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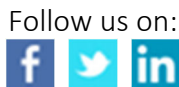
Hello Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors,

Please see the City of Sunnyvale's letter of concern to the proposed water resources protection zones (WRPZ) ordinance.



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Good afternoon City Manager Kirby,

I wanted to bring your attention that next Tuesday, the Valley Water Board will be considering a [proposed ordinance](#) that seeks to reduce encampments on our lands and their impacts to our waterways. We are sharing this information broadly with neighborhood associations, business groups, municipalities, elected and city officials throughout Santa

Clara County to encourage public discussion on this item, and wanted to make sure you were made aware of these efforts as well.

There has been wide support for this proposed ordinance and we would welcome any public comments or letters of support from our city partners should they be inclined. More information about the ordinance and the full staff memo can be accessed here:

<https://scvwd.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6739063&GUID=F85894AD-B787-4587-8919-2BDAA6FDA450&Options=&Search=&FullText=1>

Please do not hesitate to reach out to our Government Relations team if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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## **Valley Water Board of Directors to Consider Water Resources Protection Zones Ordinance at July 9, 2024 Board Meeting**

The Valley Water Board of Directors will consider an ordinance to establish water resources protection zones at their upcoming Board meeting scheduled on **Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.**

The proposed Water Resources Protection Zones Ordinance is intended to protect our waterways by reducing encampments, preventing re-encampments, and prohibiting related activities along creeks, waterways, water supply facilities, and other lands where Valley Water holds land rights, while continuing our agency's collaboration with municipal partners in their efforts to provide outreach services and safe housing alternatives to unsheltered individuals living along our creeks and waterways. The proposed ordinance aims to protect water resources, endangered species, and other ecological resources, as well as to support and improve safety for Valley Water's field operations staff and members of our community.

There has been broad support from community members, residents, and city officials, who all agree we cannot wait any longer to address the public safety and environmental crisis happening in our waterways. More than 2,500 volunteers from National River Cleanup and Coastal Cleanup Days participated in removing roughly 47 tons of trash across a span of 165 miles, while approximately 1,075 tons of encampment-generated trash and debris were removed from our waterways by Valley Water staff in FY24.

We invite you to attend the Board meeting on July 9, and voice your opinion during public comment. We encourage you to participate in-person at the Headquarters Building Boardroom, remotely via Zoom teleconference, or by phone. The Zoom credentials are below.

***Join Zoom Meeting:***

<https://valleywater.zoom.us/j/84454515597>

**Webinar ID:** 844 5451 5597

***Join by Phone:***

1 (669) 900-9128, 84454515597

The agenda for the July 9 Board meeting can be accessed [here](#). More detailed information on the Water Resources Protection Zones Ordinance and the proposed ordinance for consideration can be found in the Board agenda memo, which can be accessed [here](#).

If you are unable to attend this meeting, you can submit written comments to [board@valleywater.org](mailto:board@valleywater.org) ahead of the meeting, or email your Board representative directly by finding their email at the bottom of the Board of Directors page [here](#).

Valley Water is committed to using the power we have as an environmental stewardship agency to protect our waterways in collaboration with cities and the County as they fulfill their public safety and social service roles, and invite you to participate in this public process regarding this important issue impacting all of our communities.

Thank you,

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**Re: Proposed Water Resources Protection Zones Ordinance (Agenda Item #24-0568; July 9, 2024)**

Dear Chair Hsueh and members of the Board of Directors,

I am writing to express the City of Sunnyvale's concern regarding the proposed water resources protection zones (WRPZ) ordinance. Although the ordinance is intended to improve water quality, to protect water supply facilities and riparian habitats, and to promote staff safety by prohibiting camping and related activities within the WRPZ, Sunnyvale is requesting that this item be continued to a future board meeting. Given the short notice of this ordinance change, Sunnyvale would appreciate additional time to complete a full analysis of its potential impacts on our communities surrounding Valley Water facilities in Sunnyvale so we can provide meaningful public input.

The issue of homelessness is complex, and solutions are equally complex and difficult to implement. Sunnyvale is growing our homeless services programs and is working in partnership with Santa Clara County, our neighboring jurisdictions, not for profit service providers, and other agencies to address homelessness in Sunnyvale and the region.

We kindly request that you do not adopt the proposed Water Resources Protection Zones Ordinance at your July 9 Board meeting until further outreach to impacted jurisdictions is conducted. We value our mutual partnership and appreciate your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Tim Kirby  
Interim City Manager

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