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Date: November 30, 2016
To: Council members from San Mateo County Cities and Towns, and Members of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
From: Alicia Aguirre, C/CAG Chair
Subject: **SOLICITATION OF INTERESTED PARTIES TO SERVE ON C/CAG'S
SAN MATEO COUNTYWIDE WATER COORDINATION COMMITTEE**

C/CAG is currently recruiting elected officials in San Mateo County to serve on the newly created *San Mateo Countywide Water Coordination Committee*.

The *San Mateo Countywide Water Coordination Committee* will have five seats: four seats for elected officials from among the twenty City and Town Councils in San Mateo County and one seat for a member of the County Board of Supervisors, representing the following regions of the county, respectively:

- North
- Central
- South
- Coastside
- Unincorporated County

Individuals wishing to be considered for appointment to this committee should send a letter of interest stating why you wish to be appointed and any particular experience, background, or qualities that you feel would bring value to the committee. Letters of interest must be received by **January 18, 2017** and can be sent to:

Attention: Sandy Wong, C/CAG Executive Director
City/County Association of Governments
555 County Center, 5th Floor
Redwood City, CA 94063
(650) 599-1409
e-mail to slwong@smcgov.org

All candidates will be considered by the C/CAG Board of Directors at the February 9, 2017 meeting, and will be provided an opportunity to speak to the Board regarding their qualifications and interest in participating on the committee.

Committee Background:

Due to the interrelated nature of various water issues and the number of organizations involved, San Mateo County elected officials identified the need to increase coordination, communication, and collaboration with respect to water-related initiatives in order to improve efficiency and maximize funding opportunities, including seeking Federal and State grants. The *San Mateo Countywide Water Coordination Committee* will initially focus on opportunities for collaboration on the following issues: Stormwater quality, flood control, and sea level rise.

The *San Mateo Countywide Water Coordination Committee* will promote and increase cross-jurisdiction communication, provide leadership, develop partnerships, and reduce redundancy between current and future efforts related to stormwater, flood control, and sea level rise. However, each of the cities and the County will continue to manage, and retain all decision making authority for, their respective projects and initiatives. The overarching objective is to protect infrastructures, assets, and the environment; improve safety; secure broad public support for programs/projects; and meet regulatory mandates.

Committee Roles and Responsibilities:

1. Provide a forum to share information and conduct joint outreach, education, and stakeholder engagement efforts.
2. Compile and disseminate information on funding opportunities.
3. Advocate for/seek, and assist San Mateo County jurisdictions to seek, federal, state, regional, and private funds.
4. Compile, share, and be a central repository for information concerning stormwater, flood control, and sea level rise projects in the county. Make use of existing information resources as much as possible.
5. Assist San Mateo County jurisdictions to collaborate and/or conduct joint planning, studies, and projects.
6. Develop, and/or assist San Mateo County jurisdictions to develop, planning policies and guidelines related to stormwater, flood control, and sea level rise.
7. Conduct research and analysis to inform San Mateo County jurisdictions.

It is anticipated the *San Mateo Countywide Water Coordination Committee* will meet quarterly. Following each meeting a written report would be prepared and distributed to all C/CAG members, Mayors, the Board of Supervisors, City Managers, Directors of Public Works and key County staff. In addition, the *San Mateo Countywide Water Coordination Committee* would make a presentation each year to the full C/CAG Board and the County Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,



Alicia C. Aguirre
C/CAG Chair