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Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2014 1:36 PM
To: Beth, Margarete@Waterboards
Subject: SFCJPA Section 401 Certification Application Comment: CPNA/DSFNA Petition
Attachments: CPNA Petition.pdf

Margarete, thank you for hosting the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board workshop yesterday on the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority Section 401 certification application for their Hwy 101 to Bay flood control project. The prolonged session allowed many concerned members of the public and other agencies to express their opinions.

In my oral presentation at the workshop I referred to a petition signed by 122 residents (85 households) of the Crescent Park and Duveneck/St. Francis neighborhoods of Palo Alto that requests urgent approval of the SFCJPA application. I am attaching a pdf file with that document, including a detailed list of e-signatures and addresses. Please accept this as part of the formal comment submissions on the SFCJPA application.

Please let me know if you have any difficulties accessing the attachment.

Thank you, Tom R.

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State of California
Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Francisco Bay Region
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400
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Dear Board Members and Staff:

The undersigned request expedited approval of the recently updated Water Quality Certification application submitted by the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority for flood control, environmental, and recreational enhancements in the reach of SFC between Highway 101 and the bay. This timely approval is critical so that construction on the project can begin this coming year to finally protect thousands of residents and property owners in East Palo Alto from very high creek flows during an extreme tide, as well as to improve the quality of water reaching the Faber Tract marsh and bay, and to create more areas of high quality wetlands as habitat for endangered species. The Hwy 101 to bay project is also a pivotal prerequisite to implementing flood control and environmental remedies upstream of Hwy 101 for other neighborhoods severely affected by flooding caused by limited bridge capacities (especially the Pope-Chaucer bridge), and other obstructions in the creek channel.

Very heavy creek flooding events (peak flows greater than 5,000 cubic feet per second) have occurred in 2012, 1998, 1982, 1956, and 1911. The causes of these flooding threats and the urgency of needed creek modifications to protect lives and properties have been known for many years. Alarmingly though, it is now 16, going on 17, years since the largest and most damaging flow recorded in the creek (7,200 cfs in 1998, causing \$28M in damages), and we have made very little concrete progress toward the essential upgrades to protect against future events.

We believe that the plan offered by the SFCJPA is a well-considered and responsively optimized set of trade-offs among the complex constraints of flood control, ecology, recreation, and aesthetic goals. A favorable decision on the part of the RWQCB to approve the updated SFCJPA Water Quality Certification application is justified and urgent. Please act now to approve this project.

Sincerely

The undersigned

The following list of signatories includes 122 individuals from 85 households in the Crescent Park and Duveneck-St. Francis neighborhoods of Palo Alto. Signatories are included only with explicit email consent:

Name

- 1) Thomas Rindfleisch and Carli Scott
- 2) William Reller
- 3) Norman Beamer
- 4) George and Carol Carpenter
- 5) Steve Bisset
- 7) Gary and Xenia Hammer
- 6) Robert H. and Mary L. Carlstead
- 8) Carol Munch
- 9) Kendall L and Sue A. Dinwiddie
- 10) Richard and Carolyn Held
- 11) Stephen and Carole Ann Eittrheim
- 12) Mark and Mary Ann Harris

Name

- 13) Abeezer and Durriya Essabhoy
- 14) David and Carolyn Mitchell
- 15) Sandy Korzenny and John Livingston
- 16) Victoria Evans
- 17) Mark Mickelson
- 18) Mary Brayton
- 19) Sallie and Jay Whaley
- 20) Mehmet Fidanboylu and Wen Xu
- 21) Mary Dimit
- 22) Subodh Bapat
- 23) Lena Chow Kuhar
- 24) Dvora & Rafael Chatav
- 25) Ronald and Lois Shore
- 26) Tom Cole
- 27) Don and Elaine Wood
- 28) Karen White
- 29) Franklin P. and Catherine H. Johnson
- 30) Sarah Sands
- 31) David Gordon and Lucia Heldt
- 32) Margot Lockwood-Stein
- 33) Alan and Bernadette Hallberg
- 34) Marion and Erick Mack
- 35) Oliver D. Gildersleeve, Jr.
- 36) Ann DeHovitz
- 37) Nancy McClenny
- 38) Greg Sands
- 39) Henry and Claudia Mellén
- 40) Colleen Crangle
- 41) David Bower and Sally Glaser
- 42) Sheila Hoar
- 43) Julie Jerome
- 44) Robert Millavec
- 45) Janice Bohman
- 46) Kevin Fisher
- 47) Bruce E. Crocker
- 48) Wendy Max
- 49) Ruth I. Tarnopolsky
- 50) Don McLaughlin
- 51) Nancy Jamison

Name

- 52) Connie Linton
- 53) Stuart and Louise D. Beattie
- 54) Ellen and Myron Turbow
- 55) William H. Abbott
- 56) Carolyn and Courtenay Westgaard
- 57) Jeanette Strohecker
- 58) Crystal D. Gamage
- 59) Chris Cummings and Michelle Cooper
- 60) John and Frenchie Perry
- 61) Carl and Helen Bunje
- 62) Richard and Barbara Fikes
- 63) Art and Peggy Stauffer
- 64) Penelope Duckham
- 65) Judith Appleby
- 66) Jonathan Seder
- 67) Leland Wiesner
- 68) John Hanna
- 69) Gwendolyn Barry
- 70) Michael and Margaret Feuer
- 71) Sherman Gromme
- 72) Deborah S. Rose
- 73) Richard and Marjorie Smallwood
- 74) Susan and Michael Mittmann
- 75) Richard Scholz
- 76) Arthur R. Kraemer
- 77) Lorraine Parker
- 78) Jonathan and Amy Greené
- 79) Siu and Albert Chang
- 80) Helen N. Poll
- 81) Peter and Lesley Phillips
- 82) Richard Almond, M.D.
- 83) Jeannie Thomas
- 84) Ira and Rochelle Dorf
- 85) Barry P. and Mary C. Medoff