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March 20, 2025

Administrator Deanne Criswell
Federal Emergency Management Agency
500 C Street, SW
Washington, DC 20024

Dear Administrator Criswell:

The City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG) strongly supports San Mateo County's (County) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program grant application for the Mirada Road Resiliency Project (Project).

C/CAG is the County Transportation Agency (CTA), and also the designated Congestion Management Agency (CMA) for San Mateo County. C/CAG represents all of San Mateo County's 764,442 residents through its 21-member Board of Directors that includes a seat for every jurisdiction in San Mateo County. C/CAG works to improve climate resiliency, mobility, the environment, and equity, as well as prioritizing safety throughout San Mateo County. The County's project aligns with C/CAG's goals.

Mirada Road, along the Pacific coast in Half Moon Bay's El Granada, has suffered repeated storm damage in 1970, 2009, 2016, and 2023, threatening public utilities, access to businesses, residences, and key recreational sites. Despite emergency repairs, long-term solutions are needed. This project will identify, design, and environmentally clear measures to protect Mirada Road from storm impacts and coastal erosion, producing bid-ready plans to secure construction funding. As a key part of El Granada's tourism-driven economy, the road's preservation is essential. Without action, continued erosion risks severe damage to infrastructure and critical public services. Through engineering and nature-based solutions, this project supports BRIC's goal of reducing hazard risks.

The City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County appreciates FEMA's consideration of the project. It will not only provide long-term solutions to protect Mirada Road but will help preserve El Granada's tourist economy and unique culture and ensure long-term access to treasured recreational destinations for all.

If you have any questions, please contact me at scharpentier@smcgov.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean Charpentier".

Sean Charpentier
Executive Director