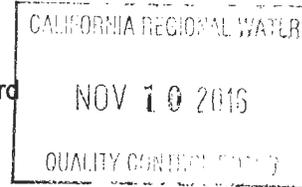




Berryessa Citizens Advisory Council

October 31, 2016

Terry Young, Ph.D.
Chair, San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400
Oakland, CA 94612



Subject: Public Comments on the Tentative Order for Waste Discharge Requirements for the Upper Berryessa Creek Flood Risk Management Project

Dear Chair Young and Members of the Board:

On behalf of the Berryessa Citizens Advisory Council, I would like to express my views on the tentative order for waste discharge requirements (WDR) for the Upper Berryessa Creek Flood Protection Project (Berryessa Project), as I may not be able to attend the public hearing on this project. In short, I urge the Regional Board to authorize the implementation of the Berryessa Project WITHOUT the proposed WDR requirements, for the reasons described in this letter.

The Berryessa Project will ensure critical flood protection for homes, schools, and businesses in our community, as well as the new BART station. This protection will prevent over \$528 million to potential flood damages, and ensure that our community's regionally-significant BART station can open on time and operate without interruption.

Adoption of the tentative order could result in significant delays for the project and the flood protection it would provide, leading to long-term waste of public funds and, at worst, result in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (the project's construction lead) canceling or terminating the Berryessa Project. This would leave not just residents, schools, and businesses in our community vulnerable to flood damage, but also could put the BART station out of service during times of flooding, significantly impacting this crucial Silicon Valley transportation network.

For these reasons, I urge the Regional Board to authorize the implementation of this project without the WDR requirements, and allow the Berryessa Project to proceed, which will benefit not just our neighborhood's residents, schools, and businesses, but also our community's BART station, which serves the entire region.

Please feel free to contact me at 408-259-4350 or lindalocke6@att.net, should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Linda Locke, President
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