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Subject: Review of Santa Clara Valley Water District’s Draft FY 2026-30 Capital Improvement Program

Dear Luz Penilla:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Santa Clara Valley Water District draft 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program. After reviewing the CIP, we have determined that the capital projects affecting Cupertino are consistent with the City of Cupertino’s General Plan.

We have reviewed the document for all CIP projects, both within and outside of Cupertino’s jurisdiction, that are expected to have significant effects to the City. The projects are:

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Listed projects 1 through 15 are focused on the maintenance, quality, and reliability of the water supply and transmission systems in the Cupertino area. Projects 16 and 17 listed above are described as flood protection and erosion and sedimentation repair projects. The City of Cupertino requests that it be notified of any modifications to plan or scope for these projects. Projects 18 and 19 listed above will work to enhance wildlife and natural habitat and reduce erosion along Stevens and Regnart Creeks. There do not appear to be any general plan inconsistencies with these projects.

The City has several storm drain outfalls that feed into District maintained creeks. The City has inspected these outfalls and has documented some facilities that require repair. We request that the District work with the City to find opportunities to efficiently address these repairs. These collaborative efforts could include the District performing the necessary repairs in areas where the District has planned construction activities and has obtained the necessary environmental permits. The City will work with the District regarding payment for construction activities. Collaborating in this manner would cut down on redundant activities, ensure improvements are aligned with both the District's and the City's interests, and would result in good stewardship of taxpayer dollars. The City has attached the analysis of its outfalls to this letter. We look forward to working with the District on addressing this work.

The City has had difficulty receiving approval for the Tamien Innu (formerly Junipero Serra) Trail project due to certain provisions in the District's guidelines for maintenance roads. The City will continue to work to meet District guidelines but may request that minor variances be granted to minimize impacts to private property and to minimize significant cost impacts.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the CIP and we look forward to reviewing the listed CIP projects during the design development process. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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VALLEY WATER—DRAFT FISCAL YEARS 2026-2030 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Dear Ms. Richardson:

Thank you for the opportunity to review Valley Water’s draft Fiscal Years 2026-30 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). As the CIP aligns with the City of Mountain View (City)’s General Plan, we support the proposed capital expenditures in the CIP for infrastructure, security, reliability, and technology to ensure a safe and adequate supply of water to our City and flood protection that not only impacts our City, but our neighboring agencies.

The City welcomes future opportunities to collaborate with Valley Water on regional and interagency projects that would benefit both agencies. Please contact Lisa Au, Assistant Public Works Director, at 650-903-6140 if there are any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Santa Clara Valley Water District Capital Improvement Program FY2026-2030

Dear Ms. Richardson:

Thank you for sharing Valley Water's FY2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) with Palo Alto. The annual exchange of information promotes coordination between Valley Water's projects, private land development projects, and the City's own CIP projects.

Palo Alto supports the following Valley Water flood management projects located within the City's jurisdiction:

- Palo Alto Flood Basin Tide Gate Structure Replacement – III-7
- San Francisquito Creek, San Francisco Bay through Searsville Dam - III-11
- San Francisco Bay Shoreline – III-31
- Watersheds Asset Rehabilitation Program – III-33

These projects are essential for flood control. Once constructed, these projects will provide our residents and businesses with flood protection. The City submits the following project-specific comments:

1. Palo Alto Flood Basin Tide Gate Structure Replacement: Valley Water proposes to retrofit the existing tide gate structure to reduce seismic vulnerabilities and rehabilitate the surface improvements to extend its service life. The work is scheduled to start in September 2025 and will extend through January 2026. In addition, we understand Valley Water Watershed Division is working on a project to replace several flap-gates in FY 2027. The City of Palo Alto values Valley Water's efforts to advance the seismic retrofit and rehabilitation project and looks forward to continued collaboration on the design and implementation of the subsequent project.

2. San Francisquito Creek, San Francisco Bay through Searsville Dam: Staff recognizes Valley Water’s continued active role in Reach 2 projects, including the 11.47% local sponsor support for the Newell Road Bridge Replacement project. Amendment No. 3 to the local sponsor contribution agreement is tentatively scheduled for Council approval on June 16, 2025. Valley Water’s local sponsor contribution for PS&E and the Right-of-Way phases is approximately \$470,000. The construction phase of this project is pending Federal Highway Administration authorization and issuance of an E76 financial statement, with the project on track to start in 2025 and estimated to take 1.5 years to complete. City staff will continue to provide project updates to Valley Water and looks forward to working on the next amendment for the local sponsor share for the construction funding and future mitigation and monitoring implementation.

3. San Francisco Bay Shoreline: Palo Alto appreciates Valley Water’s continued flood protection efforts towards the San Francisco Bay Shoreline project. In 2025, approximately \$23M of Safe Clean Water Program was proposed to be removed from the SF Bay Shoreline EIA (1-4) E-7 budget and reallocated to another region. The City of Palo Alto submitted a letter requesting that Valley Water defer taking action to allow the agencies to evaluate the implications. We appreciate the Valley Water Board’s unanimous decision to defer the fund transfer to allow the agencies to discuss Shoreline protection needs along the Baylands and associated funding needs through the Bay Planning and Monitoring Committee. Palo Alto staff looks forward to those discussions.

4. Watersheds Asset Rehabilitation Program: We recognize the mutual benefits of the Watershed Asset Rehabilitation Program to repair banks and conduct sediment removal on Matadero Creek and support Valley Water’s effort to reduce flooding risks and/or damage to adjacent properties and facilities. Staff from both agencies started to work on the encroachment permit sediment removal along a 0.5 mile stretch of Matadero Creek. Work is scheduled to occur in the summer. We kindly request Valley Water’s considerations for sediment removal along Adobe Creek and Barron Creek, and bank repair along San Francisquito Creek.

Staff has reviewed Valley Water’s proposed CIP for consistency with the City of Palo Alto Comprehensive Plan 2030 and Sustainability/Climate Action Plan. The following policies and programs were recognized that relate to the implementation of the CIP:

- Policy N-3.4: Recognize that riparian corridors are valued environmental resources whose integrity provides vital habitat for fish, birds, plants, and other wildlife and carefully monitor and preserve these corridors.

- Policy N-3.5: Preserve the ecological value of creek corridors by preserving native plants and replacing invasive, non-native plants with native plants.

- Policy N-3.7: Avoid fencing, piping, and channelization of creeks when flood control and public safety can be achieved through measures that preserve the natural environment and habitat of the creek.
- Policy N-3.8: Work with the Santa Clara Valley Water District, San Francisquito Creek JPA, and other relevant regional and non-governmental agencies to enhance riparian corridors, provide compatible low-impact recreation and ensure adequate flood control.
- Policy S-2.12: Support regional efforts to improve bay levees.
- Program S2.8.3: Collaborate with the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority and the Santa Clara Valley Water District on environmentally sensitive efforts to stabilize, restore, maintain, and provide one percent (100-year) flood protection adjacent to San Francisquito Creek.
- Program S2.12.1 Work cooperatively with the Santa Clara Valley Water District and the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority to provide flood protection from high tide events on San Francisco Bay, considering the impacts of future sea level rise, to provide one percent (100-year) flood protection from tidal flooding, while being sensitive to preserving and protecting the natural environment.

Staff compared the scope of Valley Water’s proposed flood management projects with these policies and has determined that the CIP appears to be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

The City of Palo Alto appreciates the opportunity to review the FY2026-2030 CIP and welcomes the chance to review and comment on future CIPs. Thank you again for your continued efforts to maintain effective communications between the City and Valley Water.

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RE: Valley Water's Draft Fiscal Years 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program

Dear Ms. Richardson:

Thank you for providing a copy of Santa Clara Valley Water District's Draft Fiscal Years 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program to the Town of Los Gatos. We have reviewed the draft plan and are supportive of the projects identified within the Town of Los Gatos. The Town has no objections to the proposed CIP and none of the projects appear inconsistent with the General Plan. Please contact me at nburnham@losgatosca.gov or (408) 399-5774 if there are any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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