

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION NO. 22-

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH, SEPTEMBER 2022

WHEREAS, the County, State, Nation, and World continue to experience the COVID-19 pandemic with ongoing illness, hospitalization, and thousands of lives lost; and

WHEREAS, the prevalence of major disasters has increased, with multiple large-scale fires across the State of California last year, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the ongoing potential of a major earthquake occurring in the San Francisco Bay Region; and

WHEREAS, since 2004 the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has sponsored National Preparedness Month each September; and

WHEREAS, “National Preparedness Month” creates an important opportunity for every resident of Santa Clara County to prepare their homes, businesses, and communities for any type of emergency including natural disasters such as flooding, earthquakes, and fires; technology-related hazards like power outages and equipment failure; health-hazards such as widespread illnesses like COVID-19 and the flu; and human-caused hazards including acts of violence and potential terrorist attacks; and

WHEREAS, investing in the preparedness of ourselves, our families, businesses, and communities can reduce fatalities and economic devastation in our communities and in our nation; and

WHEREAS, emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every resident of Santa Clara County and all members of the public are urged to make preparedness a priority and work together, as a team, to ensure that individuals, families, and communities are prepared for disasters and emergencies of any type; and

WHEREAS, all members of the public of Santa Clara County are encouraged to participate in preparedness activities and asked to review FEMA’s Ready campaign websites at [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov); sign up at [AlertSCC.com](https://www.alertscc.com); and become better prepared.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District does hereby proclaim September 2022 as National Preparedness Month and encourages all members of the public and businesses to develop their own emergency preparedness plan; to protect themselves from hazards associated with earthquakes, flooding, fire, and power outages; and to work together toward creating a more prepared community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District by the following vote on September 13, 2022:

AYES: Directors

NOES: Directors

ABSENT: Directors

ABSTAIN: Directors

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JOHN L. VARELA
Chair Pro Tem, Board of Directors

ATTEST: MICHELE L. KING, CMC

Clerk, Board of Directors