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Office of the City Manager

September 21, 2016

Ms. Norma Camacho
interim Chief Executive Officer
Santa Clara Valley Water District
5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA 95118

Dear Ms. ~~Camacho~~ ^{Norma}:

The current ongoing four-year drought has highlighted the importance of developing reliable water supplies in Santa Clara County to sustain the economic vitality of our region. Recycled water, and purified water from wastewater treatment plants, will be critical sources at the forefront of this effort. As the operator of one of those plants, Sunnyvale is committed to working with the Santa Clara Valley Water District ("District") to grow a County-wide system producing and distributing highly-treated water to meet our region's needs.

In particular, exciting possibilities exist when we begin to explore ways of creating regional resiliency by connecting 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. The joint meeting of two of your Recycled Water Subcommittees on September 27 will be an important step as we bring the cities in the North County together. As mentioned, City staff has not fully reviewed the draft documents received on September 19; however, we are in support of a conceptual conversation on partnerships. Staff can then follow up with the technical discussions and evaluations that will be needed.

The City looks forward to further conversation at the September 27 meeting and will be sending our Assistant City Manager, Kent Steffens. He will be involved in coordinating City efforts to make progress towards a regional recycled water partnership.

Sincerely,



Deanna J. Santana
City Manager

cc: Kent Steffens, Assistant City Manager
John Stufflebean, Environmental Services Director