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Dear Mr. Neville,

Thank you for your concerns about the Skyline Gardens Project, sponsored by the East Bay Chapter of CNPS.

We evaluate restoration projects according to these standards and criteria:

- Is the project based on species-level botanical and percent cover surveys?
- Does the project take an ecosystem approach to restoration?
- Are invasive plants thoroughly removed, or just managed?
- If planting is done, are seeds collected from local native plants; and are seeds collected in a manner that preserves the sustainability of the source population?
- If planting is done, are the local native plants grown in phytosanitary nursery conditions to prevent the introduction of pathogens to the project site?
- Is there a long term plan for monitoring and follow up maintenance?

We have evaluated the project in terms of these standards and find that it meets or exceeds each of them. Few restoration projects are planned and carried out with this level of care and concern - this one sets a gold standard. On this basis, we give the project our highest endorsement.

For further questions or concerns, please be in touch with Cynthia Adkisson, Vice-chair of EB CNPS or Glen Schneider, the project organizer. We understand you have already done a site visit with them.

Sincerely,

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