

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-

**APPROVING THE MODIFICATION OF PROJECT F6: GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM:
GRAFFITI AND LITTER REMOVAL AND PUBLIC ART OF THE SAFE, CLEAN
WATER AND NATURAL FLOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2020, the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water or District) adopted Resolution No. 20-64 Providing for the Continuation and Levy of a Special Tax to Pay the Cost of the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program in the Combined Flood Control Zone of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Subject, Nevertheless, to Specified Limits and Conditions (Resolution No. 20-64); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the special tax is to supplement other available but limited revenues to keep Valley Water's flood protection system of levees, channels, drains, debris basins, and other improvements in a safe and effective condition; to enable Valley Water to respond to emergencies; to perform maintenance and repair; to acquire, restore, and preserve habitat; to provide recreation; to conduct environmental education; to protect and improve water quality; and, to construct and operate flood protection storm drainage facilities; including in each case the cost of financing such activities; support public health and public safety as it relates to Valley Water's mission; and

WHEREAS, in November 2020, Valley Water's Measure S was overwhelmingly approved by more than a two-thirds majority vote of the electorate of Valley Water, renewing a special tax, the proceeds of which are used solely to support the six funding priorities of the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program (Safe, Clean Water Program), which are as follows: Priority A: Ensure a Safe, Reliable Water Supply; Priority B: Reduce Toxins, Hazards, and Contaminants in Our Waterways; Priority C: Protect Our Water Supply and Dams from Earthquakes and Other Natural Disasters; Priority D: Restore Wildlife Habitat and Provide Open Space; Priority E: Provide Flood Protection to Homes, Businesses, Schools, Streets, and Highways; and Priority F: Support Public Health and Public Safety for Our Community; and

WHEREAS, Project F6: Good Neighbor Program: Graffiti and Litter Removal and Public Art (Project F6) is included under Priority F of the Safe, Clean Water Program; and

WHEREAS, the objective of Project F6 is to allow Valley Water to continue responding to requests for cleanup of illegal dumping, trash, and graffiti on Valley Water's property and rights-of-way. Cleanup efforts include graffiti removal from floodwalls, concrete embankments, signs, structures and other Valley Water assets, as well as maintaining, repairing and installing fences and gates so that Valley Water structures and facilities remain safe and clean. The project also includes quarterly cleanups of problem trash sites to help reduce waterway pollution and keep creeks and riparian areas free of debris. The project also funds installation and maintenance of public art projects, such as murals, to beautify Valley Water property and infrastructure, to help deter graffiti and litter; and

WHEREAS, the Safe, Clean Water Program identifies the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for Project F6 as follows:

- "1. Cleanup identified trash and graffiti hotspots at approximately 80 sites four (4) times per year.
2. Respond to requests on litter or graffiti cleanup within five (5) working days.
3. Provide up to \$1.5 million over 15 years to implement public art projects on Valley Water property and infrastructure."; and

WHEREAS, currently, Project F6 authorizes grant funding for public art on Valley Water property to deter graffiti and litter; and

WHEREAS, expanding the Project F6 objective and modifying the associated KPI #3 to allow funding for eligible public art projects in public spaces throughout Santa Clara County, beyond Valley Water-owned infrastructure and property, would leverage public art to educate the community about water and environmental stewardship while helping deter graffiti and litter; and

WHEREAS, the proposed modification would better align Project F6 with Valley Water's strategic goals, available funding, and staffing capacity while providing broader community benefits; and

WHEREAS, Valley Water's Resolution No. 20-64 authorizes modifications to proposed projects. Paragraph N. reads as follows: "The Board of Directors may direct that proposed projects in the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program be modified or not implemented depending upon a number of factors, including federal and state funding limitations and the analysis and results of CEQA environmental review and permitting by state and federal regulatory agencies. The Board of Directors must hold a formal, public hearing on the matter, which will be noticed by publication and notification to interested parties, before adoption of any such decision to modify or not implement a project"; and

WHEREAS, at its regular Board meeting on June 23, 2026, Valley Water's Board of Directors set a time and place for a formal public hearing on July 14, 2026, and to be continued to August 11, 2026. At that time, the Board will consider the Proposed Modification to F6: Good Neighbor Program: Graffiti and Litter Removal and Public Art.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District as follows:

1. Pursuant to the requirements stated in the District Act (Section 12(a)) for public notice requirements, staff prepared and published advertisements in Santa Clara County newspapers of general circulation.
2. Pursuant to the requirements stated in Valley Water's Resolution No. 20-64, Paragraph N., a noticed public hearing was held.
3. Modify Project F6: Good Neighbor Program: Graffiti and Litter Removal and Public Art objective, as set forth in the Safe, Clean Water Program, as follows:

"This project allows Valley Water to continue responding to requests for cleanup of illegal dumping, trash and graffiti on Valley Water's property and rights-of-way. Cleanup efforts include graffiti removal from floodwalls, concrete embankments, signs, structures and other Valley Water assets, as well as maintaining, repairing and installing fences and gates so that Valley Water structures and facilities remain safe and clean. The project also funds installation and maintenance of public art projects, such as murals in public spaces throughout Santa Clara County to educate the public about water and environmental stewardship, which in turn will also help deter graffiti and litter."
4. Modify KPI #3 for Project F6: Good Neighbor Program: Graffiti and Litter Removal and Public Art as set forth in the Safe, Clean Water Program, as follows:

“Provide up to \$1.5 million over 15 years to implement or fund public art projects.”

Valley Water’s Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program Project F6: Good Neighbor Program: Graffiti and Litter Removal and Public Art, is hereby modified as stated in Exhibit A.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District by the following vote on August 11, 2026:

AYES: Directors

NOES: Directors

ABSENT: Directors

ABSTAIN: Directors

SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

TONY ESTREMER
Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST

CANDICE KWOK-SMITH
Clerk, Board of Directors

EXHIBIT A COVERSHEET

MODIFIED PROJECT OBJECTIVE AND KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR

No. of Pages: 1

Exhibit Attachments: None

EXHIBIT A

PROJECT F6

GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM: GRAFFITI AND LITTER REMOVAL AND PUBLIC ART

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Benefits

- Reduces trash and contaminants in local waterways
- Improves the appearance of waterways in neighborhoods and parks by removing trash, graffiti and litter as well as illegally dumped items, such as cars, shopping carts, appliances, etc.
- Reduces illegal dumping into or near waterways by repairing and installing fencing on Valley Water property
- Provides coordinated response to community complaints about trash and graffiti in neighborhoods along waterways
- Helps deter graffiti and litter by implementing public art projects ~~to beautify Valley Water property and infrastructure~~ **in public spaces while providing opportunities to educate the public about water and environmental stewardship throughout Santa Clara County**

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), FY22–36

1. Cleanup identified trash and graffiti hotspots at approximately 80 sites four (4) times per year.
2. Respond to requests on litter or graffiti cleanup within five (5) working days.
3. Provide up to \$1.5 million over 15 years to implement **or fund** public art projects. ~~on Valley Water property and infrastructure.~~

Geographic Area of Benefit: Countywide

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