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As a Water Ambassador for Valley Water, I'd like to call attention to a critical ordinance going before the agency's Board of Directors on November 26, 2024. The proposed Water Resources Protection Zone (WRPZ) Ordinance aims to reduce encampments and prevent re-encampments along creeks, waterways, and water supply facilities in Santa Clara County where Valley Water holds land rights.

This ordinance will help minimize the amount of encampment generated trash that makes its way into our waterways. It will protect water resources and endangered species. Keeping our creeks clean benefits everyone.

Also, the health and safety of those living along creeks and waterways are at risk from unhygienic and unsafe living conditions, frequent fires and exposure to the elements. Waterways are often prone to flash floods, causing rapidly rising water that is a serious hazard to unsheltered people living in the channel.

I also support Valley Water's efforts to work with city and county partners to find solutions to address unsheltered homelessness. For these reasons, I urge the Board of Directors to adopt the proposed WRPZ Ordinance.

Respectfully,  
Gerhard Eschelbeck

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