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# Contra Costa County



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Luisa Valiela  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
C/O Jennifer Krebs  
San Francisco Estuary Partnership  
1515 Clay Street  
Oakland, California 94612

## **Re: Support for Grant Application by the San Francisco Estuary Partnership**

Dear Ms. Valiela:

As Chair of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to express our support for the *Estuary 2100 Phase 2: Building Partnerships for Resilient Watersheds* grant proposal submitted by the Association of Bay Area Governments on behalf of the San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP) for funding under the Environmental Protection Agency's San Francisco Bay Area Water Quality Improvement Fund.

We are particularly interested in receiving funding from EPA for a project in our county, the **North Richmond Pump Station Pilot to Treat Dry Weather Flows**. With this funding, Contra Costa County will construct a bypass structure from North Richmond Stormwater Pump Station to the West County Wastewater Treatment Plant to treat heavily polluted dry weather flows and initial flush stormwater flows. The Richmond area is economically disadvantaged compared to the rest of Contra Costa County and the North Richmond community, site of the project, is exposed disproportionately to chemical pollution impacts according to the West County Toxics Coalition. If the project is successful, it can be replicated in other cities and counties around the Bay.

The San Francisco Estuary Partnership has a strong track record of organizing and administering multi-partner grants, and we offer our enthusiastic support for this critical effort.

On behalf of Contra Costa County, I wish to thank you for your consideration. We look forward to accomplishing a fundamental improvement in water quality in North Richmond while demonstrating the process and efficacy of dry weather flow and stormwater runoff diversion and treatment to other agencies in the Bay Area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan A. Bonilla".

SUSAN A. BONILLA  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

cc: Members, Board of Supervisors