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April 13, 2020

Norma Camacho  
Chief Executive Officer  
Valley Water  
5750 Almaden Expressway  
San Jose, CA 9511-3686

**RE: Valley Water's Draft Fiscal Years 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Program**

Dear Ms. Camacho,

Thank you for providing a copy of Santa Clara Valley Water District's Draft Fiscal Years 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Program to the City of Saratoga.

In reviewing the District's FY2021-25 CIP, City staff determined that it appears to be consistent with the City's General Plan and there are no objections to the proposed CIP. Please contact me at [dpedro@saratoga.ca.us](mailto:dpedro@saratoga.ca.us) or (408) 868-1231 if there are any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Debbie Pedro, AICP  
Community Development Director

cc: James Lindsay, City Manager

# County of Santa Clara

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April 16, 2020

Jennifer Schmidt,  
5750 Almaden Expressway,  
San Jose, CA 95118

RE: General Plan Conformance for Santa Clara Valley Water District's (District) Fiscal Year 2021-25 Five-Year Capital Improvement Program.

Dear Ms. Schmidt,

Thank you for the opportunity to review the FY 2021-25 water supply capital improvement projects list for the County of Santa Clara. The Department of Planning and Development has reviewed the project categories and itemized project descriptions and locations for General Plan conformance, pursuant to Government Code Section 65401 requirements.

The recommended CIP for FY 2021-25 includes 67 priority projects. These projects are grouped into five types of improvements:

- Water Supply Capital Improvements (31 projects)
- Flood Protection Capital Improvements (17 projects)
- Water Resources Stewardship Capital Improvements (10 projects)
- Buildings and Grounds Capital Improvements (2 projects)
- Information Technology Capital Improvements (7 projects)

The Department evaluated the FY 2021-25 projects for both conformance with the countywide General Plan Policies and, where applicable, the County's land use designations. The Department has determined that none of the FY 2021-25 projects are inconsistent with the County's 1994 General Plan. Note that land use and construction permits from the Department may be needed for some individual projects.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

*Rob Eastwood*

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Rob Eastwood, AICP

Planning Manager, Department of Planning and Development

Cc: Jacqueline Onciano, Director, Department of Planning and Development  
Manira Sandhir, Principal Planner, Department of Planning and Development



April 29, 2020

Melanie Richardson  
Chief Operating Officer  
Santa Clara Valley Water District  
5750 Almaden Expressway  
San Jose, CA 95118-3686

**Subject: Valley Water's Draft Fiscal Year 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Program**

Dear Ms. Richardson:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and provide comments regarding the Valley Water's Draft Fiscal Year 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Based upon the information presented by Valley Water staff to the City of Santa Clara on March 25, 2020 we believe the Valley Water CIP appropriately prioritizes and focuses resources to meet needs within our community consistent with the land uses and policies set forth in the City's General Plan.

It is thus our determination that the Valley Water's Draft Fiscal Year 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Program is consistent with the City of Santa Clara 2010-2035 General Plan.

We look forward to working with Valley Water on the implementation of the CIP. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (408) 615-2450.

Sincerely,

*Andrew Crabtree*

Andrew Crabtree  
Director of Community Development  
City of Santa Clara

cc: Craig Mobeck, Director of Public Works, City of Santa Clara

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# **VALLEY WATER** **FY 2021–25 DRAFT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP)**

Review Comments (City of Gilroy and SCRWA)  
04/24/2020

Number	Location/Section/Project Number	Comment
1	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The current CIP Budget document reads a lot like the one from last year; there is minimal discussion and details on overall south county water supply needs and future considerations.</li> <li>• It appears that not much has been accomplished on the next Phases for the south county pipeline.</li> <li>• This CIP only focuses on pipelines in the next two years and nothing beyond that. With anticipated increase in recycled water production, VW needs to think about early design work on the master plan envisioned recycled water reservoir</li> <li>• Reservoir expansion is called out short-term improvement in the south county rec water master plan, but nowhere in this CIP – this comment was also made in prior years.</li> </ul>
2	Page I-3/ Overview/Budgeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is an indication that “to fully fund the Water Supply projects in the FY 2021-25 CIP, an increase in the groundwater production charges of up to 8.4% in North County and 5.3% for South County will be required in FY 2021...”. This needs to be revisited given the anticipated economic downturn due to the pandemic and potentially reduced project costs</li> </ul>
3	Page II-41/ Small Capital Improvements, Raw Water Transmission/ 92764009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Video inspection of South County recycled water pipeline” is included in this project; however is not clear either from the description or the expenditure report whether or not this work has been completed</li> </ul>
4	Page II-69/Recycled & Purified Water Facilities/91094001/ Land Rights - South County Recycled Water Pipeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expenditures of more than \$500,000 are shown in FY 21 and FY 22 but the project description/justification indicates that this project is “unfunded” with potential issues of land access and operation/maintenance of RW facilities. Also it is not clear if/what role the City of Gilroy or SCRWA will play in this effort</li> </ul>
5	Page II-71/Recycled & Purified Water Facilities/91094007s/ South County Recycled	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Document makes reference to the “2004” South County Recycled Water Master Plan. However, any projects and programs should be based on the more recent 2016 South County Recycled Water Master Plan</li> </ul>

	Water Pipeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is an anticipated more than \$28,000,000 expenditure in FY 21 and FY22 which seems quite high</li> <li>• This composite project has been underway for more than 14 years in design/permits so far; it is recommended to separate the developer designed/constructed segments from the Valley Water designed/constructed segments for ease of tracking and reporting</li> <li>• In the funding source table, a “South County Regional Wastewater Authority” source is listed against \$811,000; we could not find an agreement that specified why/how this amount was directly billed as a SCRWA cost share.</li> </ul>
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