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August 15, 2023

Luisa Valiela
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75 Hawthorne
San Francisco, CA 94105

Subject: EPA Grant Letter of Support- North Bay Water Quality Partnership Project

Dear Ms. Valiela,

Sonoma County Public Infrastructure (SCPI) is partnering with the Sonoma County's Permit and Resource Management Department (PRMD) and the Laguna Foundation on the proposed of the North Bay Water Quality Partnership Project.

This project application is being submitted to the San Francisco Bay Water Quality Implement Fund, Funding Opportunity Number EPA-R9-SFBWQIF-23-01, by the North Bay Water Quality Partnership, which includes the Cities of Sonoma and Petaluma, and Sonoma County, with match funding provided by Napa County, Sonoma County Regional Parks, Sonoma Water, and regional education partners including Marin County. The project aims to leverage this strong regional partnership to collectively improve water quality through innovative structural and non-structural management strategies.

SCPI will provide a total match contribution of at least \$128,515.55, consisting of storm drain maintenance and culvert repairs and retrofits in unincorporated south Sonoma County, which will reduce sediment delivery to Sonoma Creek and the Petaluma River, in addition to match funds for Task 1.4, which will fund a pilot study of small trash capture devices in two priority locations in south Sonoma County.

SCPI looks forward to continuing its improvements to the County's stormwater drainage infrastructure and expanding water quality protections to include trash capture. This partnership helps the County meet water quality compliance requirements, make needed environmental and infrastructure improvements, and gain valuable insights to the operations and maintenance of trash capture devices.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Alisa Keenan, Stormwater Coordinator, at (707) 565-2518 or via email at Alisa.Keenan@sonoma-county.org.

Respectfully,

Janice Thompson
Deputy Director



SONOMA
COUNTY
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Bert Whitaker
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August 16th, 2023

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San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Ms. Valiela,

On behalf of the Sonoma County Regional Parks Department, I would like to express support for the proposal for ***North Bay Water Quality Partnership Project***, which will implement an impactful restoration project in Sonoma Valley Regional Park what will improve water quality and improve habitat to support one of our region's most diverse ecosystems.

Sonoma County Regional Parks owns and operates several park properties in the Sonoma Creek and Petaluma River watersheds including Tolay Lake Regional Park, Sonoma Valley Regional Park, Maxwell Farms Regional Parks, Helen Putnam Regional Park, and others. With support from USEPA, we are poised to expand upon our successful wetland restoration efforts at Sonoma Valley Regional Park that the public will explore and enjoy the benefits for years to come. At Sonoma Valley, we plan to restore more wetland habitat that will support the recovery of a critically endangered species.

Regional Parks will provide just over \$25,000 in matching funds from staff time supporting restoration and vegetation management over the 4 years of the proposed project.

I urge you to select this project for funding so that we can continue to work to improve water quality and wetland habitat in southern Sonoma County.

Regards,

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DATE: August 15, 2023

TO: Luisa Valiela, US EPA Region 9 (WTR-3)

75 Hawthorne

San Francisco, CA 94105

FROM: Susan Gorin, Sonoma County Supervisor, First District

SUBJECT: SF Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund Application: North Bay Water Quality Partnership Project

Dear Ms. Valiela,

This letter confirms Sonoma County's commitment to support of the North Bay Water Quality Partnership Project grant application to the San Francisco Bay Water Quality Implement Fund, Funding Opportunity Number EPA-R9-SFBWQIF-23-01. This project is being submitted by the North Bay Water Quality Partnership, which includes the Cities of Sonoma and Petaluma, and Sonoma County, with match funding provided by Napa County, Sonoma Regional Parks, Sonoma Water, and regional education partners including Marin County.

As the Supervisor representing Sonoma Valley, I urge you to fund the North Bay Water Quality Partnership Project. This funding support, in addition to the County's match funds, will support the habitat restoration, trash capture, drainage infrastructure, and water quality outreach projects proposed in the application. By working collaboratively and funding collectively, the project partners can restore waterways and rare vernal pools in our public parks, meet the requirements of the Trash Amendments of 2013, and support a more expansive education and outreach program on water quality in watersheds that drain to SF Bay in the North Bay, including regional outreach to support pollution prevention practices, and protecting our local natural resources as well as the San Francisco Bay.

I strongly believe in the efficiency and effectiveness of working collaboratively with neighboring jurisdictions to protecting the San Francisco Bay, and urge you to support this important project.

Sincerely,

Susan Gorin
Supervisor, First District, County of Sonoma

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September 8, 2022

US EPA Region 9 (WTR-2-2)
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San Francisco, CA 94105

SUBJECT: Funding Commitment for the North Bay Water Quality Partnership Project
Application for Funding: San Francisco Bay Water Quality Implement Fund
Funding Opportunity Number EPA-R9-SFBWQIF-22-01

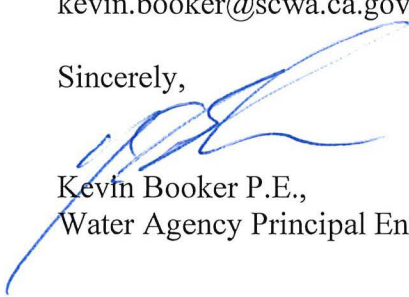
This letter confirms Sonoma County Water Agency's (Sonoma Water) commitment of match funds in support of the North Bay Water Quality Partnership Project grant application. This project is being submitted by the North Bay Water Quality Partnership as an application to the San Francisco Bay Water Quality Implement Fund, Funding Opportunity Number EPA-R9-SFBWQIF-22-01.

Sonoma Water intends to provide \$50,000 match funds, over the four-year grant period, to fund and support the water quality outreach project proposed in the application.

Sonoma Water supports a more expansive education and outreach program on water quality in the North Bay, including pollution prevention measures and protecting natural resources, including the San Francisco Bay. Education and outreach continue to be a focal point of Sonoma Water's stormwater program and we are committed to the continued development, growth, and expansion of the program, as well as working collaboratively with neighboring jurisdictions to develop a regional and consistent message for protecting the San Francisco Bay.

Thank you for your consideration and if you have further questions, I can be reached at kevin.booker@scwa.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Kevin Booker P.E.,
Water Agency Principal Engineer