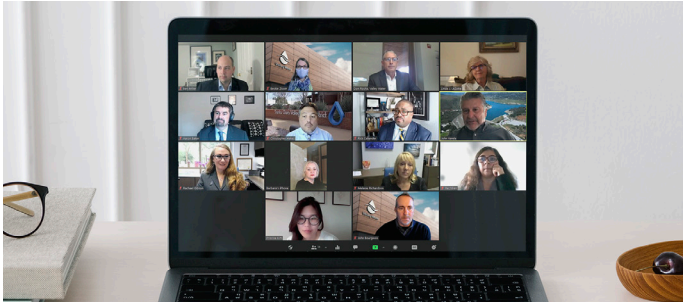


SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 2021

## Office of Government Relations Activities



### FEDERAL ADVOCACY EFFORTS



Fall 2021 Virtual D.C. Trip

#### Board Leads Successful Virtual Visits with Federal Officials

On November 1 through 3, all seven members of the Board led three days of successful visits with federal officials in Washington, D.C.

During the virtual trip, the Board and staff conducted 17 meetings with Administration officials and agency staff, Members of Congress, committees, and key staff. The group advocated for federal funding and to advance critical water supply and flood protection projects of importance to the people of Santa Clara County. Among the top priorities discussed were the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project, the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project, South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project, purified and recycled water, and more. The underlying thread of all these conversations was the importance of federal investment in infrastructure, particularly for water infrastructure on which our communities depend.

Valley Water makes two annual trips to Washington, D.C., to advocate for priority projects and programs that benefit Santa Clara County residents. These trips are significant opportunities for the Board and leadership to meet with federal appointed and elected officials and advocate for the important water projects that benefit the people and environment of our county. Staff is now following up with those officials to advance all of these projects and priorities.

### STATE ADVOCACY EFFORTS



California State Capitol

#### Legislative Water Policy Academy Presentation

On November 10, Chief Executive Officer Rick Callender made a virtual presentation on urban water management to the Legislative Water Policy Academy (Academy), a group of legislative employees interested in water issues. The Academy is organized by the Principal Consultant in the Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee and offers a series of webinars to legislative staffers on a variety of water policy topics. Rick's presentation focused on Valley Water's mission and the numerous challenges ahead, such as completing the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project, weathering the drought emergency, increasing impacts from climate change, rising water rates, and expanding purified water in the county. This webinar was a unique opportunity to educate legislative staff starting off their careers with the realities water agencies are facing with the increased intensity of climate change.

### LOCAL ADVOCACY AND ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS



Drought Summit 2021

#### Valley Water Convenes Second Drought Summit

On October 23, Valley Water convened a diverse cross-section of elected officials, business leaders, water retailers, and environmental advocates from throughout Silicon Valley to engage in a working session at the Valley Water Drought Summit 2021 to discuss ways to address the drought together. The Summit, cosponsored by the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, took place virtually from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and offered an opportunity for experts to share community feedback and insights, water supply projections, and information on water conservation tools and resources with stakeholders that can be used to lead communities through the drought emergency.

The Drought Summit featured keynote speaker State Senator John Laird, and was attended by elected officials and staff from the cities of Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, San José, Saratoga, and Sunnyvale. The second half of the session incorporated interactive break-out

sessions facilitated by Valley Water staff, and Summit participants highlighted the following takeaways and goals from their small group discussions: unify stakeholder drought response messaging, strengthen partnerships and education, explore tailored drought response approaches to jurisdictions, highlight successful cases to serve as regional models, and partner with Valley Water to implement the Model Water Efficient New Development Ordinance (MWENDO).



Director Santos and Supervisor Lee at Gardner Health Services' Dia de los Muertos Walk-Run in Alviso.

### Gardner Health Services Dia de los Muertos Walk-Run

On October 30, Valley Water hosted a booth at the Gardner Health Services 2nd Annual Dia de los Muertos Walk-Run in Alviso. Staff engaged with attendees to talk about water conservation and rebates and answered questions about Valley Water's priority issues and projects.

### Saratoga State of the City Resource Faire

On November 6, Valley Water also hosted a booth at the City of Saratoga's State of the City and provided attendees with informational material on the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center, water conservation and rebates, volunteer opportunities, water wise gardening, and flood preparedness. Staff also distributed Valley Water-branded giveaways such as shower timers and flood preparedness kits to Saratoga residents and community leaders in attendance and promoted the Online Shopping Cart.

### Coyote Creek Trail Opening

On November 7, Chair Estremera and Director Santos participated in the Coyote Creek Trail Opening hosted by San José Councilmember Maya Esparza. Chair Estremera provided opening remarks and both Directors participated in the ribbon cutting. The City of San José's Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Services (PRNS) coordinated the grand opening of a segment of the 3-mile trail project that runs parallel to the Coyote Creek from William Street to Tully Road in San José, contributing to one of the longest trail systems in the South Bay. This grand opening also officially launched the San José Police Department (SJPD) Trail Patrol pilot program, a partnership between the City of San José and Valley Water that seeks to ensure that users of this trail feel safe and enjoy the time they spend there.



Chair Estremera and Director Santos cutting the ribbon at Coyote Creek Trail Opening.

## Federal Legislation Active in November 2021 with Board-Approved Positions

Bill (Author)	Subject	Position	Status
S. 91 (Sinema) H.R. 535 (Garamendi)	Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act of 2021	Support and Amend	Introduced
H.R. 610 (Speier)	San Francisco Bay Restoration Act	Support	Passed House on June 15, 2021
H.R. 1015 (Napolitano)	Water Recycling Improvement and Investment Act	Support	Introduced
H.R. 737 (Valadao)	Responsible, No-Cost Extension of Western Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (RENEW WIIN) Act	Support	Introduced
H.R. 848 (Thompson)	Growing Renewable Energy and Efficiency Now (GREEN) Act of 2021	Support and Amend	Introduced
H.R. 866 (Calvert)	Federal Integrated Species Health (FISH) Act	Support	Introduced
H.R. 644 (Calvert)	Reducing Environmental Barriers to Unified Infrastructure and Land Development Act	Support	Introduced

Bill (Author)	Subject	Position	Status
S. 101 (Markey)	Environmental Justice Mapping and Data Collection Act of 2021	Support	Introduced
H.R. 1319 (Yarmurth)	American Jobs Plan Act	Support and Amend	Became Public Law 117-2
S. XXXX (Feinstein)	Draft "Support To Rehydrate the Environment, Agriculture, and Municipalities (STREAM) Act"	Support and Amend	Not yet introduced
S. 1179 (Feinstein) H.R. 2552 (Costa)	Canal Conveyance Capacity Restoration Act	Support	Introduced
S. 914 (Duckworth)	Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act of 2021	Support and Amend	Passed Senate on April 29, 2021
H.R. 1915 (DeFazio)	Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2021	Support	Reported favorably from the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on June 22, 2021
H.R. 1848 (Pallone)	Leading Infrastructure for Tomorrow's America (LIFT America) Act	Support	Introduced
H.R. 3404 (Huffman)	Furthering Underutilized Technologies and Unleashing Responsible Expenditures for Western Water Infrastructure and Drought Resiliency Act (FUTURE Western Water Infrastructure and Drought Resiliency Act)	Support and Amend	Introduced
H.R. 3293 (Blunt Rochester)	Low-Income Water Customer Assistance Programs Act of 2021	Support and Amend	Introduced
H.R. 1512 (Pallone)	Climate Leadership and Environmental Action for our Nation's Future Act (CLEAN Future Act)	Support	Introduced
H.R. 2337 (Neal)	Public Servants Protection and Fairness Act of 2021	Support	Introduced
S. 2185 (Barrasso)	Western Water Infrastructure Act of 2021	Support and Amend	Introduced
S. 872 (Duckworth)	Environmental Justice for All Act	Support	Introduced
S. 2334 (Cortez Masto)	Large Scale Water Recycling Project and Drought Resiliency Investment Act	Support and Amend	Pieces incorporated into the bipartisan infrastructure bill (H.R. 3684), which the Senate passed on August 9, 2021
S. 2377 (Manchin)	Energy Infrastructure Act	Support and Amend	Incorporated into the bipartisan infrastructure bill (H.R. 3684), which the Senate passed on August 9, 2021
S. 2454 (Padilla)	Water Reuse and Resiliency Act of 2021	Support	Pieces incorporated into the bipartisan infrastructure bill (H.R. 3684), which the Senate passed on August 9, 2021
H.R. 4375 (Kuster) S. 2356 (Feinstein)	Twenty-First Century Dams Act	Support and Amend	Introduced
H.R. 2197 (Cicilline) S. 939 (Whitehouse)	Innovative Materials for America's Growth and Infrastructure Newly Expanded (IMAGINE) Act	Support and Amend	Introduced
H.R. 3701(Delgado)	Protecting Infrastructure and Promoting the Economy (PIPE) Act	Support and Amend	Introduced

H.R. 1563 (Garcia)	To Extend the Authorities Under the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act of 2016 Providing the Operational Flexibility, Drought Relief, and Other Benefits to the State of California	Support	Introduced
H.R. 2895 (Peters) S. 1499 (Warner)	Protecting Infrastructure and Promoting the Economy (PIPE) Act	Support	Introduced
H.R. 3282 (McKinley)	Drinking Water Funding for the Future Act of 2021	Support	Introduced
H.R. 3228 (Velazquez)	National Coastal Resilience Data and Services Act	Support	Introduced
H.R. 4647 (Huffman)	Water Conservation Rebate Tax Parity Act	Support	Introduced
H.R. 4712 (Levin)	Desalination Development Act	Support and Amend	Introduced
H.R. 4915 (McClintock)	Water Supply Permitting Coordination Act	Support	Introduced
H.R. 4235 (Pallone)	Living Shorelines Act	Support and Amend	Introduced
H.R. 4413 (DeLauro)	National Infrastructure Development Bank Act	Support	Introduced

## 2021 Two-Year State Legislation with Board-Approved Positions:

Bill (Author)	Subject	Position	Status
AB 252 (R. Rivas)	Multibenefit Land Repurposing Incentive Program: Compatible Uses: Contracts	Support	Pending – Senate Governance and Finance Committee – 2 Year Bill
AB 897 (Mullin)	Regional Climate Adaptation Action Plans	Support	Pending – Senate Appropriations Committee – 2 Year Bill
AB 905 (Quirk)	Mobile Fueling On-Demand Tank Vehicles: Performance Standards	Support	Pending – Assembly Transportation Committee – 2 Year Bill
AB 979 (Frazier)	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Sea Level Rise Analysis Report	Oppose	Pending – Assembly Appropriations Committee – Suspense File – 2 Year Bill
AB 1110 (R. Rivas)	Zero-Emission Vehicles: Climate Catalyst Revolving Loan Fund Program	Support	Pending – Senate Appropriations Committee – 2 Year Bill
AB 1500 (E. Garcia)	Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2022	Support and Amend	Pending – Assembly Rules Committee – 2 Year Bill
SB 45 (Portantino)	Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022	Support and Amend	Pending – Senate Appropriations Committee – 2 Year Bill
SB 351 (Caballero)	Water Innovation Act of 2021	Support	Pending – Senate Appropriations Committee – Suspense File – 2 Year Bill
SB 559 (Hurtado)	Water Conveyance Systems: Canal Conveyance Capacity Restoration Fund	Support	Pending – Assembly Floor – Inactive File – 2 Year Bill
SB 786 (Becker)	Smart Financing for Water Infrastructure	Sponsor	Pending – Assembly Local Government Committee – 2 Year Bill