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Board Item Number:	6.2
I would like to:	Express Support
Comments:	<p>Attention: Clerk of the Board SUBJECT: SCVWD BOARD MEETING August 22, 2017 District File #17-0498 City's response to Item 6.2 Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project - Short-Term Flood Risk Reduction Options Update and Flood Barrier Recommendation for Rock Springs Dear SCVWD Board of Directors, After the February 2017 flood event, the City of San Jose (City) greatly appreciated the opportunity to collaborate with Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) on this important short-term flood barrier project that will provide additional flood protection to the Rock Springs and Bevin Court neighborhoods south of Kelley Park by this winter. The City fully supports expediting this short-term effort, and in the long term, the City of San Jose wants to continue this partnership with SCVWD during the permanent design and construction efforts. The City would like to acknowledge the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the short-term and long-term flood barrier project, the City recommends that the construction access and operating area for the equipment and materials be minimized to prevent any damage to the existing park infrastructure. We request than any park items (e.g., benches, play equipment, fencing, landscaping) that are damaged during construction be replaced as part of the projects site restoration efforts. • Prior to construction of any short or long term projects in this area, the City requests that SCVWD perform community outreach including on-site community meetings to inform and educate residents on the proposed plan. SCVWD can seek City's support to provide proper notification to the surrounding neighborhoods impacted during the construction work periods for both short-term and long-term flood barrier projects. • The short-term flood barrier shall be installed along the Rock Springs Park as close as possible to the existing fence alignment adjacent to Coyote Creek. The City supports the installation of the temporary 3 foot vinyl wall however with a 3 foot high fence on top of it to prevent any access into Coyote Creek from the park. We request that the chain link be one-inch mesh rather than the traditional two-inch. Also, the City supports this 3 foot vinyl wall and 3 foot fence to continue along the SCVWD driveway that enters into San Jose Water Company's property. • City understands that the District evaluated the impact on water surface elevation (WSE) for the proposed floodwall/levee and confirmed that the water surface elevations will minimally rise within less than a mile further upstream of the Rock springs area. • The City recognizes the importance of this project however accessing the Coyote Creek for maintenance and any clean up event is very limited. With the construction of the 5-foot max height earthen berm and the vinyl sheet pile wall access for City's Park Rangers and creek clean-up volunteers will be further limited . The City wants to maintain access to a gate that is within the City's easement located at the northeast corner of Rock Springs Park and SCVWD driveway. This access is currently used for maintenance purposes for the

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City's 60 inch outfall and for debris collection for creek clean up events. We request that this access be maintained in a way that makes the removal of heavy debris (e.g., mattresses and other encampment related items) can be completed safely and effectively. • The City is working closely with San Jose Water and SCVWD in providing a consent letter for a two year license agreement so the SCVWD can enter in San Jose Water's property and build the earthen berm. • As the City and SCVWD continue to collaborate, the City wants to encourage local community involvement in providing input for visual and functional improvements during the design phase of the long-term flood barrier project along Rock springs park area. • The City understands that the long-term future flood barrier project will take approximate 3-4 years for design to complete prior to construction and welcomes the opportunity to continue to collaboration between the City and the local communities. If you have any additional question, please feel free to contact me at (408) 975-7333 (email Michael.OConnell@sanjoseca.gov) or my staff, Rajani "Jenny" Nair at (408)535-8306 (email Rajani.Nair@sanjoseca.gov).