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Norma Camacho
Interim Chief Executive Officer
SCVWD Board of Directors
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Dear Ms. Camacho,

Our ongoing drought has underscored the need to develop alternative and sustainable water supplies in Santa Clara County and throughout the arid West. Recycled water and purified water from wastewater treatment plants will be pivotal sources in that effort. As partners in the Palo Alto Regional Water Quality Control Plant, both Palo Alto and Mountain View are fully committed to working with the Santa Clara Valley Water District ("District") to grow a County-wide system producing and distributing highly treated water. As a County-wide water resources management agency, the District is well positioned to provide leadership in this endeavor.

In particular, exciting possibilities exist when we begin to explore ways of creating resiliency by tying treatment plant effluents together for purification at centralized facilities. Work needs to be done to investigate the feasibility of this concept and we are committed to working with the District on that investigation. As such, we are no longer in discussions with San Jose Water Company about any advanced water treatment projects.

The joint meeting of two of your Recycled Water Subcommittees on September 27th will be an important step as we bring the cities in the North County together. At that meeting, our elected officials can discuss partnership concepts further. Our staff can then follow up with the technical discussions and evaluations that will be needed.

Again, let us express our very strong interest and commitment to this effort, and to utilizing the District's leadership role.

Sincerely,


James Keene
City Manager
City of Palo Alto


Daniel H. Rich
City Manager
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