



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Weather Service
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Monterey, CA 93943-5505

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Mr. Ken Stumpf
Supervising Hydrographer
Santa Clara Valley Water District
5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA 95118

Dear Mr. Stumpf,

The National Weather Service Forecast Office in Monterey fully supports your request to use the shared U.S. Government frequencies of 170.225 MHz, 171.100 MHz, and 169.500 MHz for the purpose of hydrologic data collection and flood warning. The hydrologic data transmitted on these frequencies through narrowband radio will be available to the National Weather Service at no cost to the government. Distributed through existing channels, this Automated Local Evaluation in Real Time (ALERT) hydrologic data is critical to the California-Nevada River Forecast Center for development of their river forecasts. Equally significant, the forecast office in Monterey makes use of this hydrologic data for real-time protection of life and property throughout Santa Clara County through official flood warnings during severe weather situations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Strudley".

Mark Strudley, Ph.D.
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