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Subject: San Francisquito Creek Flooding -- Public Comment

Margarete,

Please see my statement for Public Comment below:

To the Regional Water Quality Control Board:

It has been nearly 15 years since the fateful night of Feb 2nd 1998, but the memory is permanently seared in my brain:

- Escaping from our inundated home in the middle of the night,
- Wading through thigh-deep water, carrying my two small children to safety,
- Followed by months of recovery during renovation of our waterlogged homes,
- It's a miracle there were no fatalities that night.

Who would have predicted that 16 years later, we would still be waiting for a solution to San Francisquito Creek flooding. But finally thanks to years of effort from the JPA and community leaders, a comprehensive flood control solution is taking shape. Forward progress on the first of these projects now hinges on a permit from the Regional Water Board.

The flooding in East Palo Alto during Dec 2012 should stiffen our resolve to act quickly. Thousands of homes are impacted by this creek, both from potentially life threatening flood risk and also the expense of flood insurance.

For the sake of the communities involved, I implore the Water Board to do what is right and swiftly provide a permit to enable the portions downstream of Highway 101 to move forward.

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