



December 18, 2015

Santa Clara Valley Water District
Board of Directors, 5750 Almaden Expressway,
San Jose, CA 95118

Re: Requesting Your Support of \$1.5M Operating Funds MOA for SFBRA

Dear Santa Clara Valley Water District Board Members:

I am writing you to respectfully request that the District execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority to provide \$1,500,000 in operating funds necessary to support activities that will benefit flood protection, watershed restoration and other related efforts in Santa Clara County.

Bay Area businesses and communities are at serious risk of flooding from a changing climate and aging infrastructure, with billions of dollars in assets located right at the water's edge. In order to protect the region's economy, a coalition of leading organizations has come together to support San Francisco Bay restoration and flood improvement efforts. Understanding the business community has a lot at stake and that our engagement is critical to the success of the initiative, the Silicon Valley Leadership Group is helping lead a campaign to protect the region and restore the San Francisco Bay.

Founded in 1978 by David Packard of Hewlett-Packard, the Leadership Group represents more than 390 of Silicon Valley's most respected employers on issues, programs and campaigns that affect the economic health and quality of life in Silicon Valley, including energy, transportation, education, housing, health care, tax policies, economic vitality and the environment.

There are a number of institutions engaged in this critical effort and there is strong consensus from leaders across the region that action is necessary and that we must move forward now. However, while this work is very important to the health and well being of the region, it cannot move forward without your support.

That is why I respectfully request that you act to execute the MOA at your December 22 Board meeting.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my staff lead Mike Mielke, SVP for Environment and Energy at mmielke@svlg.org, or 408-501-7858.

Sincerely,

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