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Re: Public Comment Regarding the Key Performance Indicator (KPI) for Safe, Clean Water (SCW) Project E.5 – San Francisquito Creek Flood Protection Project (Project)

Dear Chair Stone, Vice Chair Gauthier and Members of the Board,

On June 23, 2026, Valley Water's Board of Directors set the time and place to open a public hearing on July 14, 2026, to discuss a potential modification to the KPI for the above-referenced SCW project.

During the hearing-setting discussion and at the public hearing itself, Valley Water received numerous comments from members of the public requesting clarification regarding Valley Water's participation in the Reach 2 portion of the Project.

Specifically, several comments requested that Valley Water assume a stronger leadership role in implementing the Reach 2 Project beyond its current role—and that of the other San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority (JPA) member agencies—which is limited to providing technical review and support such as reviewing and commenting on consultant work product.

Written public comments can be found in the Valley Water Board Meeting minutes here:

<https://scvwd.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=PA&ID=1422879&GUID=B13FA639-0A2B-4444-A864-587EC3C51D15>

<https://scvwd.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=PA&ID=1426608&GUID=94334AE2-F451-4C4E-9838-624AE8A5EA0B>

and video of the oral public comments can be found here:

https://scvwd.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=3&clip_id=2460

https://scvwd.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=3&clip_id=2579.

As established in the JPA Joint Powers Agreement, the JPA is the lead agency for Reach 2 Project implementation. Therefore, it is only appropriate for the JPA and Valley Water to work together to address these comments.

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I would like to propose that we form a Working Group comprised of two to three Board members from the JPA and Valley Water to jointly address these public comments.

Valley Water looks forward to receiving the JPA's response to our proposal.

Sincerely,

Tony Estremera
Chair of the Board of Directors
Santa Clara Valley Water District

cc: M. Richardson, R. Chan, C. Hakes, L. Mason
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