



## Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District (GCRCD)

*An independent special district of the State of California*

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Dear Chair and Members of the Commission:

As Executive Director for the Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District (GCRCD), I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the application submitted by the South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition (SBCCC) for the *Los Gatos Creek Anadromous Salmonid Habitat Improvement Conceptual Design Project*. The project as proposed will increase fish and aquatic habitat and help reduce fish passage barriers essential to the restoration and maintenance of a healthy population of anadromous fish in Los Gatos Creek.

GCRCD is an independent special district of the State of California, authorized by Division 9 of the California Public Resources Code and dedicated to the preservation of agricultural lands and the conservation of natural resources within northern portions of Santa Clara County. We support this project as it aligns with the biodiversity goal set forth in our adopted Long Range Plan to “[p]romote biodiversity through the conservation and protection of natural habitats and ecosystems that provide a variety of ecosystem services, such as protection of water resources, maintenance of soil health, appropriate nutrient storage, contributions to climate stability, and improved resiliency after natural disasters.”

We believe SBCCC is well-positioned to successfully complete this project as it has been stewarding aquatic and riparian resources on Los Gatos Creek for many years and has assembled an outstanding team of stream restoration experts to guide design and implementation of the project. We also commend SBCCC for their foresight in taking on responsibility for a project that will not only provide short-term benefits to the stream, but also enhance overall watershed resiliency in response to climate change.

Thank you for your consideration of this important planning and design application for lower Los Gatos Creek. Our office is currently closed due to COVID, so if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me on my cell (831-235-1799).

Sincerely,

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