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**Subject:** Support Letter to Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board on behalf of the Rose Foundation  
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Dear Mr. Heureux,

It is my pleasure to write to you to support the proposal by the Rose Foundation to assist the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board in disbursing supplemental environmental project funds to benefit disadvantaged communities.

For more than six years, the Hewlett Foundation has partnered with the Rose Foundation in the Northern California Environmental Grassroots Fund. We work with the Rose Foundation because it can be difficult for a larger funder such as Hewlett to directly connect with grassroots community-based organizations. Partnering with the Rose Foundation has helped us extend our programs deeply into diverse communities that are essential to our mission, but hard for us to reach on our own.

I've been impressed by the strength of the Rose Foundation's connections with disadvantaged communities in the Central Valley. These deep community ties, combined with the Rose Foundation's grantmaking expertise and patience with helping community-based organizations understand how to navigate the funding process, make the Rose Foundation a very strong partner for the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board.

I applaud the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board for its initiative in seeking to support disadvantaged communities, and believe the Rose Foundation will be a tremendous partner in helping you to achieve your goals.

Please let me know if you would like to discuss this further.

All the best,  
Cristina

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