



April 18, 2022

Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors
70 W. Hedding St.
San Jose, CA

Re: Voluntary financial incentives for the Coyote Valley Climate Resilience District
Agenda item #33, 4/19/22

Dear President Wasserman and Supervisors:

The undersigned organizations and individuals wish to express our support for the voluntary financial incentives for property owners within the Coyote Valley Climate Resilience Combining District.

As members of the Santa Clara County Food System Alliance, we understand the importance of investing in the long-term viability of agriculture in the County. As detailed in our 2020 publication [Small Farms, Big Potential: Growing a Resilient Local Food System](#), facilitating access to land for aspiring farmers is one of the most powerful tools at our disposal for supporting local agriculture. The Santa Clara Valley Agricultural Plan, created by the County and the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority, also emphasizes the need to invest in the preservation of agricultural land and provide support for local farms.

Please continue moving forward on these important steps for preserving agricultural land and supporting climate resilience in Coyote Valley, as well as throughout Santa Clara County.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

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