

SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 2025 Office of Government Relations



FEDERAL ADVOCACY EFFORTS

On August 6, Vice Chair Santos, Director Ballard, and several staff met with Lt. Col. Virginia R. Brickner (recently appointed Commander of the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) San Francisco District) along with other partner organizations and federal regulatory agencies for a site tour of the Sunnyvale, Shoreline, and Upper Guadalupe River Flood Protection projects. This tour provided an invaluable opportunity to introduce Lt. Col. Brickner to our regional priorities and shared project goals, showcase the critical features, progress, and benefits of each project, and reinforce the importance of strong federal partnership and support in advancing flood protection, ecosystem restoration, and community resilience. Lt. Col. Brickner demonstrated strong engagement and interest throughout the tour, underscoring her commitment to collaborative progress.

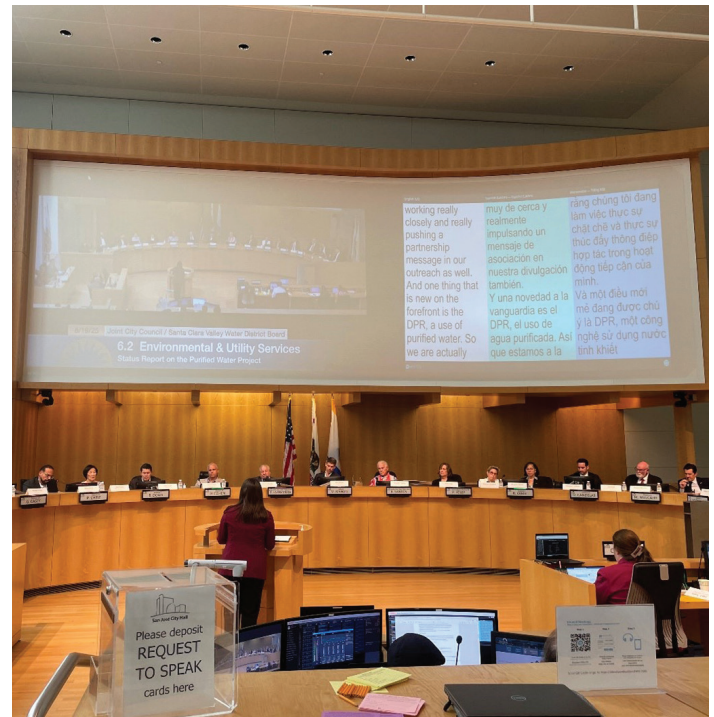


August 6: Sunnyvale, Shoreline, Upper Guad visit with Lt Col Brickner and federal partners.

LOCAL ADVOCACY AND ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS

Joint Special Meeting with the San Jose City Council

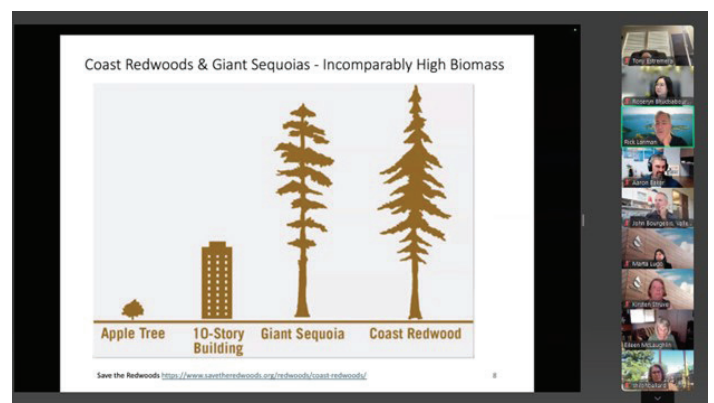
On August 19, the Board of Directors held a joint special meeting with the San Jose City Council at San Jose City Hall. Valley Water and City of San Jose staff jointly presented informational updates on the Purified Water, Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit and Coyote Creek Flood Protection projects, and Valley Water's Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program. All status reports were unanimously accepted by both the Board and City Council. Key discussions focused on accelerating project timelines, managing encampments, addressing housing needs, intergovernmental coordination, and maximizing purified water capacity. Valley Water has a long history of collaboration with San Jose, and the special meeting provided an opportunity to continue the agency's partnership with the City. The Board and City Council discussed ways to work together on issues important to the community and reaffirmed their commitment to ongoing partnership and collaboration.



August 19: Valley Water Board of Directors with San Jose City Council at San Jose Council Chambers.

Environmentally Focused Stakeholder Meeting

On August 13, Chair Estremera kicked off the second environmentally focused stakeholders meeting of the year hosted by Valley Water. Chair Estremera greeted a diverse cross-section of environmental leaders at the virtual meeting and introduced Director Ballard. Valley Water staff provided an update on Direct Potable Reuse efforts, followed by an informational presentation on redwood forest restoration research. Attendees participated in a lively discussion during the meeting, engaged Valley Water directors and staff with questions, and provided valuable feedback on Valley Water projects through an environmental stewardship lens.



August 13: A partner presentation on Modeling Redwood Forest Planting Sites with Machine Learning.

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San Jose Councilmember Tours the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center



August 13: Vice Chair Santos and Councilmember Pamela Campos.

Valley Water staff hosted San Jose District 2 Councilmember Pamela Campos and her team at the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center (SVAPWC). Vice Chair Santos welcomed the group at SVAPWC and Valley Water staff provided a presentation on purified water before leading the Councilmember and her staff on a walking tour of the facility. Councilmember Campos and the District 2 team were able to see firsthand the purification processes, ask questions about water reuse and its benefits, and sample the bottled purified water.



August 13: Tour attendees from San Jose Council District 2 and Valley Water staff sampling bottled purified water.

Building Connections at National Night Out

On August 5, Valley Water hosted two National Night Out booths – the City of Morgan Hill's NNO at their downtown Civic Center Plaza along with Sea Martins Lions Club NNO in San Martin. This event is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. Participation in these events allowed Valley Water to engage with the community about flood preparedness, water policy issues, unhoused creek cleanup efforts, and the water conservation online shopping cart.



August 5: The line of people eager to hear about Valley Water programs and resources at National Night Out.

RECENT EVENTS

- AUG 15 Morgan Hill Chamber Friday Night Music Series Booth
- AUG 16 Cupertino Chamber Night Market Booth
- AUG 21 San Jose Chamber BBQ Booth
- AUG 30 Santos Family Car Show Booth
- AUG 30-31 Silicon Valley Pride Parade and Festival Booth

FUTURE EVENTS

- SEPT 6-7 Mountain View Art and Wine Festival Booth
- SEPT 13 Rotary Fall Festival Booth
- SEPT 27 Vovinam Viet Vo Dao 34th Moon Festival Booth

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2025 State Legislation with Board-Approved Positions

Bill (Author)	Subject	Position	Status
AB 11 (Lee)	The Social Housing Act	Support	Pending - Senate Housing Committee (2 Yr Bill)
AB 259 (Blanca Rubio)	Open Meetings Teleconferences	Support	Pending - Senate Judiciary Committee (2 Yr Bill)
AB 269 (Bennett)	Dam Safety and Climate Resilience Local Assistance Program	Oppose	Pending - Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee (2 Yr Bill)
AB 454 (Kalra)	Migratory Birds: California Migratory Bird Protection Act	Support	Pending - Senate Floor
AB 514 (Petrie-Norris)	Emergency Water Supplies	Support	Pending - Assembly Appropriations Committee - Suspense File (2 Yr Bill)
AB 532 (Ransom)	Water Rate Assistance Program	Support	Pending - Senate Appropriations Committee - Suspense File (2Yr Bill)
AB 707 (Soria)	San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority: B.F. Sisk Dam Raise and Reservoir Expansion Project	Support	Pending - Assembly Rules Committee (2 Yr Bill)
AB 810 (Irwin)	Local Government Internet Websites and Email Addresses	Oppose	Pending - Assembly Appropriations Committee - Suspense File (2 Yr Bill)
AB 1319 (Schultz)	Protected species: California Endangered Species Act	Oppose Unless Amended	Pending - Senate Floor
SB 31 (McNerney)	Water Quality: recycled water	Support	Pending - Assembly Floor
SB 72 (Caballero)	The California Water Plan: Long-Term Supply Targets	Support	Pending - Assembly Floor
SB 454 (McNerney)	State Water Resources Control Board: PFAS Mitigation Program	Support	Pending - Assembly Floor
SB 466 (Caballero)	Drinking water: hexavalent chromium: civil liability: exemption	Support	Pending - Assembly Floor
SB 496 (Hurtado)	Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation: appeals advisory committee: exemptions	Support	Pending - Senate Appropriations Committee - Suspense File (2 Yr Bill)
SB 598 (Durazo)	Construction Manager/General Contractor Project Delivery Method	Support	Pending - Senate Floor
SB 599 (Caballero)	Atmospheric rivers: research: forecasting methods: experimental tools	Support	Pending - Assembly Floor
SB 601 (Allen)	Water: waste discharge	Oppose Unless Amended	Pending - Assembly Appropriations Committee - Suspense File (2 Yr Bill)
SB 650 (Cabaldon)	The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009	Support	Pending - Senate Floor
SB 682 (Allen)	Environmental health: product safety: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances	Support	Pending - Assembly Floor
SB 695 (Cortese)	Transportation: climate resiliency: projects of statewide and regional significance	Support	Pending - Assembly Floor
SB 753 (Cortese)	Special business regulations: shopping carts	Support	Pending - Assembly Floor

2025 Federal Legislation with Board-Approved Positions

Bill (Author)	Subject	Position	Status
H.R. 337 (Costa)	Groundwater Technical Assistance Act	Support	Introduced
H.R. 338 (Costa)	Every Drop Counts Act	Support	Introduced
S. 322 (Padilla)	Improving Atmospheric River Forecasting Act	Support	Introduced
H.R. 1267 (Gluesenkamp Perez)	Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act	Support	Introduced
H.R. 403 (Swalwell)	Preventing Our Next Natural Disaster Act	Support	Introduced
H.R. 1382 (Huffman)	San Francisco Bay Restoration Program Technical Correction Act	Support	Reported Out of Committee
H.R. 605 (Costa)	Headwaters Protection Act of 2025	Support	Introduced
H.R. 1871 (Huffman) S. 857 (Curtis)	Water Conservation Rebate Tax Parity Act of 2025	Support	Introduced
H.R. 1894 (Calvert)	Federally Integrated Species Health (FISH) Act	Support	Introduced
H.R. 2594 (Crawford)	Water Risk and Resilience Organization Establishment Act	Support	Introduced
H.R. 2344 (Schakowsky) S. 1118 (Markey)	Water Information Sharing and Analysis Center (WaterISAC) Threat Protection Act	Support	Introduced
H.R. 2766 (Fallon)	Special District Fairness and Accessibility Act	Support	Introduced
H.R. 2774 (Harder)	Safeguarding Our Levees Act	Support	Introduced

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