



United States Department of Agriculture

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Contract Administrator
Santa Clara Valley Water District
5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA 95118

Re: Pollution Prevention Partnerships and Grants (Priority B3) Proposal

Dear Contract Administrator,

I am happy to express support of the joint grant proposal from the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) Service and the Loma Prieta Resource Conservation District (LPRCD) for the reduction of pollutant source loads in Santa Clara County through outreach and technical assistance to limited resource and socially disadvantaged farming communities in Santa Clara County.

On behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), I am writing to indicate how our agency will collaborate with the Loma Prieta Resource Conservation District (LPRCD) of Santa Clara County and the University of California's Cooperative Extension (UCCE) Service of Santa Clara County on the proposed project.

As NRCS District Conservationist for Santa Clara County, I will provide a Technical Advisory role to this project to help identify and interpret nutrient management, irrigation water management, and pest management related resource concerns relevant to specialty crop production in Santa Clara County. I will also help guide the implementation and evaluation of NRCS management and/or engineering practices on farms, if any of the participating growers choose to sign up for either financial assistance under the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP), or non-financial technical assistance. The local NRCS staff will also provide administrative and technical support to facilitate the planning and execution of such contracts, if they are awarded.

If you should have any questions regarding NRCS' s collaboration on this project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

for Erika Boyland
District Conservationist