



January 9, 2018

Santa Clara Valley Water District  
B3 Pollution Prevention Partnerships & Grants Program  
5750 Almaden Expressway  
San Jose, CA 95118

Dear Grants Committee:

On behalf of the Town of Los Altos Hills, I am pleased to express support for Grassroots Ecology's application for funds from the Santa Clara Valley Water District's Priority B3 Pollution Prevention Partnerships & Grants Program for the Westwind Barn Stormwater Infiltration Project.

Under the proposed project, Grassroots Ecology will bring together volunteers and community partners to slow surface run-off and increase storm water infiltration on the lower Westwind Community Barn property located in the upper Adobe Creek watershed. The project will slow, infiltrate, and treat surface runoff as it approaches Moody Creek by installing berms and native plants in a seasonally wet zone of the property just above the creek where horse paddocks were recently removed. The project will improve and monitor water quality, increase groundwater recharge, and enhance wildlife habitat.

Since 2014, the Town has contracted with Grassroots Ecology to provide stewardship services for Byrne Open Space Preserve. Their restoration activities have made a visible improvement in the preserve, while also providing opportunities for community engagement and environmental education. We are enthusiastic about the prospect of deepening our collaboration through the proposed project.

Please note that Westwind Community Barn is a property of the Town of Los Altos Hills. The Town agrees to permit Grassroots Ecology access to the property for the purposes of project operation and maintenance.

We thank you for your consideration of this worthwhile proposal, which will result in significant benefits to our city lands, our community, and our larger watershed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carl Cahill".

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