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Subject: FW: Coyote Creek Maintenance Report Item 9.2

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To: CEO and the Board of Directors

On Tuesday, you will be presented with a Stream Maintenance Report for the period of June 15 through December 3, 2020. The Report provides the description and accomplishments of the Stream Maintenance Program for sediment removal, bank protection, and vegetation management. As noted in the Report, the District completed 388 vegetation management projects, 10 bank repairs and 12 sediment removal projects. The Report states that an annual summary will be provided to regulatory agencies in late January, 2021.

While the amount of work in each of the areas identified in the Report represents a lot of work, it is obvious and notable that NONE of the projects took place in Coyote Creek. None. I find this odd because effective October 1, Valley Water was directed to cease holding any water (above deadpool level) in Anderson Reservoir, and therefore must release all rainfall and runoff into Coyote Creek for the duration of the repairs to Anderson Dam -- a period that will take up to ten (10) years or more. This means that Anderson will no longer provide any attenuation of water flows from the massive Coyote watershed.

Yet, it would appear that despite this significant development, no work was done to improve the capacity in Coyote Creek. When I raised the question, I was informed by Staff that it was probably due to staffing issues on account of COVID, and was then informed that it was because the Water District doesn't control all of the access to Coyote Creek. Yet somehow, the District was able to find enough Staff to complete the work described in the Report, and if access was a problem, I would like to know whether access was requested but denied.

In view of the risks associated with flooding in the single, largest watershed in the District's jurisdiction, I find it odd that there was no report of stream maintenance projects in Coyote Creek for the period leading up to the mandatory full opening of the discharge pipe.

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