



Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

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Santa Clara Valley Water District  
5750 Almaden Expy  
San Jose, CA 95118

Dear Board of Directors,

On behalf of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District), I would like to encourage the Santa Clara Valley Water District's Board of Directors to support the District's application for the D3 grant program.

The District has partnered with the Santa Clara Valley Water District on a variety of projects, including two through the Measure B: Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Grants and Partnerships Program. Through its ongoing work, the District is committed to actively supporting Measure B's goal to secure present and future water resources of Santa Clara County. Going forward, the District is eager to continue to find opportunities to align its work with these goals. As a result, I encourage the Board to consider the District's application for the construction of Webb Creek Bridge.

Construction of this bridge will open up approximately four miles of trails within Bear Creek Redwoods and facilitate a future regional multi-use trail connection between the Lexington Basin and Skyline, as well as ensure emergency service access is possible throughout the preserve. District expects that Bear Creek Redwoods will be open to the public in early 2019. These goals are well-aligned the Santa Clara Valley Water District's goal of providing increased access to creekside trails and open space through the D3 grant program. Ensuring Bear Creek Redwoods is open for public access is likewise a priority for the District identified in Measure AA, which was passed by District constituents in 2014.

Thank you for considering the District's grant application for the construction of Webb Creek Bridge through the D3 grant program. Please feel free to contact Grants Specialist Melanie Askay if you have any questions at [maskay@openspace.org](mailto:maskay@openspace.org), (650) 691-1200.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ana Ruiz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ana" and last name "Ruiz" clearly distinguishable.

Ana Ruiz, Acting General Manager  
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District