



SCVWD Board of Directors
5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA 95118

Sent by email to Board@valleywater.org

SUBJECT: Board Meeting of August 22, 2017, Agenda item 6.3:
Joint Use Trails on District Property: Status and Updates

August 16, 2017

Dear Members of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District:

Save Our Trails: Connecting Santa Clara County Communities is a California Not-for-Profit Corporation whose mission is *"To promote trails in Santa Clara County for the benefit and enjoyment of all."* On behalf of **Save Our Trails**, I am writing with respect to the issue of "Joint Use Trails on District Property."

Save Our Trails supports the initiative of the Water District, as expressed in the materials published related to the topic on the Board Agenda, for Community Outreach; specifically, in the words of staff, of *"gathering input from the community"* before making decisions regarding construction, maintenance, and access to trails on District Property. Staff speaks of the need to *"identify opportunities with various stakeholders"*.

We are in full agreement with this ideal. To best achieve this goal, we suggest that the District maintain a list of individuals and private organizations along with governmental and public entities who are to be considered *"stakeholders"* and who will be informed of meetings and decisions on trail issues.

Specifically, we request that **Save Our Trails** be included among the stakeholders on issues related to joint use trails on District property, and that **Save Our Trails** be explicitly informed about any public meetings, outreach, or requests for public input on the subject of joint use trails.

We can be reached for this purpose by email c/o president@saveourtrails-scc.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Rankin".

Bill Rankin
President, **Save Our Trails**; Web: www.saveourtrails-scc.org