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**From:** Bill James <billjames99@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 09, 2019 1:58 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Cc:** Helen Chapman; Sousan Manteghi  
**Subject:** Democratic Party resolution re agricultural water rates  
**Attachments:** Resolution re Water Rates as adopted.pdf

Dear Members of the Valley Water District Board,

I am attaching a resolution adopted on April 4, 2019 by the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee regarding a change we understand you are considering to the water rate structure as applied to certain agricultural users.

The resolution asks that the current rate structure be maintained for all agricultural properties.

Regards, Bill James  
Chair, Santa Clara County Democratic Party

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## **Resolution Supporting Agriculture in South County by Maintaining Current Water Rate Structure**

WHEREAS Santa Clara County Democrats support Santa Clara County's policy goals of preserving open space and promoting the active and productive use of agricultural property; and

WHEREAS Santa Clara County Democrats support the individuals, small businesses, and others who are actively engaged in agriculture in South County and understand that they face significant challenges to the continued economic viability of agricultural businesses, including increased costs, limits on available markets, unfair competition, availability of necessary labor; and

WHEREAS Santa Clara County Democrats understand that a strong agricultural economy provides jobs, revenues, and opportunity, and do not support increasing costs to certain agricultural businesses which will result in a significant negative impact to these businesses without providing significant benefit to the Santa Clara Valley Water District.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party calls on the Santa Clara Valley Water District to continue to support the promotion of agriculture in Santa Clara County by maintaining the current agricultural water rate structure for all agricultural properties and not implement different water rates for different agricultural properties.

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Adopted by the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee on April 4, 2019