



CITY OF EAST PALO ALTO
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
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EAST PALO ALTO, CA 94303

February 16, 2016

R. Zachary Wasserman,
Chair San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission
455 Golden Gate Avenue, Suite 10600
San Francisco, CA 94102-7019

RE: San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority's San Francisquito Creek Flood Reduction, Restoration, and Recreation San Francisco Bay to Highway 101 Project Permit Application 2013.007.00 - Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Wasserman:

As a member agency of the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority (SFCJPA), the City of East Palo Alto has been working with all members of the SFCJPA on improving flood protection to the thousands of residents who live in the flood prone areas within the San Francisquito Creek (Creek) watershed. In 2013, the SFCJPA submitted a permit application for the San Francisquito Creek Flood Reduction, Restoration, and Recreation San Francisco Bay to Highway 101 Project, which focuses on flood control improvements in the downstream section of the Creek between the Bay and Highway 101 in the cities of East Palo Alto and Palo Alto. This project represents the first phase of improvements aimed at providing residents with protection from a 100-year flood. This phase of the project will address the Creek flooding conditions by installing flood walls and levees working from downstream sections prior to the implementation of improvements in the upper stream sections of the creek, an approach that minimizes the transfer of flood risk that might occur if improvements were first made to areas in the upper watershed.

The City of East Palo Alto and neighboring cities continue to experience flooding, and the last major flood occurred on December 23, 2012 causing major infrastructure and property damage along Woodland Avenue and mainly in the Gardens Neighborhood adjacent to the creek. The San Francisco Bay to Highway 101 Project is a critical first step towards improving overall flood protection for communities along the creek, within the cities of Menlo Park, Palo Alto, and East Palo Alto.

Once the project is underway, the SFCJPA will continue to evaluate and implement projects required in the upstream sections of the Creek. With the implementation of this project, we will be able continue our efforts in providing 100-year flood protection to our residents. I, in behalf of the entire City Council, East Palo Alto residents and constituents, respectfully request the approval of the SFCJPA's San Francisco Bay to Highway 101 Project permit application.

Sincerely,


Donna Rutherford, Mayor

Cc: Larry Goldzband, BCDC Executive Director
East Palo Alto City Council Members

CITY COUNCIL MOTIONS

February 16, 2016

City Council approved the following:

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion #: 16-023	Agenda Item #: 4K
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Subject:

Authorizing The Mayor To Send A Letter To Bay Conservation And Development Commission (BCDC) Supporting The San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority Application For The Bay-Highway 101 Flood Control Project

Item moved by Councilmember Romero and seconded by Councilmember Gauthier.

Vote as Follows:

Ayes:	ROMERO, GAUTHIER, RUTHERFORD, MOODY
Noes:	
Absent:	ABRICA
Abstain:	

I, Terrie Gillen, Deputy City Clerk, certify that the City Council adopted these motions at the City Council Regular Meeting on February 16, 2016.


TERRIE GILLEN,
Deputy City Clerk

2/16/16
Date