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Subject: FW: Palo Alto Flood Basin Tide Gate Project

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Dear Valley Water Board of Directors:

On behalf of the City of Palo Alto staff who have been working closely with Valley Water staff, I would like to express our appreciation for the direction of the Valley Water project (and the associated CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration) to replace the existing Palo Alto Flood Basin Tide Gate structure. We look forward to continuing coordination on this project. I would also like to acknowledge the Valley Water staff for their excellent communication and willingness to work with our community to make this project successful.

The City understands that the structure, originally built in 1957, has outlived its 50-year projected life and that replacement is therefore necessary. We believe that the new structure will provide significant flood protection benefits to Palo Alto homes, businesses, and schools near Matadero, Adobe, and Barron creeks, and US Highway 101, and will continue to protect wildlife and habitat in the Palo Alto Flood Basin.

Sincerely,

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