

Clerk of the Board

From: Gabriel Vallin
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2018 11:27 AM
To: Clerk of the Board <clerkoftheboard@valleywater.org>
Subject: official comment to board item 18-0220

Hello, this is in regards to tomorrow's Board meeting (4/10/18).

Board Item 18-0220

Public Hearing on the Proposed Modifications to Project A2: Safe, Clean Water Partnerships and Grants (Nitrate Treatment System Rebate Program); and Project E4: **Upper Penitencia Creek Flood Protection of the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program.**

Below is an official comment from a concerned resident in regards to proposed modifications to Project E4: Upper Penitencia Creek Flood Protection. Please submit it to the Board for their consideration at tomorrow's meeting.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thank you,
Gabriel Vallin x2790

From: Charles Yoneda [<mailto:cyoneda@att.net>]
Sent: Sunday, April 08, 2018 11:33 PM
To: Gabriel Vallin <GVallin@valleywater.org>
Subject: Re: Santa Clara Valley Water District case number 53634

Hello Gabriel,
I cannot attend the Tuesday board meeting so will submit the following official comment for board item 18-0220.

My family's property is on N. Capitol Ave. adjacent the park along the creek. The house where my sister lives would be inundated on the FEMA map. The map clearly shows hundreds of homes and thousands of people would be flooded in the neighborhoods. We are in the worst areas (2 foot flood in zone A0) on the south side of N. Capitol Ave. where apparently water is trapped by 680 freeway because it is elevated in that vicinity. This area of 2 foot flooding should be a top priority to protect as it is deeper than anywhere else in the project area. I know lots of work has started in the region more downstream between Jackson Ave. and King Rd. (where flood depth is less) but when will work begin that will protect our property? I note that the water district states historical records indicate Upper Penitencia Creek has an uncontained event frequency of less than 10 years!

I do know that Coyote Creek is a priority and know some people flooded last year, But we have been waiting many years for flood control. Upper Penitencia Creek has been in the talking and studying and planning stage for too many years already. It is not right to take away ALL the funding for starting our project and re-allocate it elsewhere, especially when future funding is not from the District but must come from outside sources and no one knows if or when this might happen.

I believe the project aims to keep the 100 year flood within the natural floodplain area adjacent the creekbed – within the adjacent County Parklands adjacent our property. A relatively low retaining wall adjacent our land is our protection. This is relatively simple and inexpensive, and can even be done temporarily with a bulldozer. There are ways to do some simple things that can help a lot- do not think that the whole entire project must be postponed. It need not be all-or-nothing.

Regards,
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