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Ms. Nina Hawk
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Subject: City of Cupertino Review of SCVWD's Draft Capital Improvement Program (CIP), FY 2019-2023

Dear Ms. Hawk:

The City of Cupertino appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed District CIP projects that have local and regional significance to the City.

The Draft CIP shows a few projects with regional and local significance to the City of Cupertino. There are numerous proposed projects that will repair, rehabilitate, replace or improve District infrastructure that provides high quality and reliable water supply to the City of Cupertino. We are pleased to see the District take a long-term view with respect to safeguarding its infrastructure from earthquake activity. There are projects that propose enhancements to fish habitats and passages along Stevens Creek, to support a healthy steelhead trout population, improvements to the Sunnyvale Channel systems, which should have positive flood protection effects to portions of Cupertino, and enhancements to Rinconada Water Treatment Plant, which also benefit the residents of Cupertino.

Overall, we find the Draft SCVWD CIP to be in conformance with the City of Cupertino General Plan since the above mentioned projects will assist Cupertino in implementing its General Plan goals by:

1. Providing sufficient and reliable public infrastructure and services to the City (*General Plan Goals INF-1 & INF-3*);
2. Preparing for natural disasters, such as flooding and earthquakes (*General Plan Goals HS-4 & HS-5*);
3. Enhancing the natural qualities of Stevens Creek (*General Plan Goals ES-5 and ES-7*); and

4. Providing for a more sustainable City through the reuse of water resources (*General Plan Goal INF-1.*)

In addition, we would like to request that SCVWD consider a few projects that will assist the City in achieving its mobility and sustainability goals in the General Plan.

1. *Regnart Creek Stabilization:* We would like to request that SCVWD consider a project to stabilize Regnart Creek between Bubb Road and Highway 85. Due to the storm events the City experienced in 2017, there was considerable scouring and erosion of the banks along this section of creek. In one location, between the cul-de-sac ends of Orogrande Place and Wallin Court, the bank adjacent to a pedestrian trail was eroded substantially enough that the City has been required to restrict use of that trail. The City would like to see the bank stabilized, so that the trail can be reopened.
2. *Bike/Ped Plan Implementation:* The City of Cupertino also requests SCVWD's continued cooperation in favor of the various pedestrian and bicycle trails projects that are proposed within the City; most notably, the proposed trail along the Junipero Serra Channel, adjacent to Highway 280, and the proposed trail along Regnart Creek between Pacifica Drive and Blaney Avenue, adjacent to the Cupertino Civic Center.
3. *Recycled Water:* We would like to request that SCVWD consider working towards extending the Wolfe Road recycled water system further south, into the City's jurisdiction, and continuing to permit the City, including its residents and developments, to draw water from this exciting new sustainable source of water.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact planning staff member, Piu Ghosh, by email at piug@cupertino.org.

Sincerely,



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Re: District's Draft 2019 -2023 CIP
Finding of Consistency with Morgan Hill General Plan

Dear Ms. Oven,

The City has reviewed the District's Draft FY 2019 - 2023 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) document provided to us by your office. The City of Morgan Hill finds the document consistent with the City's General Plan.

Sincerely,

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**Re: City of Sunnyvale Review of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Draft Fiscal Years
2019-2023 Capital Improvement Program**

Dear Ms. Hawk:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Santa Clara Valley Water District's (SCVWD) Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2023 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The City appreciates the collaboration between the agencies and has reviewed the document to understand the District's priorities within Sunnyvale and how they fit with the City's plans.

The District's CIP for the subject period is consistent with the City's General Plan. Although not specifically identified in our General Plan, projects that include flood protection, environmental protection, and reliable water supply are consistent with the City's General Plan policies. In particular, the City supports continued forward progress for the Sunnyvale East and West Channel flood control project.

We recognize that the District's CIP is a major driver in the projected increase of wholesale water rates over the next 10 years. It is estimated that in FY 2018-2019, the average Sunnyvale household will see an increase of \$3.92 per hundred cubic feet of consumption which is directly related to the District's costs. Such increases hinder the City's ability to increase its own retail rates and invest in replacing its aging water infrastructure. We are confident that the District will inform the community about the planned CIP over the next several weeks and the associated rate implications.



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Sunnyvale appreciates the efforts of the SCVWD Board and staff in providing improvements and enhancements to watersheds within the City, and your efforts to promote public outreach and joint efforts in protecting water resources throughout the County.

Sincerely,

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