



# MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Environmental Creek  
Cleanup Committee

**SUBJECT:** Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee  
Meeting Summary for June 23, 2023

**DATE:** August 8, 2023

This memorandum summarizes agenda items from the special meeting of the Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee held on June 23, 2023.

## Attendees:

Valley Water Board Members in attendance were: Director Jim Beall (District 4), Committee Chair Director Richard P. Santos (District 3) constituting a quorum, and Committee Vice Chair Director Rebecca Eisenberg (District 7-arrived at 10:04 a.m.).

Valley Water Staff in attendance were: Feliciano Aguilar, Roseryn Bhudsabourg, Mark Bilski, Rechelle Blank, Glenna Brambill, Sarah Bridges, Bart Broome, Kendra Boutros, Jennifer Codianne, Rachael Gibson, Christopher Hakes, Linh Hoang, Brian Hopper, Nicholas Ingram, Candice Kwok-Smith, Emelia Lamas, Jay Lee, Bill Magleby, Caitlin McAlpine, Carlos Orellana, Melanie Richardson, and Tracy Peña.

Guests in attendance were: Chad Bojorquez (Destination Homes), Rick Flovin (Sunnyvale Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association), Katja Irvin (Sierra Club-Loma Prieta Chapter), Charles Julien (General Manager-Maple Tree Inn), Brian Malicdem (City of Morgan Hill), and Joanne Price (Co-founder strategy and innovation with Dignity Moves).

Public in attendance were: Eric Ha, Jeffrey Hare, Deb K., Jack McGovern, Doug Muirhead, and Colleen Murphy.

## **2. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Rick Flovin of the Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association (LVNA) shared his concerns about the unhoused issues at Calabazas Creek.

## **4. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

### **4.1 RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM DESTINATION: HOME REGARDING THE 2020-2025 COMMUNITY PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS**

Chad Bojorquez of Destination Homes reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item and answered questions as needed.

The Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee discussed the following: public funding, potential vacant land sites, supportive housing, and interim housing sites.

#### Public Comments:

Charles Julien (General Manager at Maple Tree Inn) there are concerns of the encampment at Sunnyvale East Channel as there have been several incidents with the unhoused and he is concerned for his hotel staff and guests and would like to know how Valley Water can assist with these serious issues (vandalism, trespassing, verbal assault, harassment of our guests, suspected criminal activity, and other issues impacting the business).

Joanne Price (Co-founder strategy and innovation with Dignity Moves) willing to assist with placement of the unhoused. She explained how her organization works with vacant properties/landowners to install tiny homes along with the other services they offer.

Committee Chair Director Richard P. Santos stated that Jim Davis (helps Veterans) and Barry Swenson are also available to assist.

The Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee took no action.

#### **4.2 UPDATE OON VALLEY WATER'S ENCAMPMENT CLEANUP OPERATIONS**

Jennifer Codianne reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item and answered questions as needed.

The Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee discussed the following: porta potties, debris bins, recruitment to help with cleanups, grant money for approval going to Board on June 27<sup>th</sup>, law enforcement updates (city/county/state) and safety issues.

The Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee took no action.

#### **4.3 RECEIVE THE PROPOSED VALLEY WATER PROPERTY EVALUATION CHECKLIST FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING TO SUPPORT UNSHELTERED INDIVIDUALS, WHICH PROVIDES POLICY PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE DECISIONS TO UTILIZE VALLEY WATER PROPERTY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING**

Jennifer Codianne reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item and answered questions as needed.

The Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee discussed the following: the potential site location at Guadalupe/Cherry (parcel is 2.4 acres) which was approved by the San Jose City Council. A joint agreement will be needed to proceed; however, Valley Water needs more information before making any decisions.

The Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee took no action, however, would like to discuss this topic further at another meeting.

The Committee decided to meet in August 2023, at 10:00 a.m. (after the meeting, the date scheduled is August 11, 2023).

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact me at, [gbrambill@valleywater.org](mailto:gbrambill@valleywater.org) or 1.408.630.2408.

Thank you.

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