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East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Palo Alto, San Mateo County Flood Control District, and the Santa Clara Valley Water District

September 21, 2009

Mr. Thomas Rogers  
Associate Planner  
City of Menlo Park  
701 Laurel Street  
Menlo Park, CA 94025

Re: Menlo Gateway Project Draft Environmental Impact Report

Dear Mr. Rogers:

At the request of the City of Menlo Park and other agencies, the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority (SFCJPA) is engaged with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in a regional Feasibility Study, which takes into account the impact of tidal flooding on areas of the City, including the Menlo Gateway Project area. In this role, the SFCJPA has a responsibility to communicate the potential for and uncertainties around tidal flooding and future Sea Level Rise.

The Draft EIR lists impact HY-7 relative to the project's potential effect on flood flow and recommends mitigation measure HY-7-1. It also lists impact HY-8 relative to the risk of flooding to people or structures, and finds there is a Less than Significant Impact and thus no required mitigation measure. Subject to the completion of the Corps-SFCJPA study of tidal flooding and Sea Level Rise, any finding of impact or no impact at this location seems premature.

I would encourage those responsible for planning, designing and constructing the Menlo Gateway Project to remain diligent in regards to this issue, and aware of the progress and findings of the Corps-SFCJPA Study. My staff or I would be pleased to discuss this at any time.

Sincerely,

Len Materman  
Executive Director