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From: Matt Maltbie [mmaltbie@tbwb.com]
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 5:40 PM
To: Clerk of the Board
Subject: Attention Clerk of the Board
Attachments: WaterFixSupportLetter.pdf

Please include the attached document as a comment in regards to agenda item 2.2 for tomorrows 1pm special meeting.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Best,

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As leaders in the South Bay business, technology and labor communities, there are many issues we don't agree on. However, we do see eye to eye when it comes to the importance of addressing the threat posed by the drought and the reliability of safe, clean drinking and household water. We are writing to ask you to join us in standing up for the California Water Fix: an urgently-needed plan to address the long-term security of our local water supply.

The California Water Fix is Governor Brown's plan to repair aging water infrastructure that serves nearly two million water users in the South Bay.

Nearly half of the South Bay's drinking water supply flows through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Even those of us who use other local sources of drinking water depend on Delta water in dry years (like now) as backup for these other sources. Unfortunately the current system of aging levees, aqueducts and pipes that deliver water to Santa Clara County from the Delta is outdated – and at risk of collapse in the event of a major earthquake or other natural disaster.

A disruption would be catastrophic for our local economy, not to mention create major public health concerns. Our neighborhoods, local businesses and families are at risk.

The California Water Fix will address the severe vulnerability to our local water supply here in Silicon Valley. The plan is based on decades of sound science and thorough research. The California Water Fix will:

- Protect water supplies by delivering them through a modern water pipeline rather than relying solely on today's old, deteriorating levees
- Increase the safety of our water system by fixing aging infrastructure and building a water delivery system that is able to better protect water supplies during earthquakes, floods and natural disasters
- Improve the ability to move and store water so we can capture it for dry years
- Protect our environment by restoring 30,000 acres of wildlife habitat in the next three years, and also restore more natural water flows in rivers and streams

The quality of life and economic prosperity of our region depend on a reliable, secure water supply. There are plenty of other things to argue about, but we must all work together to fix our aging, deteriorating main water distribution system before it's too late.

Please join us in standing up for the California Water Fix.

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