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Board of Directors
Santa Clara Valley Water District
5700 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA 95118

January 11, 2013

Dear Chairperson Nai Hsueh and Members of the SCVWD Board of Directors:

SUBJECT: PERMANENTE FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

The League of Women Voters, Los Altos-Mountain View area strongly encourages the Board of Directors to implement the Permanente Flood Control project as a high priority of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District). This project is within the core mission of the District to provide flood control in Santa Clara County and was strongly endorsed by north County voters in the 2000 Clean Safe Creeks Initiative.

The League recognizes that the design and construction of flood control infrastructure in a fully urbanized area is challenging but the work done by the District in cooperation with the City of Mountain View establishes the backbone of a system that will protect our community from flooding and property loss in the future. There may be short-term concerns and opposition to the project, but the long-term benefits to the broader community remain abundantly clear.

While project designs may require refinement to satisfy local needs, the League encourages the Board to work collaboratively with the City of Mountain View and with all of the stakeholders to mitigate concerns to the extent feasible and to move forward with the important goal of this project: flood control.

The League thanks the Board and District staff for their leadership and vision in protecting future generations from the risk of flooding.

Sincerely,

Sue Graham
President

cc: Honorable John Inks, Mayor of Mountain View