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August 24, 2016

The Honorable Risë Jones Pichon  
Presiding Judge  
Santa Clara County Superior Court  
191 North First Street  
San Jose, CA 95113

RE: Santa Clara Valley Water District Response to Final Civil Grand Jury Report:  
"100-Year Flood Protection for Permanente Creek"

Dear Judge Jones Pichon:

The Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors formally approved the response to the Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury Final Report entitled: "100-Year Flood Protection for Permanente Creek." Approval took place at the regular board meeting of August 23, 2016 and is reflected in the minutes of the meeting.

The 2015-2016 Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury Final Report entitled, "100-Year Flood Protection for Permanente Creek" was released to the public on Tuesday, June 14, 2016. The final report makes two findings:

Finding 1. "The Santa Clara Valley Water District Permanente Creek Flood Protection Project has the potential to prevent flooding of some residential and commercial properties within the cities of Los Altos and Mountain View." The civil grand jury did not make any recommendations that pertain to this finding.

**District Response: The District agrees with the finding.**

Finding 2. "Completion of the Permanente Creek Flood Protection Project could result in redefinition of the flood plain by the Santa Clara Valley Water District and the Federal Emergency Management Agency with subsequent removal of the requirement for flood insurance for some properties in the cities of Los Altos and Mountain View." The civil grand jury makes two recommendations that pertain to this finding.

**District Response: The District agrees with the finding.**

Recommendation 2a: "The Santa Clara Valley Water District should notify the Federal Emergency Management Agency of completion of the Permanente Creek Flood Protection Project so FEMA may reevaluate its 100-year flood plain within the cities of Los Altos and Mountain View. In addition, the Water District should inform the public of the notification.



**District Response: The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future upon completion of the project.**

Recommendation 2b: "At project completion, the Santa Clara Valley Water District should reevaluate its 100-year flood plain within the cities of Los Altos and Mountain View.

**District Response: The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future upon completion of the project.**

This response is submitted in accordance with Penal Code § 933.05 (a) and (b). The District response is due no later than Monday, September 12, 2016.

If you or the Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury have any further questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. Jesús Nava, Chief Administrative Officer by email at [JNava@valleywater.org](mailto:JNava@valleywater.org) or by telephone at 408-630-2764.

Thank you for your service and attention to this important community project.

Sincerely,



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