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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the San Francisquito Creek Floodway Study project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of East Palo Alto, located at 2415 University Avenue, East Palo Alto, CA 94303.

The funding would be used to address the urgent need for improved flood mitigation in Menlo Park, East Palo Alto, and Palo Alto, where repeat flooding events cause significant damages. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the San Francisquito Creek frequently overflows, damaging property, disrupting critical services, and delaying emergency response. This risk is heightened by the region's low-lying topography risks.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Kevin Mullin
Member of Congress (CA-15)