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Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
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Subject: **Comment Letter – SF Bay Region Beneficial Uses/Waterbodies Update**

Dear Ms. Townsend:

The Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments concerning the proposed Basin Plan Amendment for the San Francisco Bay Basin to add surface water bodies and designate beneficial uses. This letter presents a list of recommended revisions to beneficial use designations for the respective water body as shown below. The District requests that these revised beneficial use designations be integrated in the Basin Plan Amendment (BPA). The District's recommended beneficial use designations are based on District staff field observations and scientific assessments and more accurately describe the surface water body beneficial uses.

Water Body	Beneficial Use Designation Recommended Revisions	Reference Page of BPA Table 2-1	Explanation
Campbell, Los Capitancillos, Guadalupe Percolation Ponds and all other District's percolation ponds (except Alamitos North Pond)	Remove WARM Remove WILD Remove REC1 Remove REC2 Remove COLD Remove SPWN	13 and 14	These facilities were constructed specifically for groundwater recharges and do not support cold water fisheries, provide spawning opportunities for fish, or provide in-water recreational opportunities.



Water Body	Beneficial Use Designation Recommended Revisions	Reference Page of BPA Table 2-1	Explanation
Vasona Reservoir	Remove COLD	13	This small reservoir has a broad shallow geometry and is unsuitable to support cold water fisheries.
Anderson Reservoir	Remove COLD Remove SPWN	15	District's scientific data does not support COLD and SPWN designations.
Lexington Reservoir	Remove COLD	13	District's scientific data does not support COLD designation.
Guadalupe Reservoir	Remove COLD	14	District's scientific data does not support COLD designation.
Almaden Reservoir	Remove COLD	14	District's scientific data does not support COLD designation.
Coyote Reservoir	Remove COLD	15	District's scientific data does not support COLD designation.
Stevens Creek Reservoir	Remove COLD Remove MIGR	13	District's scientific data does not support COLD and MIGR designations.
Matadero, Deer, Arastadero, Adobe, Barron, Hale, Swiss, Bonjetti, McElroy, Canoas, Rincon, and Barrett Canyon Creeks	Remove COLD Remove MIGR Remove SPWN	13 and 14	These creeks can support only warm water habitats. District's scientific data does not support COLD, MIGR, and SPWN designations.
Arroyo Aguague Creek	Remove WARM Remove MIGR	14	This is an upper watershed tributary which supports cold water fishery. The existing natural 40-foot waterfall near the confluence with Upper Penitencia Creek prevents anadromous fish from ascending the creek.
Lower Silver Creek	Add SPWN	14	Warm water native fish

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Cottonwood Lake	Remove COLD	14	spawns in this creek. District's scientific data does not support COLD designation.
Sandy Wool Lake	Remove COLD	15	District's scientific data does not support COLD designation.

If you have any questions or need more further information, please contact me at (408) 265-2600 x2665 or Shree Dharasker at (408) 265-2607 x3037.

Sincerely,


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