

Response to Comments on the Municipal Service Review for the San Mateo Resource Conservation District

Letter	Individual or Signatory	Affiliation	Date
A	Catherine Peery	Resident	7/24/2020
B	Richard Sampson	CAL Fire	8/8/2020
C	Ana Ruiz	Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District	8/19/2020
D	Barbara Kossy	San Mateo Resource Conservation District	8/19/2020
E	Barbara Dye	Resident	8/20/2020
F	Joe Pecharich	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	8/20/2020
G	Nicolas Calderon	San Mateo County Parks Department	8/21/2020
H	Jim Howard	Natural Resources Conservation Service	8/21/2020
I	Keith Mangold	Resident	8/31/2020
J	<i>Walter Moore</i>	<i>Peninsula Open Space Trust</i>	8/21/2020



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**RE: San Mateo Resource Conservation District Municipal Service Review
Circulation Draft**

Dear Ms. Poyatos:

On behalf of Peninsula Open Space Trust, I would like to express our strong support for the San Mateo Resource Conservation District (SMRCD) and all that they do to improve and conserve our natural and agricultural resources along the San Mateo County coast. To accomplish the recommendations in the SMRCD Municipal Service Review Draft, we recognize that this will largely depend on the SMRCD having adequate funding and staffing resources to do so.

Since its founding in 1977, POST has preserved over 79,000 acres of open space across the San Francisco Peninsula and Santa Cruz Mountains, including vital water resources, coastal land, redwood forests, wildlife habitat, and farmland. We've learned that collaboration with exceptional local partners, such as SMRCD, is a critical part of building climate adaptation and resilience on the Peninsula and the South Bay Area region.

Over the years, POST has worked with the SMRCD on a variety of projects. Of particular importance was the Butano Creek Floodplain Restoration Project we worked on together in 2017. SMRCD was able to restore and reconnect Butano Creek to 115 acres of its historic floodplain at the 903 acre Butano Farms property owned by POST in Pescadero, CA, while also bringing in over \$1M in grant funding to complete this project.

The SMRCD also provides fantastic technical assistance to our protected farmlands on the coast, by working with POST and our farm tenants on improvement projects that increase carbon sequestration, conserve and strategically manage water use, benefit wildlife habitat, and more.

POST looks forward to our continued work with SMRCD. Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

Walter T. Moore

President

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Letter J	Walter Moore, Peninsula Open Space Trust
Response J-1	Comments noted. The MSR has been updated to include this information about the relationship between the District and NRCS and the projects that the District has recently been a partner to.