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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Fifth National Monitoring Conference in San José. This event is an excellent opportunity for exchanging information, developing skills and building effective networks to better understand, protect and restore our natural waters.

The City of San José is proud to host and co-chair this conference with the National Water Quality Monitoring Council. The theme "Monitoring Networks: Connecting for Clean Water" encourages broad and thoughtful discussion during keynote presentations and workshops that can open up new opportunities for advances that will benefit us all.

The San José region has earned a well-deserved reputation for environmental leadership and innovation with its award winning recycling, water conservation, water recycling and wastewater treatment programs. We also have a long history of tracking environmental progress and accumulating data that are the cornerstone of several major regional and innovative initiatives, including most recently, the State and Federal Salt Marsh Restoration Project in South San Francisco Bay.

I encourage you to make the most of your stay in San José by exploring all that our city has to offer visitors. Our wonderful and walkable downtown, our historical sites and landmarks, our beautiful parks, trails and open spaces, our museums and cultural events – and most important, our warm and hospitable community – welcome you to enjoy your time in San José.

Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful event and continued success in the future.

Best Wishes,

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