



Santa Clara Valley Water District Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee Meeting

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Friday, April 24, 2026
11:00 AM

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Environmental Creek Cleanup
Committee

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

1.1. Roll Call.

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

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3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 3.1. Approval of January 20, 2026 Committee Meeting Minutes. [26-0263](#)

Recommendation: Approve the January 20, 2026 meeting minutes.

Manager: Wendy Ho, 408-630-3874

Attachments: [01202026 ECCC Draft Minutes](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

4. REGULAR AGENDA:

- 4.1. Receive a Presentation from the Santa Clara County Office of Supportive Housing: Regarding the Draft "Santa Clara County: Community Plan to End Homelessness." [26-0363](#)

Recommendation: Receive a presentation from the Santa Clara County Office of Supportive Housing (OSH): Regarding the draft "Santa Clara County: Community Plan to End Homelessness," which serves as a roadmap for addressing the homelessness crisis in Santa Clara County.

Manager: Mark Bilski, 408-630-3830

Attachments: [Attachment 1: PowerPoint](#)
[Attachment 2: Draft Community Plan](#)

Est. Staff Time: 30 minutes

- 4.2. Receive an Update on Valley Water's Maintenance Activities on the Coyote-Alamitos Canal. [26-0347](#)

Recommendation: Receive an Update on Valley Water's Maintenance Activities on the Coyote-Alamitos Canal.

Manager: Gregory Williams, 408-630-2867

Attachments: [Attachment 1: Powerpoint](#)

Est. Staff Time: 15 Minutes

- 4.3. Receive Update on Valley Water's Encampment Cleanup Operations. [26-0364](#)

Recommendation: Receive updates and provide feedback on the following topics:

- A. San Jose Police Department (SJPD) and creek safety issues update.
- B. Encampment cleanup program operations and costs update.
- C. Valley Water/County of Santa Clara (SCC) outreach report update.
- D. 2023–2026 unsheltered individual count.

Manager: Jennifer Codianne, 408-630-3876

Attachments: [Attachment 1: PowerPoint](#)

Est. Staff Time: 15 minutes

- 4.4. Review the Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee (ECCC) Work Plan. [26-0374](#)

Recommendation: Review the Committee work plan and make recommendations as necessary.

Manager: Wendy Ho, 408-630-3874

Attachments: [Attachment 1: ECCC 2026 Work Plan](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS.

This is an opportunity for the Clerk to review and obtain clarification on any formally moved, seconded, and approved requests and recommendations made by the Committee during the meeting.

6. ADJOURN:

- 6.1. Adjourn to a date to be determined in July 2026.



Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 26-0263

Agenda Date: 4/24/2026
Item No.: 3.1.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee

Government Code § 84308 Applies: Yes No
(If "YES" Complete Attachment A - Gov. Code § 84308)

SUBJECT:

Approval of January 20, 2026 Committee Meeting Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the January 20, 2026 meeting minutes.

SUMMARY:

In accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act, a summary of Committee discussions, and details of all actions taken by the Committee, during all open and public Committee meetings, is transcribed and submitted for review and approval.

Upon Committee approval, minutes transcripts are finalized and entered into the Committee's historical record archives and serve as the official historical record of the Committee's meetings.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:

There are no Environmental Justice impacts associated with this item.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: 01202026 ECCC Draft Minutes

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Wendy Ho, 408-630-3874



ENVIRONMENTAL CREEK CLEANUP COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES

TUESDAY, January 20, 2026

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regular scheduled meeting of the Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee Meeting was held on January 20, 2026, at Santa Clara Valley Water District, Headquarters Building, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Director Richard P. Santos called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

1.1. ROLL CALL

Committee Board Members in attendance were: Director Jim Beall (District 4), Vice Chairperson Nai Hsueh (District 5), and Committee Chair Director Richard P. Santos (District 3), constituting a quorum of the Committee.

Valley Water Staff in attendance were: Audrey Beaman, Mark Bilski, Lisa Brancatelli, Theresa Chinte, Jen Codianne, Omar El-Qoulaq, Rachael Gibson, Christopher Hakes, Wendy Ho, Colin Kortman, Dave Leon, and Carlos Orellana.

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

Chairperson Santos declared time open for public comment on any item not on the agenda. There was no one who wished to speak.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

3.1. ELECT 2026 ENVIRONMENTAL CREEK CLEANUP COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Recommendation: Nominate and elect the 2026 Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

It was moved by Director Beall, seconded by Vice Chairperson Hsueh, and unanimously carried to re-elect Chairperson Santos and Vice Chairperson Hsueh to their respective positions.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Recommendation: Approve the September 10, 2025 meeting minutes.

It was moved by Director Beall and seconded by Vice Chairperson Hsueh, and unanimously carried to approve the September 10, 2025 Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee meeting minutes as submitted.

5. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

5.1 RECEIVE UPDATE ON VALLEY WATER'S ENCAMPMENT CLEANUP OPERATIONS

Recommendation: Receive updates and provide feedback on the following topics:

- A. SJPD and creek safety issues update.
- B. Encampment cleanup program operations and costs update.
- C. Valley Water/County of Santa Clara (SCC) outreach report update.
- D. Information on needle exchange and animal services programs within Santa Clara County.

Jen Codianne reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachments 1 and 2, and was available to answer questions.

Public comments: None.

Discussion ensued relating to minimal activity on the lower peninsula watershed and whether encampments are changing locations, Ordinance signage used indicating that there is no camping on Valley Water-owned land, reductions in encampments on off-railroad property, plans to repair sites damaged by encampments, reduced fence cutting, participation from law enforcement from varying municipalities, services for abandoned animals, and trash cleanup.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

5.2 RECEIVE UPDATE ON VALLEY WATER'S WATER RESOURCES PROTECTION ZONES (WRPZ) ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTATION

Recommendation: Receive an update and provide feedback on the WRPZ Ordinance implementation progress after the first year of implementation.

Mark Bilski reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachment 1, and was available to answer questions.

Public comments: None.

Discussion ensued relating to Valley Water's participation in the County of Santa Clara's Homeless Action Plan, and housing bond allocations in the State legislature.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

5.3 REVIEW THE ENVIRONMENTAL CREEK CLEANUP COMMITTEE (ECCC) WORK PLAN.

Recommendation: Review the Committee work plan to guide the committee's discussions regarding policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation and make recommendations as necessary.

The Committee considered this item without a staff presentation.

Public Comments: None.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and requested that staff report at a future Committee meeting relating to Valley Water's use of the Coyote Alamitos Canal in the Santa Teresa Hills.

6. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE'S REQUESTS TO THE BOARD

The Committee took no action.

7. ADJOURNMENT

7.1 ADJOURN

Chairperson Santos adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

Submitted by:

Dave Leon
Assistant Deputy Clerk II

Date Approved:

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Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 26-0363

Agenda Date: 4/24/2026

Item No.: 4.1.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee

Government Code § 84308 Applies: Yes No
(If "YES" Complete Attachment A - Gov. Code § 84308)

SUBJECT:

Receive a Presentation from the Santa Clara County Office of Supportive Housing: Regarding the Draft "Santa Clara County: Community Plan to End Homelessness."

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive a presentation from the Santa Clara County Office of Supportive Housing (OSH): Regarding the draft "Santa Clara County: Community Plan to End Homelessness," which serves as a roadmap for addressing the homelessness crisis in Santa Clara County.

SUMMARY:

Representatives from OSH will present the draft "Santa Clara County: Community Plan to End Homelessness" (Community Plan), a county-wide roadmap for addressing homelessness in Santa Clara County.

The Community Plan is organized around four main focus areas: (1) Prevent people from becoming homeless; (2) Continue to house people and support them in retaining their housing; (3) Strengthen access to care and services for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness; and (4) Center and invest in people with lived experience to lead and transform the homeless system.

There is a relationship between the goals in the Community Plan and the partnership opportunities available under Valley Water's Safe, Clean Water Program, specifically under Priority F. This priority supports public health and public safety along Valley Water's waterways and critical infrastructure.

Project F5: Good Neighbor Program: Encampment Cleanup provides enhanced funding to support Valley Water's coordination with local cities and agencies in cooperative efforts to address homelessness impacts along waterways. These efforts align with the Community Plan's focus on strengthening access to care and services for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness and supporting pathways to stable housing.

The program provides up to \$500,000 per year in cost-share with local agencies for services related to encampment cleanups, including services that support staff safety, discourage re-encampments

along waterways, and connect individuals to resources that help prevent homelessness, support housing retention, and reduce the need for encampment cleanups over time.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:

There are no environmental justice impacts associated with this update.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: PowerPoint

Attachment 2: Draft Community Plan

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Mark Bilski, 408-630-3830



COMMUNITY PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS UPDATE

Valley Water
Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee
April 24, 2026



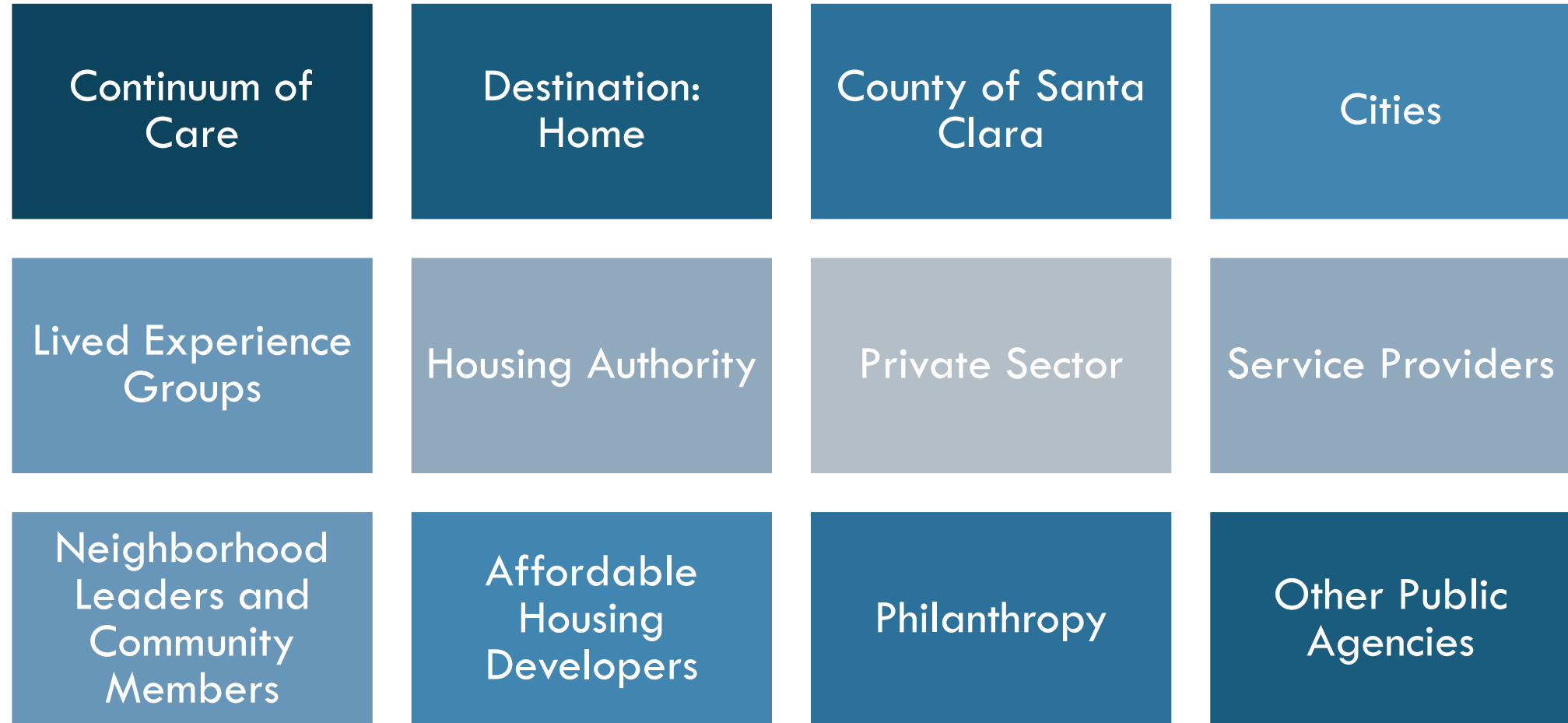
Santa Clara County Continuum of Care

ABOUT THE CONTINUUM OF CARE

- Broad group of stakeholders dedicated to ending and preventing homelessness
- Ensure a community-wide implementation of efforts & programmatic and systemic effectiveness
- Santa Clara County serves as the lead agency



COLLECTIVE IMPACT



...and many more!

PROGRESS FROM THE 2020-2025 COMMUNITY PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS

2020-2025 COMMUNITY PLAN PROGRESS

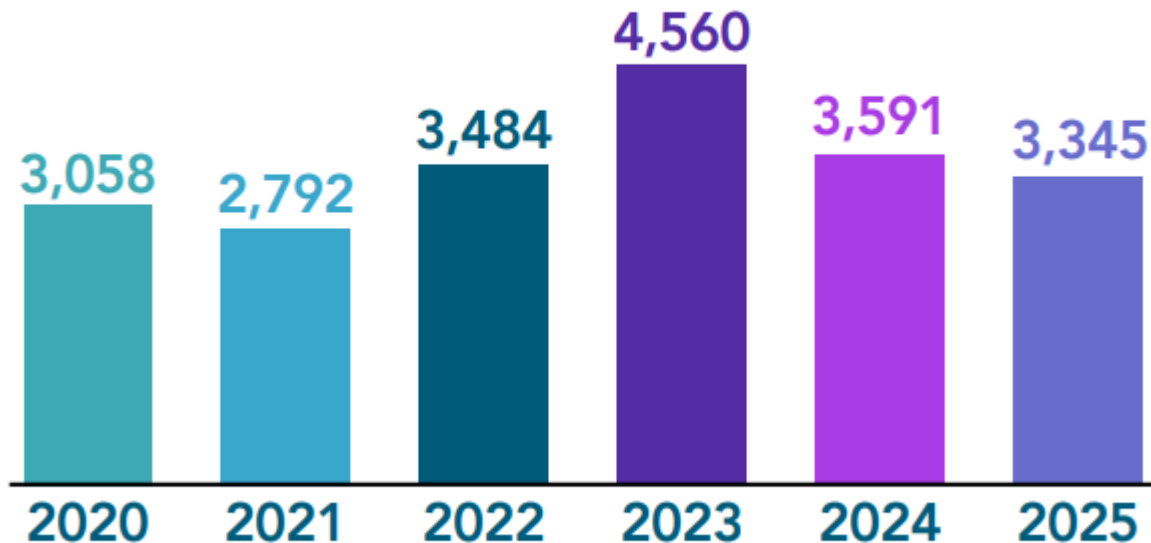


20,830
People Housed

2025 GOAL:
20,000 People Housed

GOAL ACHIEVED!

PEOPLE HOUSED BY YEAR



KEY SUBPOPULATIONS



*Based on number of households housed

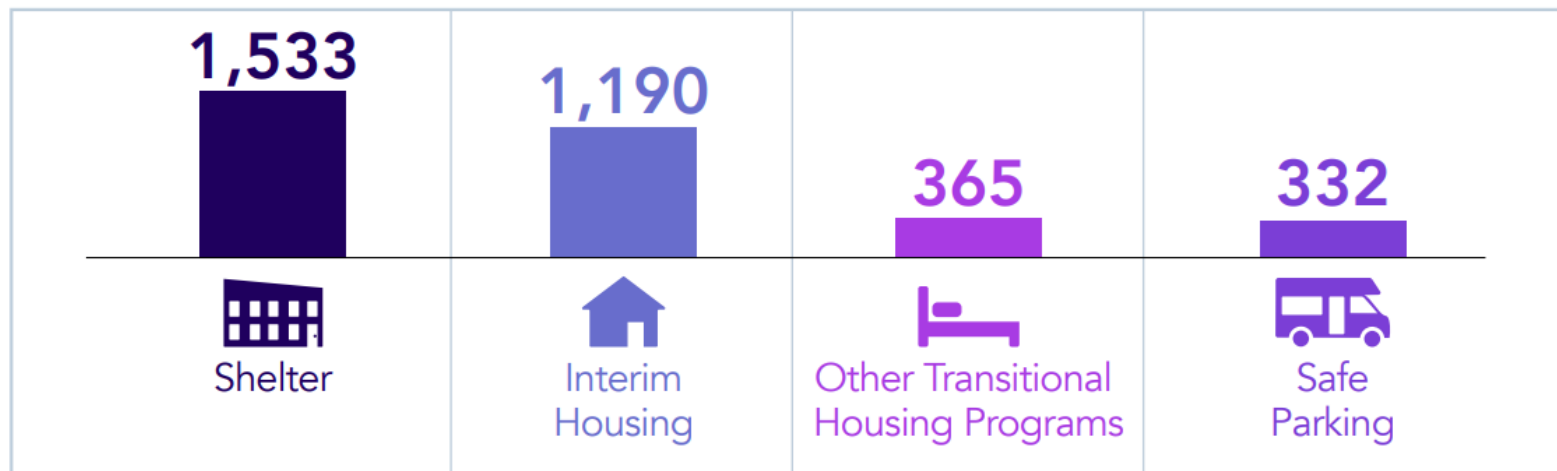
**A person who has experienced homelessness for more than a year and has a disabling condition

27,037 People Placed in Temporary Housing & Shelter

Temporary Housing & Shelter Capacity



Breakdown by Type



38,060 People Received Homelessness Prevention Assistance



93% of families remained stably housed while receiving services.



ONE YEAR LATER



Only 5% of households became homeless.

Homelessness Prevention Capacity



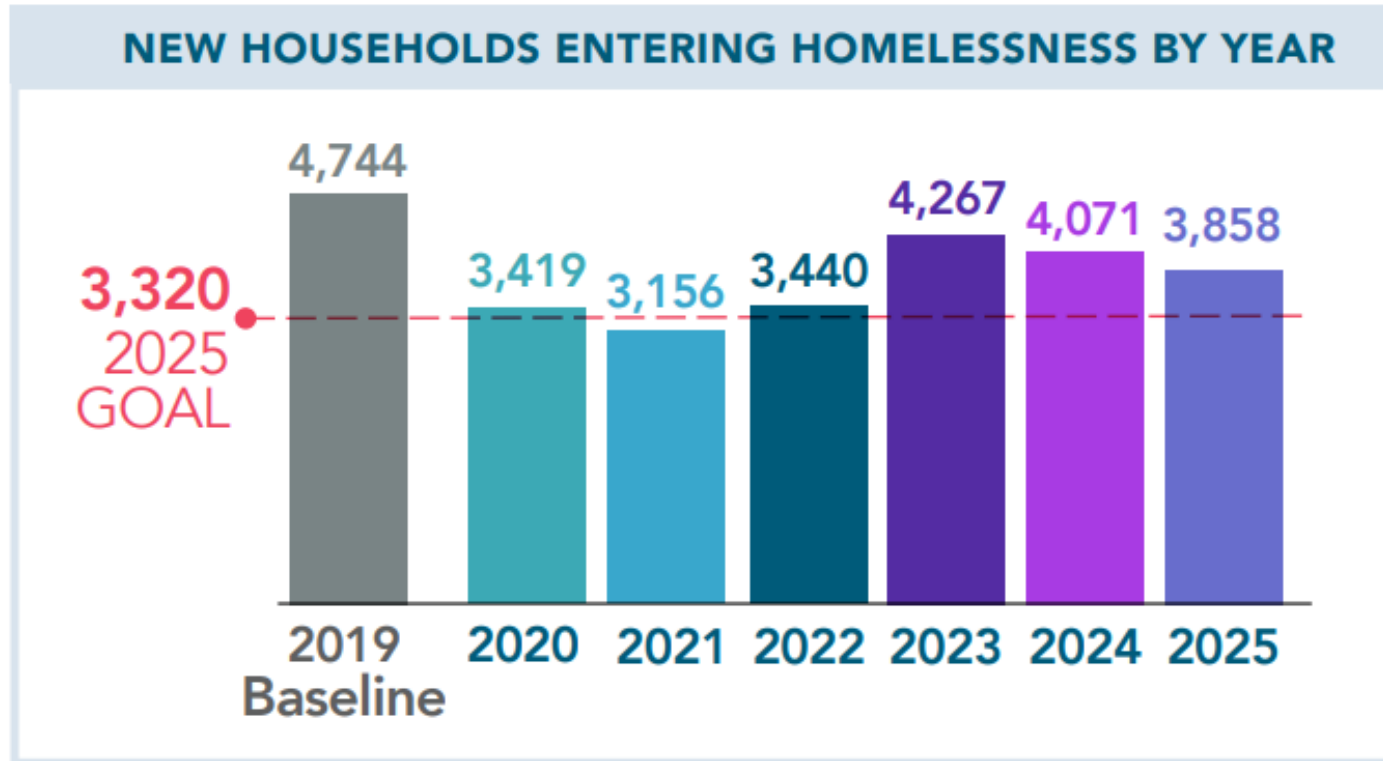
↑ 75% since Jan. 1 2020

2025 GOAL: 2,500 households

GOAL ACHIEVED!



19% Decrease in New Households Becoming Homeless since 2019



IN 2025

For every **1** household housed another **1.9** become homeless

IN 2019

For every **1** household housed another **2.5** become homeless

DEVELOPING THE NEXT 5-YEAR COMMUNITY PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS

2025-2030 COMMUNITY PLAN TIMELINE

Spring 2025 – Summer/Fall 2026



Key Focus Areas

1

Prevent People From Becoming Homeless

Focus: Prevention

2

Continue to House People and Support Them in Retaining their Housing

Focus: Housing through programs (shelter to permanent)

3

Strengthen Access to Care and Services for People Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness.

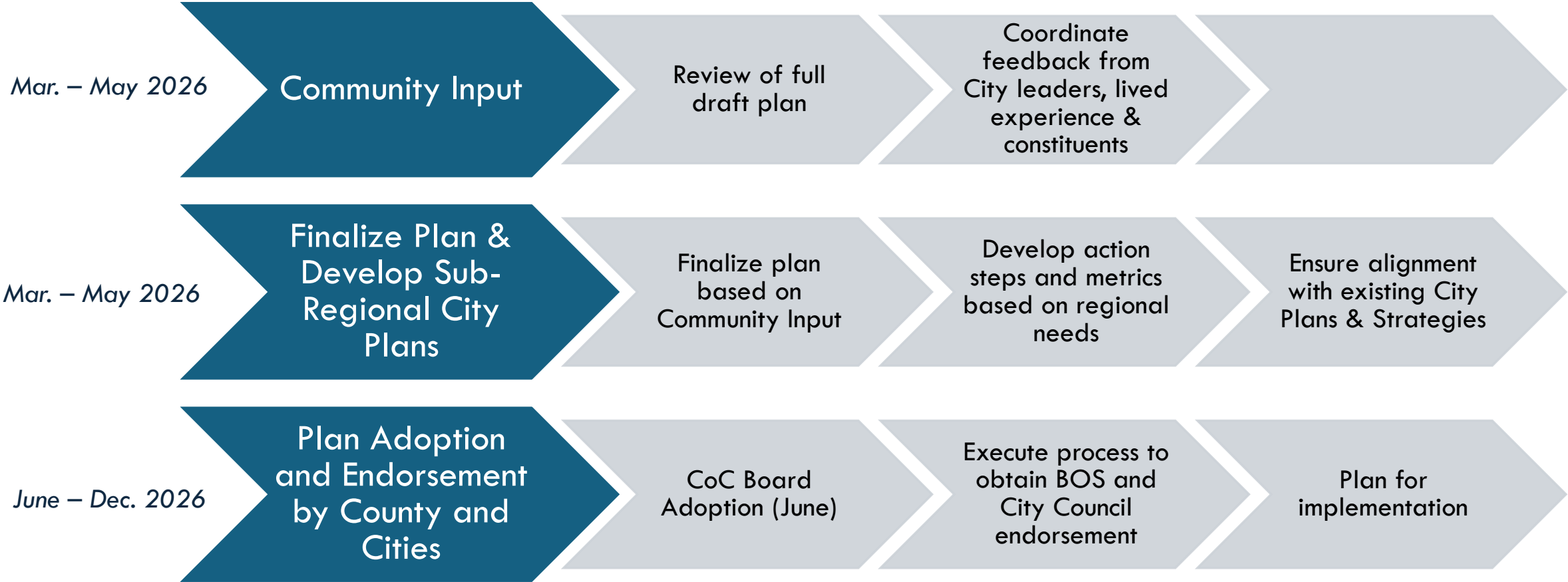
Focus: Unsheltered individuals

4

Center and Invest in People with Lived Experience to Lead and Transform the Homeless System

Focus: Lived experience lead throughout the system

NEXT STEPS



SUB-REGIONAL PLANS

4 Sub-Regional Groups: North County, West Valley, South County, San José

Description of regional characteristics, priorities, special populations

Summary of existing efforts and investments in homelessness

Framework of shared goals, strategies, and priorities that align with the Plan

Compilation of links to cities' own homelessness plans (where applicable)

UPCOMING COMMUNITY INPUT OPPORTUNITIES



Draft Plan and information on how to engage posted on OSH's website [here](#).



Community Feedback Convenings in North County, West Valley, South County, and San José in late April/early May. Dates, locations, and registration links will be posted on OSH's website [here](#).



Santa Clara County Continuum of Care

Santa Clara County: Community Plan to End Homelessness

Focus Area 1

Prevent people from becoming homeless.

Strategy A – Expand programs and investments to prevent people from becoming homeless.

Sub-Strategies

A1: Increase public and private funding for homelessness prevention programs.

A2: Strengthen and sustain a high-impact homelessness prevention system.

A3: Align policy and affordable housing investment to improve housing stability for households at-risk of homelessness.

Strategy B – Ensure services are effective to prevent people from becoming homeless.

Sub-Strategies

B1. Prevent evictions through early identification, tenant protections, and system coordination.

B2: Enforce fair housing protections and increase access to legal services to combat housing discrimination.

B3: Leverage health care resources to prevent homelessness.

Strategy C – Enhance coordination across systems to prevent people from becoming homeless.

Sub-Strategies

C1: Prevent homelessness at discharge or system exit through coordination with health care or behavioral health institutions, foster care, or criminal legal systems.

C2: Establish partnerships to increase income and employment for those at-risk of homelessness.

C3: Strengthen partnerships with safety net services for a community-driven approach to preventing homelessness.

Focus Area 2

Continue to house people and support them in retaining their housing.

Strategy A – Increase and maintain a continuum of housing options that meets the need.

Sub-Strategies

A1: Increase public and private funding to build more permanent housing and implement system improvements.

A2: Increase public and private funding to expand temporary housing capacity and implement system improvements.

A3: Prioritize development of housing for extremely low-income individuals and families making 30% of Area Median Income or less and set joint targets.

A4: Build up programs and services to reach geographically underserved areas of the county.

A5: Strengthen and diversify permanent housing capacity and options to meet varied needs and acuity levels.

A6: Strengthen and diversify temporary housing capacity and options, including Emergency Interim Housing (EIH), to meet varied needs and acuity levels.

A7: Co-design innovative and inclusive housing and service models with people with lived experience that expand access to diverse, permanent housing solutions.

Strategy B – Increase consistency, diversity, and quality of housing and services for people accessing the housing continuum.

Sub-Strategies

B1: Standardize high-quality service delivery and individualized care across the housing continuum.

B2: All housing continuum programs are safe, healthy, and accessible to everyone.

B3: Improve tenancy support for participants in permanent housing programs.

B4: Invest in equitable workforce development programs for people with lived experience within the homeless system.

B5: Promote skill-building and career advancement opportunities for people with lived experience within the homeless system.

B6: Support the development and implementation of programs led by people with lived experience that provide peer support, housing navigation, and mentorship.

Strategy C – Improve system coordination throughout the housing continuum.

Sub-Strategies

C1: Reduce returns to homelessness and program exits.

C2: Increase coordination between property management and service providers to ensure housing stability.

C3: Reduce housing search time and expand landlord capacity for scattered site housing programs.

Focus Area 3

Strengthen access to care and services for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

Strategy A – Build capacity and expand access to trusted, culturally responsive, and coordinated services and resources throughout Santa Clara County.

Sub-Strategies

A1: Identify sustainable funding for increased access to care and services for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

A2: Prioritize peer-led and community-driven outreach and communications models to effectively serve underserved regions and populations who are historically underserved or overrepresented in the homeless system.

A3: Improve system-wide access to real-time, understandable, and comprehensive resource information and availability.

Strategy B – Increase consistency, variety, and quality of outreach, basic, and essential needs services.

Sub-Strategies

B1: Expand service delivery offerings for basic and essential needs and to support stability.

B2: Ensure that service providers are equipped with the skills, capacity, and ability to effectively serve those in unsheltered situations.

B3: Create a consistent, person-centered approach to address vehicular homelessness.

B4: Connect impacted populations to culturally responsive services.

Strategy C – Invest in approaches that improve outcomes and reduce harm for people living unsheltered and the community at-large.

Sub-Strategies

C1: Strengthen coordination between behavioral health, homeless service providers, and public safety partners to divert non-violent homeless-related calls away from law enforcement.

C2: Expand re-entry and behavioral health services as alternatives to arrest or emergency room admission.

C3: Decrease the number of people residing in encampments and reduce criminalization of homelessness for those who are unsheltered

Focus Area 4

Center and invest in people with lived experience to lead and transform the homeless system.

Strategy A – Expand the representation of people with lived experience in leadership roles and decision-making bodies.

Sub-Strategies

A1: Build capacity of local jurisdictions and organizations to increase lived experience in leadership roles and decision-making bodies

A2: Create accessible and flexible leadership opportunities that consider varying interests, availability, and backgrounds

A3: Reduce structural barriers to participation.

Strategy B – Build leadership capacity and advancement pathways for people with lived experience.

Sub-Strategies

B1: Provide opportunities such as mentorship and education for people with lived experience to establish pathways for leadership advancement.

B2: Support transitions from advisory roles to formal decision making and leadership positions.

B3: Advance equity in hiring, advancement, and retention of people with lived experience.

Strategy C – Equip homeless system partners to effectively partner with people with lived experience.

Sub-Strategies

C1: Establish standards and best practices to support authentic lived experience engagement

C2: Formalize processes to regularly evaluate the quality and depth of lived experience engagement and use findings to drive improvement.

C3: Develop clear accountability measures to transparently demonstrate how lived experience input informs decisions and system change.

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Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 26-0347

Agenda Date: 4/24/2026

Item No.: 4.2.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM Environmental and Water Resources Committee

Government Code § 84308 Applies: Yes No
(If "YES" Complete Attachment A - Gov. Code § 84308)

SUBJECT:

Receive an Update on Valley Water's Maintenance Activities on the Coyote-Alamitos Canal.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive an Update on Valley Water's Maintenance Activities on the Coyote-Alamitos Canal.

SUMMARY:

The Coyote-Alamitos Canal was originally constructed in 1936 and later expanded in the 1950s. Valley Water historically operated the canal to convey water supplies from the Coyote Creek Watershed to groundwater percolation facilities on the west side of the valley.

The canal was last operated by Valley Water in 1998. Since that time, staff have continued to inspect and maintain the facility as a Valley Water asset until it can be properly decommissioned. The canal extends approximately 21.1 miles, of which Valley Water holds fee title ownership over about 2.6 miles, with the remaining portions maintained through easement rights. Today, the canal primarily provides stormwater conveyance and flood protection benefits to adjacent properties.

Background

On January 20, 2026, a member of the ECCC requested an update regarding the Coyote-Alamitos Canal, specifically addressing Valley Water's ongoing maintenance responsibilities and its future plans for the inoperable facility.

Maintenance Activities

Valley Water performs annual full-length canal inspection, annual vegetation management along the maintenance road and canal banks, sediment removal, concrete canal liner repair, culvert pipe maintenance, and trash and debris removal.

Distribution System Master Plan

The Distribution System Master Plan Implementation Project is a 30-year planning effort aimed at ensuring our existing water transmission and distribution infrastructure meets future needs. The

master plan also includes scope for assisting with the evaluation of inactive canals, including the Coyote-Alamitos Canal. The master plan will identify, assess, and plan recommendations for the safe decommissioning or alternate use of the inoperable canals. The evaluation is currently underway and is anticipated to be completed by the fall of 2026.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:

There are no environmental justice impacts associated with this item.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: PowerPoint

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Gregory Williams, 408-630-2867



Coyote-Alamitos Canal Maintenance

Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee – April 24, 2026

Coyote-Alamitos Canal Development

- **1936:** Coyote Canal constructed (7.2 miles)
 - Last Operated in 1998
- **1950s:** Coyote Canal Extension added (3.3 miles)
 - Last Operated in 1988
- **1953:** Coyote–Alamitos Canal constructed (10.6 miles)
 - Last operated in 1980
- Built to convey water from Anderson & Coyote Reservoirs west to groundwater recharge facilities and for AG irrigation.

Canal Maintenance

- Annual full canal inspection
- Spot inspections during storm events
- Annual vegetation management along maintenance roads and canal banks
- Sediment removal and tree trimming as needed
- Concrete liner inspection and repair



Distribution System Master Plan - Canals

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- Focused on 30-year planning, ensuring that our existing distribution infrastructure meets supply and demand needs.
- Scope includes assisting with the evaluation of inactive canals.



Distribution System Master Plan - Canals

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- Master Plan will evaluate and plan options for physical decommissioning or alternate use.
- Memorandum for inactive canals is currently scheduled to be completed by Fall 2026.



QUESTIONS





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Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 26-0364

Agenda Date: 4/24/2026
Item No.: 4.3.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee

Government Code § 84308 Applies: Yes No
(If "YES" Complete Attachment A - Gov. Code § 84308)

SUBJECT:

Receive Update on Valley Water's Encampment Cleanup Operations.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive updates and provide feedback on the following topics:

- A. San Jose Police Department (SJPD) and creek safety issues update.
- B. Encampment cleanup program operations and costs update.
- C. Valley Water/County of Santa Clara (SCC) outreach report update.
- D. 2023–2026 unsheltered individual count.

SUMMARY:

Staff will brief the Committee and provide up-to-date information on issues related to encampment cleanups:

- A. SJPD and Creek Safety Issues Update: Regular report on creek safety issues, including recent statistics from the SJPD's SSLE program.
- B. Encampment Cleanup Program Operations and Costs Update: Report on current period encampment-generated trash removal tonnage; Fiscal Year 2026 encampment cleanup expenditures and prior-year comparisons; and volumes of trash removed across all Valley Water trash and debris removal projects.
- C. Valley Water/SCC Outreach Report Update: Update on SCC Office of Supportive Housing outreach services provided between December 1, 2025 and March 31, 2026.
- D. 2023–2026 Unsheltered Individual Count: Update on unsheltered individual count on Valley Water property owned in fee title.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:

There are no environmental justice impacts associated with this update.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: PowerPoint

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Jennifer Codianne, 408-630-3876



Encampment Cleanup Operations Update

Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee
April 24, 2026

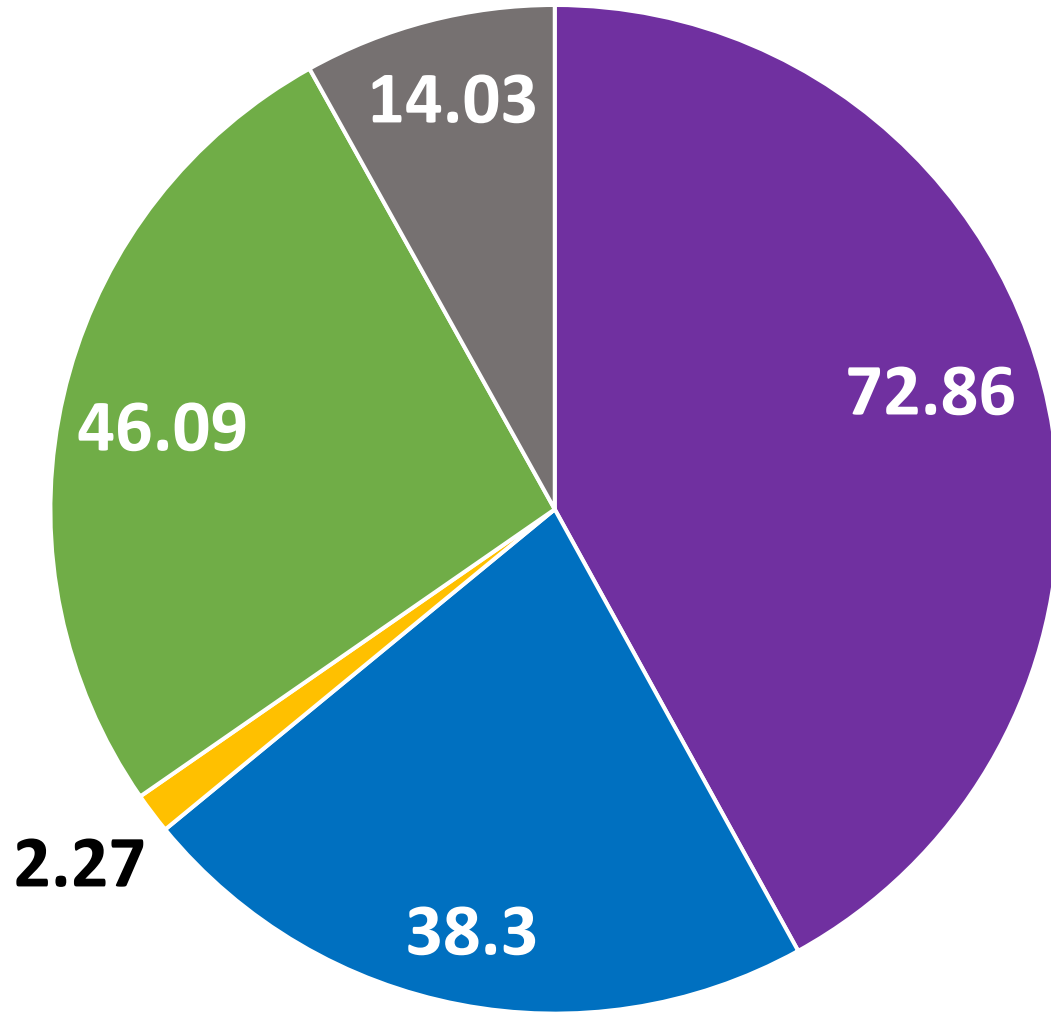
SJPD and Creek Safety Issues Update: Stream Stewardship Law Enforcement (SSLE)

- **December 12, 2025 Statistics:**
0 arrests; 0 citations; 0 warrants associated to the individuals arrested/cited
- **December 19, 2025 Statistics:** 0 arrests; 0 citations; 0 warrants associated to the individuals arrested/cited
- **January 2, 2026 Statistics:**
0 arrest; 0 citations; 0 warrants associated to the individuals arrested/cited
- **January 16, 2026 Statistics:** 0 arrests; 0 citations; 0 warrants associated to the individuals arrested/cited
- **January 23, 2026 Statistics:**
1 arrests; 0 citations; 3 warrants associated to the individuals arrested/cited
- **January 30, 2026 Statistics:**
0 arrests; 0 citations; 0 warrants associated to the individuals arrested/cited
- **February 27, 2026 Statistics:**
0 arrests; 6 citations; 2 warrants associated to the individuals arrested/cited
- **March 6, 2026 Statistics:**
0 arrests; 0 citations; 0 warrants associated to the individuals arrested/cited

SJPD and Creek Safety Issues Update: Stream Stewardship Law Enforcement (SSLE)

- **March 13, 2026 Statistics:**
0 arrests; 0 citations; 0 warrants
associated to the individuals arrested/cited
- **March 20, 2026 Statistics:** 0 arrests;
0 citations; 0 warrants associated to the
individuals arrested/cited

Encampment Cleanup Update: Dec 1, 2025 – Mar 30, 2026



**173.55 Tons
Removed**

Watershed:

- Coyote
- Guadalupe
- Lower Peninsula
- Uvas/Llagas
- West Valley



Lower Silver Creek (Before)

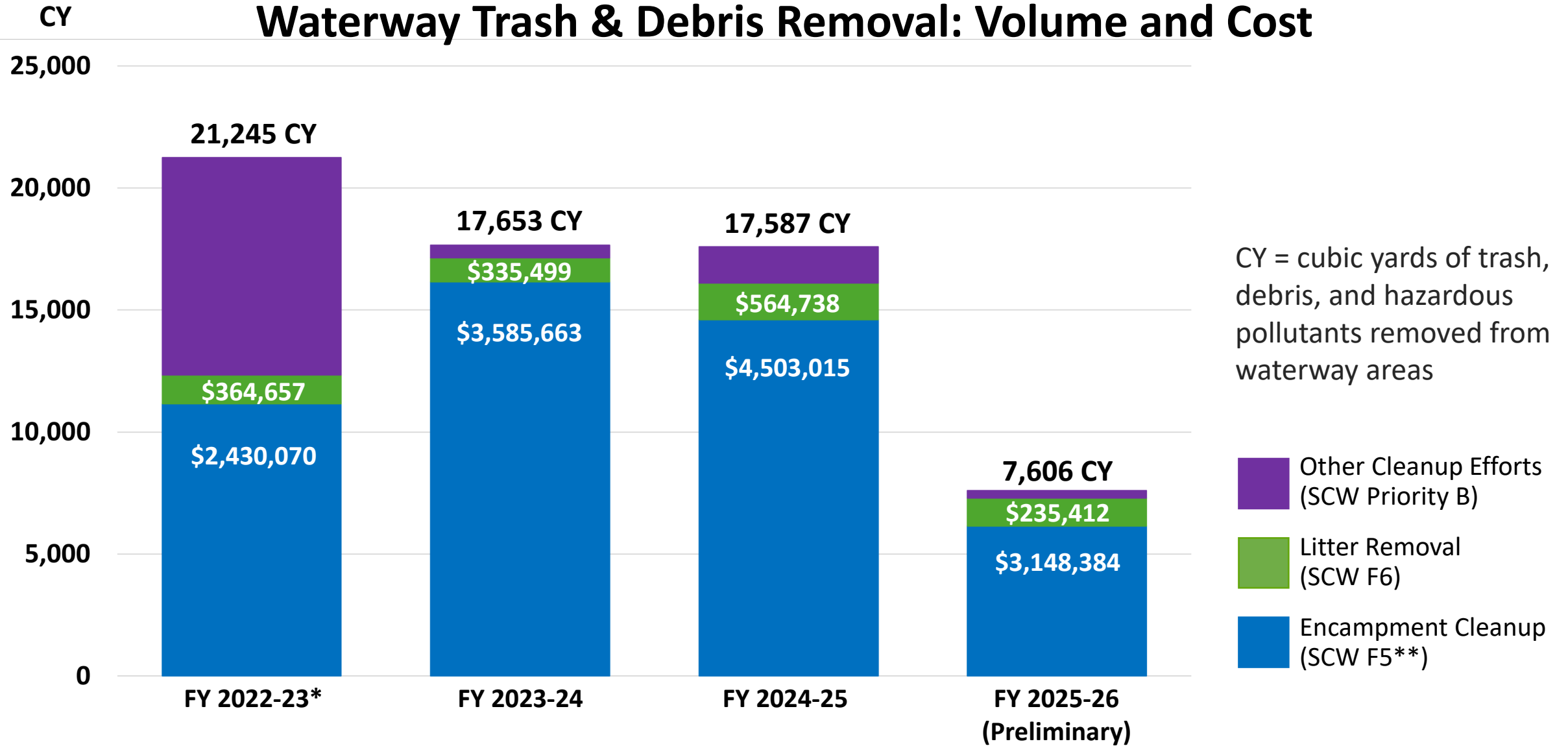


Lower Silver Creek (After)

Encampment Cleanup Program Costs

Encampment Cleanup Cost Categories	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26 (preliminary)
Internal Labor <i>(Salaries, benefits, and overhead)</i>	\$153,523	\$1,321,519	\$1,428,700	\$1,613,881	\$2,147,548	\$1,584,602
Skilled Contract Labor	\$131,368	\$810,216	\$850,515	\$1,016,341	\$1,200,654	\$592,755
SCC Outreach Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$45,956	\$151,167	\$31,650
SJPD Secondary Employment	\$3,743	\$10,675	\$77,595	\$175,230	\$220,640	\$183,160
SJPD Stream Stewardship Law Enforcement (SSLE)* <i>*FY20-23 SSLE expenditures of \$524,160.21 were charged to SCW Priority B projects rather than Encampment Cleanup</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$221,826	\$124,597	\$106,626
Trash Disposal	\$6,566	\$42,525	\$25,115	\$88,938	\$116,769	\$74,981
Lease & Rental Equipment	\$10,148	\$11,711	\$10,699	\$12,774	\$6,549	\$21,074
Other Costs <i>(agreements, construction materials, supplies, equipment, tools, fuel, chemicals, etc.)</i>	\$59,548	\$19,650	\$37,446	\$334,002	\$353,185	\$553,536
Encampment Cleanup Cost - Totals:	\$364,896	\$2,216,296	\$2,430,070	\$3,585,813	\$4,420,292	\$3,148,384

Waterway Trash & Debris Removal: Volume and Cost



* In FY 2022-23, under *Other Cleanup Efforts*, Valley Water removed 7,910 cubic yards of encampment-generated trash and debris along Coyote Creek, paving the way for the construction of the Coyote Creek Flood Management Measures Project (CCFMMP).

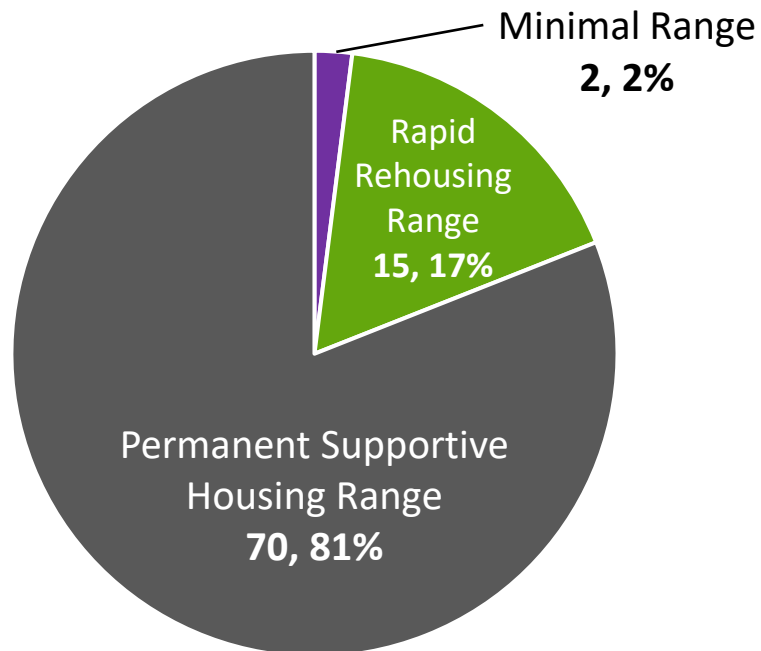
**Beginning in FY 2024-25, Valley Water allocated additional funding for encampment cleanup operations from its Watershed & Stream Stewardship Fund to augment the funding provided by the voter-approved Safe, Clean Water Program.

Valley Water OSH Outreach Report – December 2025 to March 2026

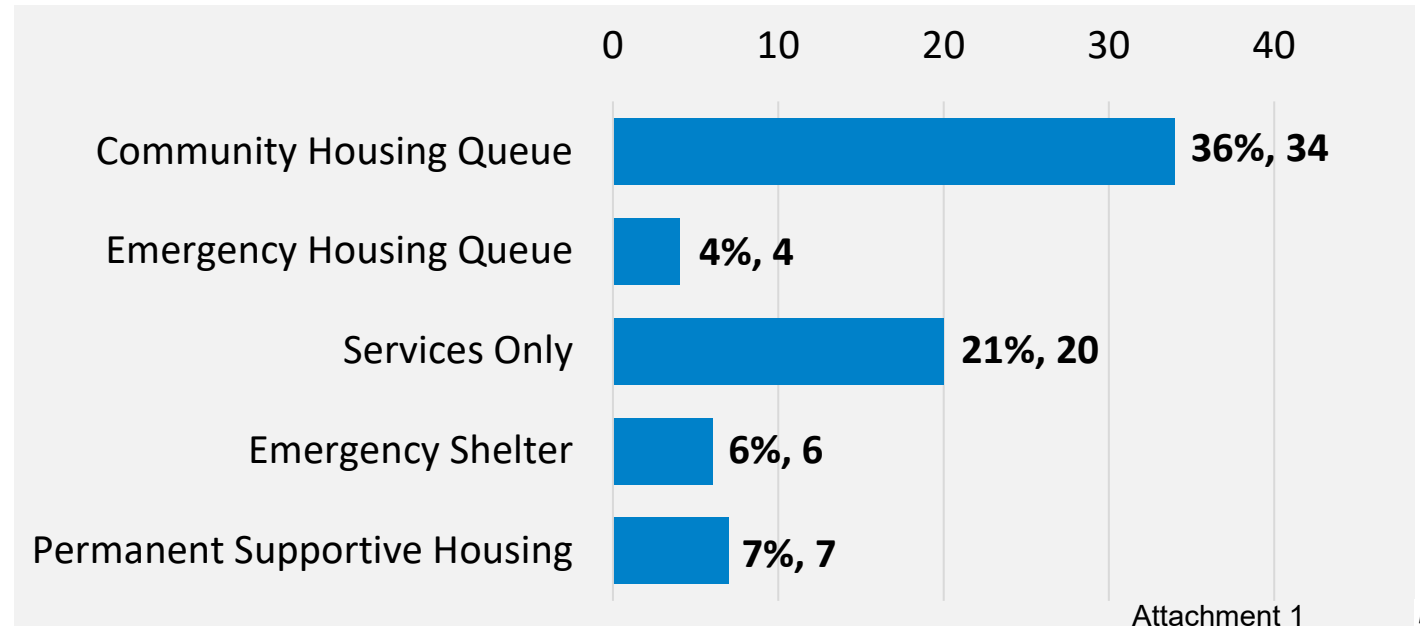
The following show characteristics for 95 households (99 individuals) currently enrolled in Community Hotline - Hotline Outreach (Valley Water OSH). Enrollments are from December 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026.

- 87 households have taken a VI-SPDAT housing assessment with 15 (17%) scoring in the Rapid Rehousing level of need and 70 (81%) scoring in the Permanent Supportive Housing level of need (based on their most recent VI-SPDAT assessment).
- 34 households are currently on the Community Housing Queue waiting for a housing opportunity and 4 households on the Emergency Shelter Queue waiting for a shelter placement.
- 20 households are currently enrolled in a service program and 4 households are enrolled in an Emergency Shelter program.
- 7 households are currently enrolled and housed in a Permanent Supportive Housing program.

By VI-SPDAT Level of Need



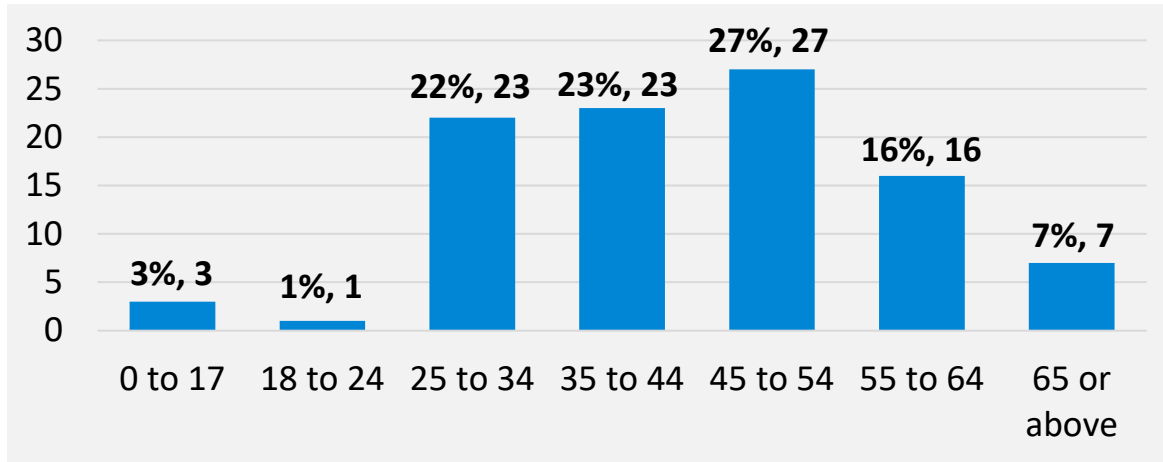
Valley Water OSH Outreach Households Active on Community Queues or HMIS Programs



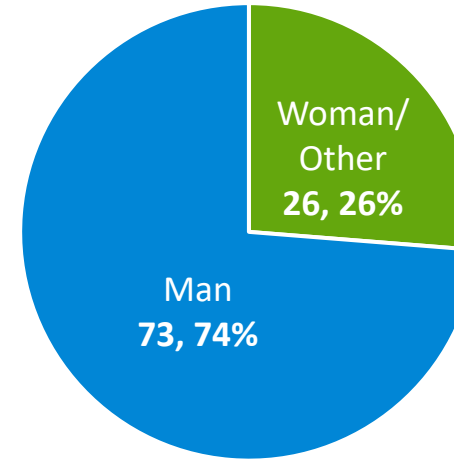
Valley Water OSH Outreach Report – December 2025 to March 2026

The following are demographics for 99 individuals currently enrolled in Community Hotline – Hotline Outreach (Valley Water OSH).

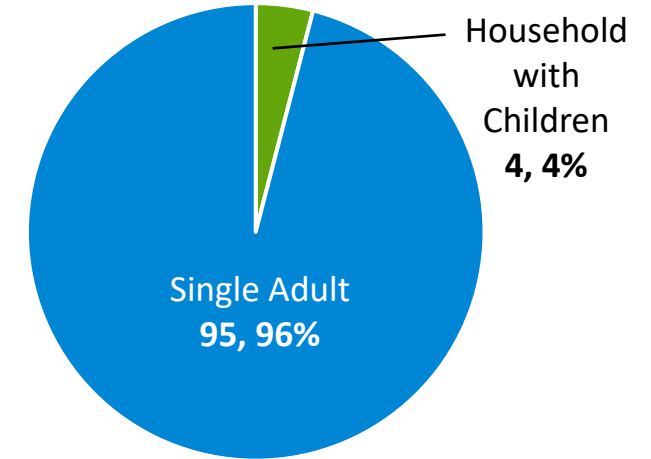
By Current Age Tier



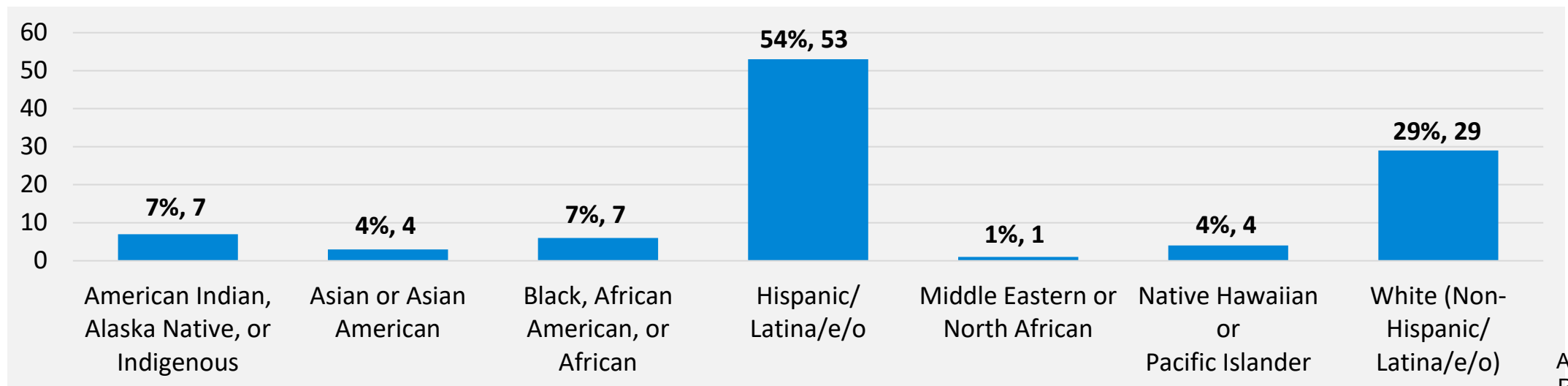
By Gender



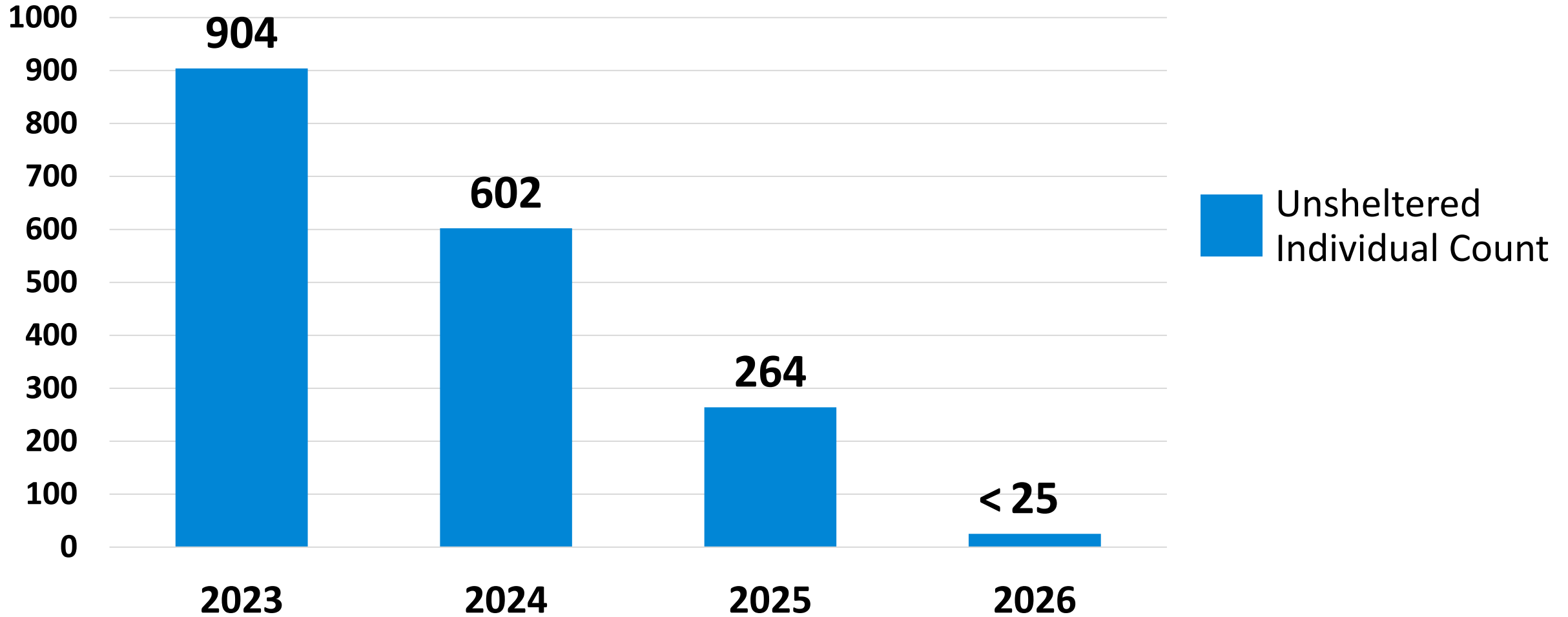
By Household Type



By Race and Ethnicity (Multiple Responses Allowed)



2023–2026 Unsheltered Individual Count



QUESTIONS





Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 26-0374

Agenda Date: 4/24/2026

Item No.: 4.4.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM Agricultural Water Advisory Committee

Government Code § 84308 Applies: Yes No
(If "YES" Complete Attachment A - Gov. Code § 84308)

SUBJECT:

Review the Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee (ECCC) Work Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

Review the Committee work plan and make recommendations as necessary.

SUMMARY:

The attached Work Plan outlines the approved topics for discussion to be able to prepare policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation. The work plan is agendized at each meeting as accomplishments are updated and to review additional work plan assignments by the Board.

BACKGROUND:

Governance Process Policy-8:

The District Act provides for the creation of advisory boards, committees, or commissions by resolution to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

Accordingly, the Board has established Advisory Committees, which bring respective expertise and community interest, to advise the Board, when requested, in a capacity as defined: prepare Board policy alternatives and provide comment on activities in the implementation of the District's mission for Board consideration. In keeping with the Board's broader focus, Advisory Committees will not direct the implementation of District programs and projects, other than to receive information and provide comment.

Further, in accordance with Governance Process Policy-3, when requested by the Board, the Advisory Committees may help the Board produce the link between the District and the public through information sharing to the communities they represent.

The attached Work Plan outlines the approved topics for discussion to be able to prepare policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation. The work plan is agendized at each meeting as accomplishments are updated and to review additional work plan assignments by the Board.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:

There are no Environmental Justice impacts associated with this item.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: ECCC 2026 Work Plan

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Wendy Ho, 408-630-3874

2026 ENVIRONMENTAL CREEK CLEANUP COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Category												
Updates on Valley Water Encampment Cleanup Operations	X			X			X			X		
Subsection: County of Santa Clara Office of Supportive Housing Outreach Agreement Update	X			X			X			X		
Subsection: Creek Safety Issues Report	X			X			X			X		
Subsection: Valley Water Encampment and Unsheltered Individual Count				X								
ECCC Review of WRPZ Ordinance Implementation	X											
Presentation from the Santa Clara County Office of Supportive Housing: Regarding the Draft “Santa Clara County: Community Plan to End Homelessness”				X								
Update on Valley Water’s Maintenance Activities on the Coyote-Alamitos Canal				X								
Standing Items:												
Election of Officers	X											
Approval of Minutes	X			X			X			X		
Review of Committee Work Plan	X			X			X			X		

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