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Mr. R. Zachary Wasserman, Chairman  
San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission  
455 Golden Gate Avenue, Suite 10600  
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Dear Chairman Wasserman,

I write in support of the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority's (JPA) proposed flood control, ecosystem restoration, and recreation project for San Francisquito Creek. After several years of regulatory and funding delays, this project is finally on the right track and represents the first real opportunity to provide permanent flood protection for thousands of residents of East Palo Alto.

Congress initially authorized the Army Corps to study the flood risks of San Francisquito Creek in 1941. Since then the Creek has overflowed its banks several times, including the record flood of 1998 which caused \$28 million in damages to 1,700 properties. Despite this history, thousands of residents of East Palo Alto continue to live behind inadequate levees under the threat of fluvial flooding, tidal flooding, and sea level rise. Nearly two decades after the 1998 floods, the JPA's project will finally give these residents protection from these threats.

As a former Member of BCDC representing San Mateo County, I understand the unique role the Commission plays and your important responsibility to be stewards of the Bay. This project is not without its challenges from an engineering and ecosystem perspective, but I commend the JPA for working diligently to secure the approval of local, state, and federal regulators to get to this point. I'm asking that you help see this project over the finish line so it can finally begin construction this summer and protect the residents of East Palo Alto from future floods.

Thank you for your important work at the Commission and for your consideration of my request.

Most gratefully,



Anna G. Eshoo  
Member of Congress

cc: Commissioners, San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission  
Mr. Larry Goldzband, Executive Director, San Francisco Bay Conservation and  
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