



February 21, 2018  
Mountain View City Council

Dear Mayor Siegel,

Our board member Alan Ross emailed and spoke to you recently how two years ago the Friends of Stevens Creek Trail began working toward the goal of restoring the natural annual fish run to and from the ocean. With support and funding from Mountain View, Cupertino, Sunnyvale, and the Mid-Pen Regional Open Space District, we initiated a \$75,000 feasibility study for removal of eight barriers from Mountain View to Cupertino. The entire 130 page study is available via Drop Box – link available on request. This is a long process, but every journey begins with a single step. Our first step is to eliminate one significant upstream barrier, whose removal would help restore the annual steelhead trout run through all four cities along the creek, including Mountain View.

In summary, the results of that study and the next steps towards implementation were that the Water district would consider undertaking a number of barrier-removal projects and the SFPUC would consider another one by the Hetch Hetchy Aqueduct in Mountain View. Not addressed by either agency is a barrier in privately owned Deep Cliff Golf Course. We now have their written permission to do the work and only need funding.

I am writing to clarify that the Friends of Stevens Creek Trail will be the applicant for grants for this project and so any letters of commitment should be addressed to me at the Friends of Stevens Creek Trail, 22221 McClellan Road, Cupertino, CA 95014.

The study engineers estimate the project total cost will be between \$140,000 and \$160,000. If we can raise local matching funds of \$40,000, the Santa Clara Valley Water District will provide the remainder of the funding. We are asking each of the four cities along Stevens Creek and the Open Space District to share with us in raising this matching portion. Our organization has pledged up to \$5,000 - almost 8% of our annual budget - towards this goal. We request that Mountain View contribute \$9,900 towards this grant project, or as much of it as possible.

March 30 is the grant submission deadline, so we hope you will consider us by your March 13 council meeting and respond affirmatively to our request. I'm happy to report the City of Cupertino will consider our request on March 6.

Please contact me with any questions.

Best regards,

Aaron Grossman, Executive Director  
Friends of Stevens Creek Trail

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