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Dear Ms. Bicknese:

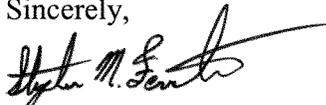
Subject: Guadalupe River Downtown Flood Control Project—Comments on Draft General
Reevaluation Report/Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Environmental Impact
Statement; File Nos. 3015-13, -14, -15, -16, and -17

The Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) would like to take this opportunity to thank the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and their various consultants for their efforts to date on the preparation of the Draft General Reevaluation Report/Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (GRR) for the Guadalupe River Downtown Flood Control Project (Project). The Corps' continued support and diligent work on this Project is appreciated.

The GRR is consistent with the District's standards and goals of constructing a project that is in the public's best interest by providing 100-year flood protection, protecting important environmental qualities of a waterway, expanding on-site and off-site mitigation, and enhancing recreational opportunities. I believe the high level of involvement by the resource agencies and outreach efforts to key stakeholders over the last several months has resulted in project modifications that greatly improves the project's overall benefit to the community.

Thanks again for all your efforts to date. The District and our local partners, the City of San Jose, and the Redevelopment Agency of San Jose, are eager to continue our joint efforts to finally complete this vital flood control project in downtown San Jose.

Sincerely,



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