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To whom it may concern:

My name is Kimberly Taugher, and I am a Biology and Environmental Science Professor at Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill. For the past few years, our Environmental Science students have been fortunate enough to visit and tour the wastewater treatment facility at Central Contra Costa Sanitary District. This has been a wonderful experience for our students and is a highlight each semester. Visits to the plant help supplement our curriculum on water, water pollution, and wastewater treatment with a first-hand look at the process, the various steps involved, and how it impacts the community and surrounding ecosystem. We are able to discuss relevant legislation and permitting in a way that connects our classroom topics with real-world events and issues. It is a valuable and enriching part of the class and remains a favorite and memorable lab experience for our students.

The guides offer wide-reaching expertise, encourage questions, and create a learning environment that is relevant, informative, engaging, and fun. They do an excellent job of connecting aspects of water use to not only our personal lives, but also our broader community and the surrounding ecosystems as well. Everyone is friendly, welcoming, and professional.

What a wonderful service that the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District offers the community. Their exemplary service and commitment to community education is first rate and I look forward to continuing to work with them each semester.

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