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Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
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RE: Comments on Pescadero-Butano Watershed Sediment TMDL- Final Staff Report

Dear Ms. Townsend,

The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) recently finalized the Pescadero-Butano Watershed Sediment Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and Habitat Enhancement Plan (Final TMDL) to address and restore water quality pertaining to sediment and habitat conditions and facilitate recovery of Coho salmon and steelhead in the watershed.

The San Mateo Resource Conservation District (RCD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Final Staff Report. Revisions to the Draft Staff Report addressed some key concerns raised in our comment letter of March 14, 2018. In particular, we applaud the changes to the Planning and Prioritizing requirements and timelines in Tables 17-22, as well as the clarification that sediment delivery due to surface erosion from agricultural lands is minor, and, as such, removal of sediment reduction requirements for surface erosion on farmlands.

The RCD is committed to continuing our collaboration with RWQCB and other partners to achieve the sediment reductions and habitat enhancements that are necessary for recovery of fisheries in this watershed. Indeed within the past few months, the RCD has moved multiple projects forward that support this TMDL, including implementation of *Old Haul Road: Harwood and Keystone Creeks Crossing Stabilization*.

Based on our experiences with the amount of time required to secure 401 certifications for this and other recent projects, and knowing that the RCD has multiple sediment-reduction projects on the horizon, we feel that it is imperative for RWQCB to allocate additional staff resources in support of timely implementation of TMDL-supportive projects.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kellyx Nelson
Executive Director