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March 1, 2022

Melanie Richardson Santa Clara Valley Water District 5750 Almaden Expressway San Jose, California 95118

Subject: Review of Santa Clara Valley Water District's Draft FY 2023-27 Capital

Improvement Program

Dear Ms. Richardson:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Santa Clara Valley Water District draft 2023-2027 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 11 are focused on the maintenance, quality, and reliability of the water supply and transmission systems in the Cupertino area. There are no general plan inconsistencies with these items.

Project 12 listed above is described as flood protection and erosion and sedimentation repair project. The City of Cupertino requests that it be notified of any modifications to plan or scope of this project. There does not appear to be any general plan inconsistencies with this item.

Projects 13 and 14 listed above will work to enhance wildlife and natural habitat along Stevens Creek and are consistent with the general plan.

The City has several storm drain outfalls that feed into District maintained creeks. The City intends to have these outfalls inspected and documented in the coming fiscal year. We request that the District work to allow the City and its consultant to have access to the District's lands in order to perform these investigations. The City would also like to request the District's assistance with performing maintenance activities to any outfalls that need repairs when the repairs align with District maintenance operations in these areas.

The City appreciates the Districts ongoing support of various projects including the Regnant Creek Trail project. We look forward to continuing that collaboration.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the CIP and we look forward to reviewing and commenting on 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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March 8, 2022

Rick L. Callender Chief Executive Officer Valley Water 5750 Almaden Expressway San Jose, CA 95118-3686

RE: Valley Water's Draft Fiscal Years 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Program

Dear Mr. Callender,

Thank you for providing a copy of Santa Clara Valley Water District's Draft Fiscal Years 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Program to the City of Saratoga.

In reviewing the District's FY2023-27 CIP, City staff determined that it appears to be consistent with the City's General Plan and there are no objections to the proposed CIP. Please contact me at dpedro@saratoga.ca.us or (408) 868-1231 if there are any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Debbie Pedro, AICP

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Community Development Director

cc: James Lindsay, City Manager

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April 6, 2022

Rick Callender
Chief Executive Officer
Santa Clara Valley Water District
5750 Almaden Expressway
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Subject: Santa Clara Valley Water District Capital Improvement Program

Dear Mr. Callender:

Thank you for your staff's recent presentation of the FY2023-27 Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to the representatives of our Public Works Department. I appreciate your effort to keep City staff informed of Valley Water's proposed flood management projects in our community. The exchange of information will promote better coordination between Valley Water's projects and both private land development projects in Palo Alto and the City's own capital improvement projects.

Palo Alto supports the following flood management and water supply projects located within the City's jurisdiction and discussed at the meeting:

- Palo Alto Flood Basin Tide Gate Structure Improvements
- San Francisquito Creek (San Francisco Bay through Searsville Dam)
- San Francisco Bay Shoreline
- Watersheds Asset Rehabilitation Program

City staff is aware of and supportive of these projects, which will ultimately provide our residents and businesses with increased flood protection, relief from mandatory flood insurance and provide an alternative water supply in the County. With respect to Valley Water's CIP, the City submits the following comments:

- 1. <u>Palo Alto Flood Basin Structure Improvements</u>: Per the discussion at our CIP review meeting with Valley Water staff, it will be important to continue to coordinate with City staff and local stakeholders to complete the design, secure permits and throughout the construction process to ensure that local concerns are addressed.
- 2. <u>San Francisquito Creek (San Francisco Bay through Searsville Dam)</u>: We very much appreciate Valley Water's active role in the planning and design of improvements for the

upstream of Highway 101 projects. The active participation by Valley Water staff and the significant level of funding provided by Valley Water have been instrumental in moving these projects forward. These projects will provide tangible flood protection benefits to Palo Alto residents and businesses in the near term.

- 3. San Francisco Bay Shoreline: We appreciate that the FY2023-2027 CIP budget includes funding (including supplemental funding from State of California grant funds) for the planning of potential shoreline improvements in the northern portion of the county, including Palo Alto, Environmental Impact Areas 1 3. Since 2019 Palo Alto has been assisting Valley Water with the Shoreline Feasibility Study Phase II by providing documents and background, we will continue to assist Valley Water with information as needed.
- 4. <u>Expedite Purified Water Program</u>: City staff will continue to collaborate with Valley Water to support the Expedite Purified Water Program as per the 2019 Partnership Agreement to Advance Resilient Water Reuse Programs in Santa Clara County between Valley Water and the Cities of Palo Alto and Mountain View.
- 5. <u>Watersheds Asset Rehabilitation Program</u>: We recognize the mutual benefits of the Watershed Asset Rehabilitation Program to repair banks and sediment removal on Matadero Creek and Barron Creek. We support Valley Water's effort to reduce flooding risks and/or damage to adjacent properties and facilities.

Staff has reviewed Valley Water's proposed CIP for consistency with the City of Palo Alto Comprehensive Plan 2030 and the 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 Joint Powers Authority and other relevant regional and non-governmental agencies to enhance riparian corridors, provide compatible low-impact recreation and ensure adequate flood control.

- Program N-4.7.1: Support and participate in the work of the Santa Clara Valley Water
 District to prepare a high-quality groundwater management plan that will address
 groundwater supply and quality, including opportunities to recharge groundwater,
 including through use of recycled water and extracted groundwater.
- 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, taking into account 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 current Comprehensive Plan.

The City of Palo Alto appreciates the opportunity to review the FY2023-2027 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.

Sincerely,

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April 12, 2022

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VALLEY WATER DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2023-27 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Dear Mr. Callender:

Thank you for the opportunity to review Valley Water's draft Fiscal Year 2023-27 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The City of Mountain View (City) has no objections to Valley Water's CIP at this time as it appears to be consistent with the Mountain View 2030 General Plan.

The City supports the proposed capital expenditures in infrastructure, security, reliability, and technology to ensure a safe and adequate delivery of water to our City.

The City welcomes future opportunities to review and comment on upcoming CIPs and other project specific issues. 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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