRSD will demonstrate a scalable solution that complements its recycled water operations, minimizes financial impacts on ratepayers and helps San Leandro and sister agencies to stay below the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Board's 2034 TIN limit. Information from this pilot will be useful as San Leandro continues to evaluate and implement nutrient reduction upgrades.

We are particularly supportive of the diverse approaches outlined in the proposal, which 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.
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The City of San Leandro 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 San Leandro 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 hmorehouse@sanleandro.org or (510) 577-3437.

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Sincerely,

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

Subject: Support from the City of San Ramon for BACWA's Clean Water Together proposal

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of the City of San Ramon, 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.

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As a thriving community of over 85,000 residents, and highly supportive of clean water and recycling, the City of San Ramon recognizes that nutrient reduction is essential for improving the health of the San Francisco Bay and preventing harmful algal blooms that threaten ecosystems and

public health. The City of San Ramon supports Dublin San Ramon Services District's (DSRSD) approach to piloting proven MABR technology and optimizing operational efficiencies to achieve significant nutrient reductions within the facilities existing footprint at a fraction of the cost of traditional methods while still providing recycled water that meets the needs of the community. This commitment to fiscal responsibility ensures that ratepayers benefit from environmental improvements without undue financial burden.

We are particularly supportive of the diverse approaches outlined in the proposal, which 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.
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The City of San Ramon 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 San Ramon 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 (925) 973-2686 or bbornstein@sanramon.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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Public Works Director
San Ramon Public Works
City of San Ramon



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

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

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of the City of Sunnyvale, 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.

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The City of Sunnyvale owns and operates the Sunnyvale Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP), an advanced wastewater treatment facility serving residents and businesses in the community and portions of the surrounding area. The WPCP provides secondary treatment with nutrient removal and discharges treated effluent to the South Bay of the San Francisco Bay under its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit issued pursuant to



the Clean Water Act. As a South Bay discharger, Sunnyvale plays a key role in regional nutrient management efforts aimed at protecting water quality and ecological health in the Estuary. Participation in this project 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 WPCP, support compliance with evolving nutrient requirements, and enhance the City's ability to manage nutrients and contaminants of emerging concern in a cost-effective and environmentally responsible manner.

We are particularly supportive of the diverse approaches outlined in the proposal, which 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 such as the "First Mile" Horizontal Levee and floating wetland islands to provide nutrient polishing, support reduction of CECs from RO Concentrate (ROC) and other similar waste streams prior to discharge to the San Francisco Bay, and deliver co-benefits including habitat enhancement, shoreline resilience, and flood protection.
- **Market-Based Solutions:** Developing a regional nutrient trading program that leverages site-specific opportunities to achieve aggregate load reductions more efficiently

The City of Sunnyvale 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 Sunnyvale 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 mnasser@sunnyvale.ca.gov or 408-730-7740.



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Sincerely,

Mansour Nasser (Feb 25, 2026 16:40:46 PST)

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Mansour Nasser,
Assistant Director of Environmental Services



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Attn: San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Review Committee

Subject: Support from the Contra Costa Resource Conservation District for BACWA's Clean Water Together proposal

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of the Contra Costa Resource Conservation District, 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.

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- **Market-Based Solutions:** Developing a regional nutrient trading program that leverages site-specific opportunities to achieve aggregate load reductions more efficiently

The Contra Costa Resource Conservation District 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 Contra Costa Resource Conservation 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 clim@ccrcd.org.

Sincerely,

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Chris Lim
Executive Director



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Subject: Support from Dublin San Ramon Services District for BACWA's Clean Water Together Proposal

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of the Dublin San Ramon Services District, 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. We respectfully request your support for this important initiative.

Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) serves approximately 194,600 residents in Dublin, San Ramon, and, by contract, Pleasanton. The District operates three primary enterprises: local wastewater collection in Dublin and southwest San Ramon; regional wastewater treatment and disposal for Dublin, southwest San Ramon, and Pleasanton through a contractual partnership; and potable water service for Dublin and the Dougherty Valley area of San Ramon.

As a sub-awardee under the Bay Area Clean Water Agencies (BACWA) Clean Water Together proposal, DSRSD shares the regional objective of reducing nutrient loads to San Francisco Bay. The District supports the Central Contra Costa Sanitation District's demonstration scale Membrane Aerated Bioreactor (MABR) facility, which incorporates complementary densified activated sludge (DAS) technology. This project offers opportunities for coordinated research, operational learning, and technology evaluation. DSRSD anticipates that the knowledge developed through this demonstration effort will inform future nutrient reduction initiatives within our service area and support broader regional water quality goals.

We are particularly supportive of the diverse approaches outlined in the proposal, which 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 and floating wetland islands to provide nutrient polishing alongside habitat enhancement and flood resilience.
- **Market-Based Solutions:** Developing a regional nutrient trading program that leverages site-specific opportunities to achieve aggregate load reductions more efficiently

Dublin San Ramon Services District 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.

Dublin San Ramon Services 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 dgill@dsrsd.com or (925) 875- 2345.

Sincerely,

Dan Gill
Operations Director
Dublin San Ramon Services District

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February 27, 2026

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 Dublin San Ramon Services District-East Bay Municipal Utility District Recycled Water Authority (**DERWA**) for BACWA's Clean Water Together proposal

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of DERWA, 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. We respectfully request your support for this important initiative.

DERWA was established in 1995 to provide recycled water to parts of Dublin, Dougherty Valley, and San Ramon. Recycled water deliveries began in early 2006. In 2014, the City of Pleasanton entered into an agreement with DERWA to allow its treated wastewater to also be used to produce recycled water.

On behalf of DERWA, we are pleased to express our strong support for the Membrane Aerated Biofilm Reactor (MABR) pilot project proposed by Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD). As a regional partnership dedicated to advancing recycled water and sustainable wastewater

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management, we recognize the critical importance of this initiative in meeting the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board's stringent nutrient discharge limits while continuing to provide high-quality recycled water to our communities.

DSRSD plays a vital role in producing recycled water in the Tri-Valley Region. While leveraging recycled water operations is a key nutrient reduction strategy, seasonal fluctuations in demand during cooler, rainy months can create compliance challenges that need an innovative solution. Piloting MABR technology offers a cost-effective, innovative solution that complements existing recycled water infrastructure and minimizes financial impacts on ratepayers.

We are particularly supportive of the diverse approaches outlined in the proposal, which 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.
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- **Market-Based Solutions:** Developing a regional nutrient trading program that leverages site-specific opportunities to achieve aggregate load reductions more efficiently.

DERWA recognizes BACWA's long-standing history of successful regional coordination and fiscal responsibility. BACWA's 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.

DERWA fully supports this collaborative effort, and 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 vhousen@housenassociates.com or (925) 518-3487.

Sincerely,



Vivian Housen

DERWA Authority Manager

vhousen@housenassociates.com



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 the East Bay Leadership Council for BACWA's Clean Water Together proposal

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of the East Bay Leadership Council (EBLC), 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 prominent public policy advocacy organization representing hundreds of employers across Contra Costa and Alameda Counties, we recognize that 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. We respectfully request your support for this important initiative.

We are particularly supportive of the diverse approaches outlined in the proposal, which 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.



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EBLC 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.

EBLC 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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Mark Orcutt
President & CEO
East Bay Leadership Council

February 24, 2026

Luisa Valiela
US EPA Region 9 (WTR-2-2)
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105
Attn: SF Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Review Committee

Subject: Support from East Bay Municipal Utility District for Bay Area Clean Water Agencies (BACWA) Clean Water Together proposal

Dear Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of the East Bay Municipal Utility District (District), 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, 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, and City of Burlingame, in response to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (US EPA) 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 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. We respectfully request your support for this important initiative.

We are supportive of the diverse approaches outlined in the proposal, which 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 be possible without this funding.

- Nature-Based Solutions: Advancing projects like the "First Mile" Horizontal Levee and floating wetland islands to provide nutrient polishing alongside habitat enhancement and flood resilience.
- Market-Based Solutions: Developing a regional nutrient trading program that leverages site-specific opportunities to achieve aggregate load reductions more efficiently

In particular, the District will gain valuable knowledge from process intensification pilot testing of MABR and densification (i.e., hydrocyclone-based wasting or DAS). These technologies are relatively new in the wastewater industry; however, they provide opportunities for agencies to reduce capital and operating costs while still achieving nutrient reduction requirements.

BACWA's proposal will help these technologies mature, which is a benefit to agencies and their ratepayers across the Bay Area and the rest of the United States. The District plans to collaborate with proposal partners in the technology transfer task for process intensification and market-based solutions. The District's centrally located facilities will support BACWA's coalition by providing meeting space for workshops and other collaborative activities. This collaboration does not include any formalized match or in-kind contributions.

The District recognizes BACWA's long-standing history of successful regional coordination and fiscal responsibility. Its 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.

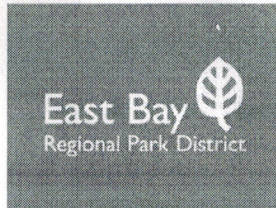
The District fully supports this collaborative effort to protect our estuary while practicing economic efficiency with the co-benefits of drought and flooding resilience. We urge the US EPA to fund this proposal and support the regional collaboration necessary for a sustainable San Francisco Bay. If you have any questions, please contact me at amit.mutsuddy@ebmud.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amit Mutsuddy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Amit Mutsuddy, P.E.

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San Francisco, CA 94105

Attn: FY 2022 San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Review Committee
Subject: Support from East Bay Regional Park District for BACWA's Clean Water Together proposal

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of the East Bay Regional Park District, I am writing to express our strong support of the proposal titled "Clean Water Together – A Coalition Proposal for Regional Nutrient Solutions" submitted by the Bay Area Clean Water Agencies (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, and 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. We respectfully request your support for this important initiative.

We are particularly supportive of the diverse approaches outlined in the proposal, which 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.
- **Market-Based Solutions:** Developing a regional nutrient trading program that leverages site-specific opportunities to achieve aggregate load reductions more efficiently.
- **Nature-Based Solutions (NBS):** Advancing projects like the "First Mile" Horizontal Levee and floating wetland islands to provide nutrient polishing alongside habitat enhancement and flood resilience.

The First Mile Horizontal Levee Project has long been a cornerstone of regional collaborative planning efforts, and is a key project identified in the Hayward Shoreline Adaptation Master Plan. The East Bay Regional Parks District and the

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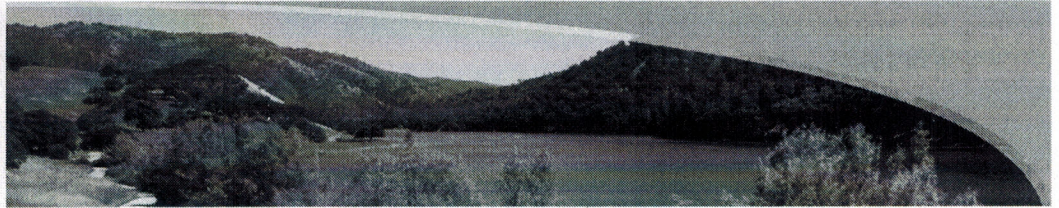
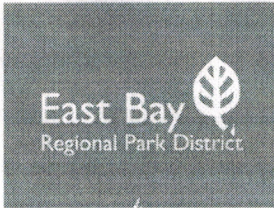
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Hayward Area Shoreline Planning Agency have been working closely with the East Bay Dischargers Authority and other partners since the project's inception, and we strongly support this proposal to help bring that multi-benefit project to fruition. The project will provide flood protection and recreational opportunities for a community that has not historically had access to the shoreline. At the same time, through innovative wastewater treatment features, it will reduce nutrient loads to the Bay, decreasing the likelihood and severity of future harmful algal blooms. These types of projects that meet multiple objectives are exactly what we need right now to stretch limited public funds.

The East Bay Regional Park District 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 East Bay Regional Park 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.

Sincerely,

Max Korten, Acting General Manager
East Bay Regional Park District

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February 24, 2026

US EPA Region 9 (WTR-2-2)

Attn: Luisa Valiela

75 Hawthorne Street

San Francisco, CA 94105

Attn: San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Review Committee

Subject: Support from Greenbelt Alliance for BACWA's Clean Water Together proposal

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of Greenbelt Alliance, 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. We respectfully request your support for this important initiative.

Greenbelt Alliance envisions a Bay Area of healthy, thriving, resilient communities that are safe during disasters and recover quickly from floods and drought. For this reason

we are supportive of the diverse approaches outlined in the proposal, which include advancing nature-based solutions (NBS) such as the "First Mile" Horizontal Levee to provide habitat enhancement and flood resilience.

Greenbelt Alliance 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.

Greenbelt Alliance 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 cnotch@greenbelt.org or 415-543-6771 ext. 305.

Sincerely,



Cailin Notch
East Bay Resilience Manager
Greenbelt Alliance



HAYWARD AREA SHORELINE PLANNING AGENCY

February 24, 2026

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

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

Subject: Support from HASPA for BACWA's Clean Water Together proposal

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of the **Hayward Area Shoreline Planning Agency (HASPA)**, I am writing to express our strong support of the proposal titled "Clean Water Together – A Coalition Proposal for Regional Nutrient Solutions" submitted by the Bay Area Clean Water Agencies (BACWA) with multiple partners, including San Francisco Estuary Partnership and East Bay Dischargers Authority, 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 produce scalable wastewater nutrient management strategies for the region and nationwide. We respectfully request your support for this important initiative.

In particular, the "First Mile" Horizontal Levee Project (included in this funding request) will show how nature-based solutions can deliver nutrient polishing, habitat gains, and flood resilience. The First Mile Horizontal Levee Project has long been a cornerstone of regional collaborative planning efforts, and is a key project identified in HASPA's Hayward Regional Shoreline Adaptation Master Plan. The Master Plan envisioned a number of critical projects important for the area's long-term resilience, including the First Mile Horizontal Levee Project, and we are happy to see this project included as one of the solutions being advanced in the Clean Water Together proposal.

HASPA has been working closely with the East Bay Dischargers Authority and other partners since the project's inception, and we strongly support this proposal to help bring that multi-benefit project to fruition. The project will provide flood protection and recreational opportunities for a community that has not historically had access to the shoreline. At the same time, through innovative wastewater treatment features, it will reduce nutrient loads to the Bay, decreasing the likelihood and severity of



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future harmful algal blooms. These types of projects that meet multiple objectives are exactly what we need right now to stretch limited public funds.

HASPA advances collaborative climate adaptation planning to protect people, public health, infrastructure, the environment, and shoreline access. HASPA supports this collaborative effort to protect our Estuary. 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 aharris@rgs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Adrienne Harris
Manager, Hayward Area Shoreline Planning Agency (HASPA)

cc: HASPA Board of Trustees
Chair Eric Hentschke (ACMAD),
Francisco Zermeno (City of Hayward),
Dennis Waespi (EBRPD), &
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Livermore-Amador Valley Water Management Agency

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 Livermore Amador Valley Water Management Agency (LAVWMA) for BACWA's Clean Water Together proposal

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of LAVWMA, 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.

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The Livermore-Amador Valley Water Management Agency (LAVWMA) is a joint powers agency created in 1974 by the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton and the Dublin San Ramon Services District for the purpose of discharging their treated wastewater to San Francisco Bay. Operations began in September 1979 with expansions in 1983, 1987 and 2003 bringing it to its current maximum discharge capacity of 41.2 mgd. The wastewater is conveyed via a 16-mile pipeline

from Pleasanton to San Leandro and enters the East Bay Dischargers Authority (EBDA) system for dechlorination and discharge through a deepwater outfall to the San Francisco Bay.

LAVWMA's facilities span from the City of Livermore to the San Francisco Bay. LAVWMA receives treated wastewater from plants operated by the City of Livermore and the Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD). The combined average dry weather flowrate from these two facilities is limited by the joint powers agreement to a maximum flowrate of 31.8 million gallons per day (mgd). LAVWMA facilities are designed to export a maximum flow of 41.2 mgd during wet weather events. The treated effluent from the two treatment plants flows by gravity to the LAVWMA Export Pump Station in Pleasanton.

LAVWMA supports this effort because it has the potential to reduce nutrients conveyed through LAVWMA infrastructure to San Francisco Bay.

DSRSD is a member agency of LAVWMA and shares the responsibility of protecting water quality in the Bay. Meeting these very low nutrient limits requires collaboration among the agencies and participating partners to achieve a combined 40% total inorganic nitrogen (TIN) reduction from 2022 TIN loads. LAVWMA supports Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) MABR pilot project as an innovative, and cost-effective solutions. MABR technology offers a proven method for simultaneous nitrification and denitrification with lower energy use and operational costs compared to conventional systems. By piloting this technology, DSRSD will demonstrate a scalable solution that complements its recycled water operations, minimizes financial impacts on ratepayers and helps Bay Area agencies to stay below the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Board's 2034 TIN limit.

We are particularly supportive of the diverse approaches outlined in the proposal, which 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.
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LAVWMA 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.

LAVWMA 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 a fuller@lavwma.com.

Sincerely,

Levi Fuller

Levi Fuller, General Manager
Livermore Amador Valley Water Management Agency
fuller@lavwma.com



February 24, 2026

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Attn: Luisa Valiela
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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.

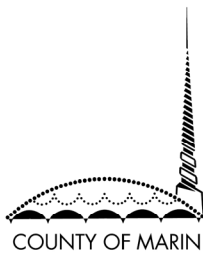
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MCBC fully supports this collaborative effort to protect our Estuary while practicing economic efficiency with the co-benefits of drought and flooding resilience. We urge the EPA to fund this proposal and support the regional collaboration necessary 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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Attn: FY 2026 San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Review Committee

Subject: Support from Marin County Open Space District for BACWA's Clean Water Together proposal

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of Marin County Open Space District, 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 Marin County Open Space District. This potential project provides a multi-benefit solution for sea level rise adaptation, ecosystem restoration and adaptation, public access, and nutrient reduction.

This work builds upon prior outreach and technical studies as part of our larger Evolving Shorelines at Bothin Marsh initiative, as well as the Transportation Authority of Marin's Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan. It complements the City of Mill Valley's Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan, currently under development. We view this potential project as a critical investment in the long-term health of the Bay and North Bothin Marsh, the safety of surrounding communities, and the preservation of public access to coastal resources.

Marin County Open Space District 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.

Marin County Open Space District supports this collaborative effort to protect North Bothin Marsh 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:
Chris.Chamberlain@marincounty.gov.

Sincerely,

Chris Chamberlain

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

Re: Support from Oro Loma Sanitary District for BACWA's Clean Water Together Proposal

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of the Oro Loma Sanitary District, 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. We respectfully request your support for this important initiative.

Oro Loma Sanitary District serves a population of 135,000 on the East San Francisco Bay, including the communities of Ashland, Castro Valley, Cherryland, Fairview, San Lorenzo, and parts of both Hayward and San Leandro. Our agency is tasked with ensuring water quality for our communities by

collecting and treating wastewater to discharge clean water to San Francisco Bay. The knowledge gained through this regional coalition effort will directly inform Oro Loma's nutrient compliance and capital planning strategies. We support Dublin San Ramon Services District's (DSRSD) Membrane Aerated Bioreactor (MABR) pilot project as an innovative, energy-efficient approach to nutrient reduction that can provide scalable results while minimizing ratepayer impacts. Demonstrating advanced treatment technologies, nature-based solutions, and market-based strategies through this proposal will generate valuable, transferable insights to help Oro Loma and partner agencies meet the 2034 TIN limits in a fiscally responsible manner. Oro Loma Sanitary District is a member agency of the East Bay Dischargers Authority which Dublin San Ramon Services District is a partner agency to. Oro Loma Sanitary District and DSRSD share the same discharge outfall to the San Francisco Bay and the responsibility of protecting water quality in the Bay. Meeting these very low nutrient limits requires collaboration among the agencies and participating partners to achieve a combined 40% total inorganic nitrogen (TIN) reduction from 2022 TIN loads. Oro Loma Sanitary District supports Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) MABR pilot project as an innovative, and cost-effective solutions. MABR technology offers a proven method for simultaneous nitrification and denitrification with lower energy use and operational costs compared to conventional systems. By piloting this technology, DSRSD will demonstrate a scalable solution that complements its recycled water operations, minimizes financial impacts on ratepayers and helps Oro Loma Sanitation District and sister agencies to stay below the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Board's 2034 TIN limit.

We are particularly supportive of the diverse approaches outlined in the proposal, which 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 and floating wetland islands to provide nutrient polishing alongside habitat enhancement and flood resilience.
- **Market-Based Solutions:** Developing a regional nutrient trading program that leverages site-specific opportunities to achieve aggregate load reductions more efficiently

Oro Loma Sanitation District 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.

Oro Loma Sanitation 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 jdang@orolomasanitarydistrict.ca.gov or 510-481-6981.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jimmy Dang', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Jimmy Dang
General Manager



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Attn: San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Review Committee

Subject: Support from Plantify for BACWA's Clean Water Together proposal

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of Plantify, 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. We respectfully request your support for this important initiative.

Plantify is a community-based environmental 501(c)(3) nonprofit located in the unincorporated community of Alameda County dedicated to increasing access to nature through hands-on ecological education and community engagement. Knowledge gained through this project will

strengthen our ability to design informed, place-based programming that connects communities to regional watershed resilience efforts.

Plantify is delighted to collaborate on this important work in the manner specified in the proposal. As a community partner and subrecipient, we will support community engagement and outreach efforts, helping to translate technical nutrient and shoreline adaptation strategies into accessible educational programming and opportunities for the community.

We are particularly supportive of the diverse approaches outlined in the proposal, which 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 and floating wetland islands to provide nutrient polishing alongside habitat enhancement and flood resilience.
- **Market-Based Solutions:** Developing a regional nutrient trading program that leverages site-specific opportunities to achieve aggregate load reductions more efficiently

Plantify 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.

Plantify 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 [**toku@plantify.org**](mailto:toku@plantify.org).

Sincerely,



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February 24, 2026

Luisa Valiela
Program Lead
US EPA Region 9 (WTR-2-2)
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Subject: Support from Congressman DeSaulnier for BACWA's Clean Water Together proposal

Dear Program Lead Luisa Valiela,

I am writing in strong support of the proposal titled "Clean Water Together – A Coalition Proposal for Regional Nutrient Solutions" submitted by Bay Area Clean Water Agencies (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, and 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 seeks to provide 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, I'm told 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. As I understand it, 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.

Additionally, my understanding is that this proposal includes diverse approaches, like:

- **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 and floating wetland islands to provide nutrient polishing alongside habitat enhancement and flood resilience.

- Market-Based Solutions: Developing a regional nutrient trading program that leverages site-specific opportunities to achieve aggregate load reductions more efficiently

As I understand it, BACWA has a long-standing history of successful regional coordination and fiscal responsibility. I'm told their collaboration with the San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP) ensures robust administrative oversight and effective technology transfer across the region. It's my understanding that this coalition will deliver high-impact results that serve as a national model for watershed-scale nutrient management.

I'm also told this collaborative effort would protect our Estuary while practicing economic efficiency with the co-benefits of drought and flooding resilience and this funding would help support the regional collaboration necessary for a sustainable San Francisco Bay.

I respectfully request this application be given your full and fair consideration. Thank you for taking the time to consider my thoughts on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MARK DESAULNIER". The signature is stylized and written in all caps.

Mark DeSaulnier
Member of Congress

February 24, 2026

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9
San Francisco Bay Program
75 Hawthorne St.
San Francisco, CA, 94105
Attn: Luisa Valiela

Subject: Support from the San Francisco Bay Nutrient Management Strategy for BACWA's Clean Water Together Proposal

Dear Environmental Protection Agency Grant Proposal Review Committee,

On behalf of the San Francisco Bay Nutrient Management Strategy (NMS), I am writing to express our support for the proposal titled "Clean Water Together – A Coalition Proposal for Regional Nutrient Solutions," submitted by the Bay Area Clean Water Agencies (BACWA) and its partners, in response to EPA Notice of Funding Opportunity Number EPA-R9-SFBay-26-0.

The NMS is a regional program of the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board established to address nutrient enrichment in San Francisco Bay, with a particular focus on understanding and managing the conditions that contribute to harmful algal blooms and impacts to sensitive species, including white and green sturgeon. A central challenge for the NMS is developing actionable, cost-effective nutrient management strategies that can achieve meaningful load reductions at regional scale – and the Clean Water Together proposal speaks directly to that challenge.

We support this proposal for several reasons. The coalition's multi-pronged approach – spanning process intensification at existing facilities, nature-based nutrient polishing, and the development of a regional nutrient trading framework – reflects exactly the kind of integrated approach needed to achieve durable water quality improvements in the Bay.

The NMS is interested in the nutrient trading component of this proposal. A well-designed regional trading program has the potential to unlock site-specific efficiencies across Bay Area POTWs while still meeting Bay-wide load reduction goals. Similarly, the process intensification pilots – including Membrane Aerated Bioreactors and Densified Activated Sludge technologies – will generate performance and cost information that can inform load reduction target-setting and compliance pathway analysis at the regional level.

The NMS supports this proposal and recommends that EPA fund this important initiative.

Sincerely,

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Kevin Lunde, Ph.D.
Chair, Nutrient Management Strategy Steering Committee



San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

February 23, 2026

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 (WTR-2-2)
San Francisco Bay Geographic Program
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105
Attn: Luisa Valiela

Subject: Support from the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board for BACWA's Clean Water Together proposal

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board), 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 and effective 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. We respectfully request your support for this important initiative.

The Water Board is a regulatory agency responsible for the protection of water quality throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. In 2024, our agency took the monumental step of requiring a 40 percent region-wide load reduction from 40 municipal wastewater

DONALD YOUNG, CHAIR | EILEEN M. WHITE, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

treatment plants. This action was necessary because nutrient loads from wastewater fueled a widespread harmful algae bloom in 2022, which resulted in fish kills of protected species such as white and green sturgeon. The Water Board's NPDES permit requires wastewater treatment plants to achieve the aggregate nitrogen reduction by 2034, a timeline requiring immediate collaboration and coordination across wastewater treatment plants, regulators, and scientists. This grant proposal facilitates regional action to achieve these substantial nutrient reductions, thereby improving water quality and supporting the many beneficial uses of San Francisco Bay.

We are particularly supportive of the diverse approaches outlined in the proposal, which 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:** Advancing projects like the "First Mile" Horizontal Levee and floating wetland islands to provide nutrient polishing alongside habitat enhancement and flood resilience.
- **Market-Based Solutions:** Developing a regional nutrient trading program that leverages site-specific opportunities to achieve aggregate load reductions more efficiently

The Water Board 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 Water Board fully supports this collaborative effort to protect San Francisco Bay while practicing economic efficiency with the co-benefits of drought and flooding resilience. We strongly recommend the EPA fund this proposal and support the regional collaboration necessary for a sustainable San Francisco Bay. If you have any questions, please contact me at Eileen.White@waterboards.ca.gov or (510) 622-2314.

Sincerely,



Eileen M. White, P.E.
Executive Officer



February 18, 2026

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

Attn: San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Review Committee

RE: Support from Save The Bay for BACWA's Clean Water Together proposal

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of Save The Bay, the largest regional organization working to protect and restore the San Francisco Bay, I am writing to express our strong support of the proposal titled "Clean Water Together – A Coalition Proposal for Regional Nutrient Solutions" submitted by the Bay Area Clean Water Agencies (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 for protecting the San Francisco Bay, and this collaborative effort represents a viable and timely path toward sustainable nutrient management.

Nutrient discharges into San Francisco Bay are becoming an increasing risk to the Bay's health. These discharges can contribute to harmful algae blooms, such as the one that the Bay experienced in 2022. Following the devastating impact of that event which killed thousands of marine species, the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board adopted new permit requirements directing wastewater plant managers to reduce the amount of nutrient loading from treatment plants around the Bay Area. The current, more restrictive limitations will require significant investment in new technology and nature-based approaches to treat wastewater and protect the Bay.

BACWA's Clean Water Together proposal is an innovative and urgently needed approach that will advance nutrient reduction strategies at wastewater treatment facilities across the region. Crucially, this proposal will advance the Hayward First Mile Horizontal Levee, a multi-benefit project that combines nutrient reduction alongside

improved flood resilience, habitat protection, and public access to the shoreline. This is an example of an efficient use of public resources to address related needs that should be a model for investment from programs like the EPA's San Francisco Bay Program.

In addition to this important project, Clean Water Together will advance a range of nutrient reduction solutions including a regional credit trading program, additional nature-based nutrient reduction strategies, and new technologies and operational approaches to improve water quality discharges into San Francisco Bay.

Save The Bay is proud to support this collaborative effort among wastewater operators and the San Francisco Estuary Partnership to study and advance projects that will benefit the health of the Bay, our region's economy, and the quality of life for the more than 7 million people who call the Bay Area home. If you have any questions, please contact me at 510-463-6808.

Sincerely,

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Josh Quigley
Sn. Policy Manager
Save The Bay



February 24, 2026

US EPA Region 9 (WTR-2-2)
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Attn: FY 2022 San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Review
Committee

**Subject: Support from Silicon Valley Clean Water for BACWA's Clean Water
Together Proposal**

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of the Silicon Valley Clean Water (SVCW), 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. We respectfully request your support for this important initiative.

SVCW is a Joint Powers Authority providing wastewater treatment services to 300,000+ residents across Belmont, Redwood City, San Carlos, and West Bay Sanitary District. For 50 years, we've protected public health and the San Francisco Bay through 24/7 operations, transforming wastewater into renewable energy and

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agricultural resources. We are particularly supportive of the diverse approaches outlined in the proposal, which 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.
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- **Market-Based Solutions:** Developing a regional nutrient trading program that leverages site-specific opportunities to achieve aggregate load reductions more efficiently

SVCW 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.

SVCW 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 mzucca@svcw.org.

Sincerely,

SILICON VALLEY CLEAN WATER

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew Zucca". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Matthew" and last name "Zucca" clearly legible.

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

Subject: Support from Codiga Resource Recovery Center at Stanford University for BACWA's Clean Water Together proposal

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of the Codiga Resource Recovery Center at Stanford University, 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.

The Codiga Resource Recovery Center at Stanford University is dedicated to testing novel technologies for water treatment, wastewater treatment and reuse. We partner with utilities to conduct pilot-testing for novel treatment technologies. This pilot-testing is critical to move technologies from laboratory-scale through full-scale implementation. Accordingly, we fully

support this effort to evaluate novel technologies to solve address regional challenges with discharges of nutrients and contaminants of emerging concern to San Francisco Bay.

We are particularly supportive of the diverse approaches outlined in the proposal, which 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 such as the “First Mile” Horizontal Levee and floating wetland islands to provide nutrient polishing, support reduction of CECs from RO Concentrate (ROC) and other similar waste streams prior to discharge to the San Francisco Bay, and deliver co-benefits including habitat enhancement, shoreline resilience, and flood protection.
- **Market-Based Solutions:** Developing a regional nutrient trading program that leverages site-specific opportunities to achieve aggregate load reductions more efficiently

Stanford University’s Codiga Resource Recovery Center 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.

Stanford University’s Codiga Resource Recovery Center 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 wamitch@stanford.edu.

Sincerely,



William Mitch
Codiga Resource Recovery Center
Stanford University



Teach EARTH Action

February 24, 2026

US EPA Region 9 (WTR-2-2)

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75 Hawthorne Street

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Attn: San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Review Committee

Subject: Support from Teach Earth Action for BACWA's Clean Water Together proposal

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer:

On behalf of Teach Earth Action (TEA), 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. We respectfully request your support for this important initiative.

TEA believes faculty from across the disciplines can reimagine their teaching to confront climate change and environmental injustice. We support this belief by offering training and strategic support for institutes of higher education. TEA has partnered with government agencies, municipalities, community colleges, and local nonprofits across the Bay Area on real-world projects that address local impacts of climate change. We are particularly supportive of the diverse approaches outlined in the proposal, which 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 and floating wetland islands to provide nutrient polishing alongside habitat enhancement and flood resilience.
- Market-Based Solutions: Developing a regional nutrient trading program that leverages site-specific opportunities to achieve aggregate load reductions more efficiently

Teach Earth Action 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.

Teach Earth Action 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 tom@teachearthaction.org.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Support from Transportation Authority of Marin for the Bay Area Clean Water Agencies' (BACWA) Clean Water Together proposal

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer,

As the Executive Director of the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM), I am writing to express our 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 (SASM), 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, and this collaborative effort represents a viable and timely path toward sustainable nutrient management.

Of the notable projects included in the grant, SASM's feasibility study at North Bothin Marsh is of particular interest to TAM. This project provides a multi-benefit solution for sea level rise adaptation, ecosystem restoration and adaptation, public access, and nutrient reduction. TAM recently developed a Sea Level Rise Adaptation Planning Study for Marin County's Transportation System that evaluated areas in the County that are most vulnerable to sea level rise as well as which transportation, community, and critical assets are exposed. In the Study, Mill Valley is identified as a Vulnerable Location with a series of potential adaptation solutions that could aid in protection of the area. This feasibility study represents a critical opportunity to evaluate the potential benefits of a horizontal levee in enhancing resilience to sea-level rise along with other benefits.

TAM supports this collaborative effort to protect the Bay while practicing economic efficiency with the co-benefits of drought and flooding resilience. We urge close and careful consideration to providing EPA grant funding to support the regional collaboration necessary for a sustainable San Francisco Bay.

Sincerely,

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Anne Richman
Executive Director

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

Subject: Support for BACWA's Clean Water Together proposal

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer:

As a faculty member and Director of the Berkeley Water Center, 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. I am an enthusiastic supporter of this project because I recognize that the region is at a critical juncture in its effort to protect the San Francisco Bay from the adverse effects of nutrient discharges 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. We respectfully request your support for this important initiative.

My research team has been involved in two aspects of efforts to achieve the goals articulated in this proposal for over 15 years. The first involves the fostering of regional collaboration on multi-benefit solutions. This efforts of the Bay Area One Water Network, which began with support from the National Science Foundation's Engineering Research Center for Reinventing the Nation's Urban Water Infrastructure (ReNUWIt) started efforts that are continuing through the Transforming Shorelines Collaborative and the continuing efforts of the One Water Network, which is now being led by the San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP). The second area involves the use of nature-based treatment systems to improve water quality. This work, which started as a research project on Horizontal Levees funded by ReNUWIt has continued with support from local stakeholders. The first fully functional Horizontal Levee was recently completed by the City of Palo Alto.

This proposal includes requests for funding to advance both efforts that I have been involved with as a researcher. Therefore, I am enthusiastic about continuing to play an active role in the Bay Area One Water Network through participation in planning meetings, workshops and outreach conducted by the network. I also look forward to playing a role in the assessment of the expanded use of Horizontal Levees as multi-benefit solutions for problems related to managing residuals from water recycling projects. As an experienced researcher in this area, I look forward to collecting data needed to inform Horizontal Levee designs for projects like the project that the proposal team is considering in the area near the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center. This work is likely to include measurements of the removal of nutrients and other constituents from pilot-scale systems treating reverse osmosis concentrate and development of approaches for driving down Horizontal Levee construction and operational costs.

Over the past three decades, I have come to appreciate BACWA's support for successful regional coordination, fiscal responsibility and environmental protection. 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.

I 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 by e-mail (sedlak@berkeley.edu) or phone (510 643 0256).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Sedlak". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being more prominent than the last name "Sedlak".

David L. Sedlak
Plato Malozemoff Distinguished Professor

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Subject: Letter of Support from Santa Clara Valley Water District for BACWA's Clean Water Together proposal

Dear San Francisco Bay Geographic Program Office Proposal Reviewer:

On behalf of Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water), 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 (SFEP), 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.

Through on-the-ground implementation, targeted research, regional collaboration, and development of a nutrient trading framework, this effort 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 coalition will generate valuable insights and inform practical, scalable approaches to wastewater nutrient management across the Bay Area and nationally. These efforts directly support regional collaboration and help protect the San Francisco Bay while advancing sustainable water reuse solutions.

Valley Water plays a critical role in advancing recycled and purified water programs in South Bay and is actively leading technical studies and evaluations focused on managing reverse osmosis concentrate (ROC), a by-product of advanced water purification. We recognize the importance of integrated regional solutions that address nutrients, emerging contaminants, and concentrate management in a manner that is technically sound, environmentally protective, and economically feasible.

We are particularly supportive of the diverse approaches outlined in the proposal, which include:

- **Process Intensification:** Piloting advanced technologies like Membrane Aerated Bioreactors (MABR) and Densified Activated Sludge (DAS) to reduce nutrients within existing plant footprints more efficiently and quickly.
- **Nature-Based Solutions (NBS):** Advancing projects like the "First Mile " Horizontal Levee and floating wetland islands to provide reduction of nutrients and other contaminants while enhancing habitat and flood resilience.
- **Market-Based Solutions:** Developing a regional nutrient trading program to leverage site-specific opportunities and achieve cost-effective aggregate load reductions.

Valley Water will play an active role in reviewing technical products, participating in workgroups and workshops, and coordinating to ensure project outcomes are technically sound, regionally aligned, and applicable to

advancing nutrient management and strategies in South Bay. This study will provide Valley Water and the City of San José with the information needed to determine whether to advance a nature-based solution for ROC management, nutrient reduction, and control of contaminants of emerging concern (CECs).

We look forward to contributing to the success of this project and collaborating with the broader team. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact Medi Sinaki, P.E., Senior Engineer, via email at msinaki@valleywater.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Hossein Ashktorab".

Hossein Ashktorab, Ph.D.
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Valley Water (Santa Clara Valley Water District)

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U.S. EPA Region 9 (WTR-2-2)
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Re: Support from Zone 7 Water Agency for BACWA's Clean Water Together Proposal

Dear Proposal Review Committee,

On behalf of Zone 7, 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-SF Bay-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. We strongly encourage EPA Region 9 to fund this proposal and support this critical regional collaboration.

Zone 7 Water Agency (Zone 7) serves over a quarter of a million residents of the Tri-Valley area of Alameda County, California, acting as a water wholesaler to four retail water purveyors – including Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD). Zone 7 is the exclusive groundwater basin manager for the Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin. Zone 7 supports DSRSD's primary strategy of water recycling for diverting nutrients from the San Francisco Bay while finding innovative solutions that complement its recycled water operations. Our agency is committed to advancing sustainable water management practices under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The proposed MABR pilot aligns with our objectives by exploring innovative solutions that enhance water quality when recycled water demand is low while

maintaining recycled water as a primary nutrient reduction strategy. This approach not only supports groundwater sustainability but also promotes beneficial reuse of water resources, which is critical for long-term resilience in our region.

We are particularly supportive of the diverse approaches outlined in the proposal, which 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.
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Zone 7 Water Agency 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.

Zone 7 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 Carol Mahoney, Government Relations Manager at carol@zone7water.com | (925) 454-5064.

Sincerely,

Valerie L. Pryor

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