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Ms. Andrea Espinoza
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Subject: Comments on Former NAS Moffett Field Site 27 – Northern Channel Proposed Plan

Dear Ms. Espinoza:

The Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) is the primary water resources agency for Santa Clara County, providing watershed stewardship, flood protection and water supply throughout the five major watersheds of the County. The District serves 1.7 million residents, and oversees 700 linear miles of streams that drain 1,300 square miles. In the vicinity of Site 27 – Northern Channel, the District owns property and operates facilities at the former Cargill salt evaporator Pond A4, to the east of the site, as well as Sunnyvale West Channel, which drains the land to the south and empties into Moffett Channel.

On behalf of the District, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to review the Former NAS Moffett Field Site 27 – Northern Channel Proposed Plan. The District understands that Alternative 2 (Excavation and Off-Site Disposal), has been selected as the preferred alternative, and that this is a conceptual level plan, which will be followed by a remedial design phase that will address the specific details of conducting the cleanup activities.

At this time, our main concern is that the conceptual level alternatives do not contain sufficient detail to allow the District to assess potential implications for our facilities in the vicinity. Without this level of detail, it is difficult for the District to support any of the four alternatives listed in the plan. We understand that the development of specific project details during the remedial design phase will provide the level of detail desired by the District, but only for the preferred alternative. Providing more detail on the other alternatives at that stage may be helpful for garnering support for the project from others, as well as from the District.

The District looks forward to learning more about this project. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (408) 265-2607 x2736, or Beth Dyer at (408) 265-2607 x3125, if you have any questions about District comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fred" with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Chief Operating Officer
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