



Statement from Nicole Sandkulla, Chief Executive Officer, About Mountain View's Agreement to Sell Some of Its Water Rights to East Palo Alto

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Late last year, urgent negotiations began among East Palo Alto, the cities of Mountain View and Palo Alto, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), and the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) to provide East Palo Alto the additional water it needs for the balanced growth in its recently adopted General Plan, and immediate projects such as a 500-student school that would provide comprehensive support services for students from East Palo Alto; 1.6 million square feet of office space that will create jobs; an affordable housing project of 120 units on City-owned land; and multiple small residential infill projects.

The SFPUC guarantees to sell water from the Regional (Hetch Hetchy) Water System to the City of Mountain View and BAWSCA's other member agencies. The 2009 contract between San Francisco and its wholesale customers, including Mountain View, specifically enabled such water allocation transfers among BAWSCA member agencies.

As a result of these discussions, on May 23rd, the Mountain View City Council will consider a permanent transfer of one million gallons per day (MGD) to East Palo Alto for a one-time payment of \$5 million. This transfer will provide a portion of East Palo Alto's long-term water supply needs.

BAWSCA strongly supports this proposed transfer. BAWSCA will continue to work with East Palo Alto and others on regional efforts to secure additional water supply, as needed, to meet East Palo Alto's future water supply needs and the needs of other BAWSCA member agencies.

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