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Subject: City of Morgan Hill Letter of Support for Water Resources Protection Zones Ordinance - Item 3.5

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On behalf of the City of Morgan Hill City Manager, Christina Turner, please see the attached letter in support of Item 3.5 on the November 26, 2024, Valley Water Board of Directors meeting agenda.

Thank you,
Hilary

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RE: Water Resources Protection Zones Ordinance - Meeting: 11/26/24; Item - 3.5

Honorable Valley Water Board of Directors:

The City of Morgan Hill encourages the approval of the proposed Water Resources Protection Zones Ordinance. The City of Morgan Hill has been working with Valley Water to address the condition of the waterways near the Llagas Creek. In recent years, these encampments have grown out of control, damaged the creek, polluted the waterways, and created public nuisance and public safety issues.

We understand the struggle of managing the unhoused residents that live along our waterways. The City of Morgan Hill has a multi-disciplinary approach to supporting the unhoused community that leads with empathy, respect, and dignity for the unhoused residents, while at the same time ensuring our community remains clean and safe. Both goals can be accomplished.

As employers, we have a responsibility to protect our staff who work to support the unhoused, provide public services and public safety. As public servants, we must protect our community (including the unhoused community) and must ensure everyone has safe access to our creeks and trails. The proposed ordinance is necessary to protect the water and the riparian habitat, our public servants, and our community.

Thank you for considering this ordinance that will support our community and protect our water ways.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "CT", is written over a faint circular stamp.

Christina Turner
City Manager

Cc: Rick Callender

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