

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION NO. 19-

**COMMEMORATING MARCH 10–16, 2019
AS GROUNDWATER AWARENESS WEEK**

WHEREAS, groundwater is an important natural resource that is vital for reliable water supply in Santa Clara County and elsewhere in California; and

WHEREAS, approximately half the water used annually in Santa Clara County is pumped from the groundwater subbasins to support the County's nearly two million residents and economy of Silicon Valley; and

WHEREAS, groundwater storage is the County's primary reserve against drought or other shortages; and

WHEREAS, thousands of wells in Santa Clara County supply groundwater for beneficial uses, including municipal, industrial, domestic, and agricultural uses; and

WHEREAS, the policy goal of the Santa Clara Valley Water District is to aggressively protect groundwater from the threat of contamination, and to maintain and develop reliable groundwater supplies; and

WHEREAS, this groundwater policy goal includes minimizing land subsidence and degradation that could result if groundwater is depleted to the point that salt water from San Francisco Bay intrudes into the subbasin; and

WHEREAS, to achieve these groundwater policy goals, the Santa Clara Valley Water District comprehensively manages local and imported water supplies, including direct and indirect replenishment of the groundwater subbasins through conjunctive management of groundwater and surface water, and a variety of groundwater monitoring and protection programs; and

WHEREAS, strong support and cooperation of well owners, retail water agencies, land use planning agencies, local, state, and federal water management partners, and all water users in Santa Clara County is vital to best protect and maintain groundwater; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara Valley Water District will work to increase groundwater awareness among all water users and stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara Valley Water District is joining the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the National Groundwater Association, and other agencies in supporting National Groundwater Awareness Week March 10–16, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District that the District hereby proclaims March 10–16, 2019, as Groundwater Awareness Week.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District by the following vote on February 26, 2019:

AYES: Directors

NOES: Directors

ABSENT: Directors

ABSTAIN: Directors

SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

By: _____
LINDA J. LEZOTTE
Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST: MICHELE L. KING, CMC

Clerk, Board of Directors