

Ideas for Valley Water to offer Support to Cities during COVID-19	
Area of Need/Project	Potential Support
Trash Cleanups/Safe, Clean Water (SCW) Project B1	Valley Water could potentially provide support related to trash cleanups funded under SCW project B1. Specifically, Valley Water could assist in covering the cost of police staff time for trash accumulation point (trash raft) clean ups.
Trash Cleanups/SCW Project B2	Valley Water could potentially support trash pick-up and contribution toward materials costs for the next Coastal Cleanup Day and National River Cleanup Day through the SCW project B2 budget. This could assist with expenses otherwise borne by municipalities.
Trash Cleanups/SCW Project B7	In Fall 2020, \$200,000 will be available for grant projects that meet the criteria under SCW Project B7: Support Volunteer Cleanup Efforts and Education to help prevent contaminants from entering our waterways, groundwater and surface water; provide public education to reduce contaminants in our waterways; and leverage community resources for efficient use of funds.
Additional Trash Cleanup Help	<p>Other potential areas of trash cleanup assistance include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Trash abatement programs at large homeless encampments to prevent trash from entering the waterways. 2. Supplementary creek cleanups necessitated by the impacts of increasing trash and encampments during the county-mandated shelter-in-place. Creeks that normally would have been cleaned by volunteers will need additional cleanups to remove and prevent trash from entering the waterways once normal operations resume. 3. The purchase of dedicated equipment (e.g. a mini bobcat front-loader) that could help with more efficient cleanup of trash along waterways and creeks. 4. Repair, reinforcement, and installation of barriers or fencing to prevent illegal dumping in areas bordered by Valley Water property or facilities.
Stormwater Drainage and Pollution Prevention/SCW Project B2	<p>As cities without dedicated stormwater program funding may experience shortfalls, Valley Water could explore funding for planned storm drain projects meant to address flooding issues.</p> <p>Valley Water also might be able to assist with funding the design of stormwater projects that implement green stormwater infrastructure and capture trash.</p> <p>To assist South County agencies under SCW Project B2: Interagency Urban Runoff Program, Valley Water could contribute towards identification and elimination of sources of bacteria pollution in local creeks. Such projects could help to ease budget burdens caused by the COVID response.</p>
Water Supply	Valley Water could potentially provide financial assistance for municipal water supply projects (reservoir repair, etc.). The money saved by ratepayers could then help with water/wastewater bills.
Technical Support	Valley Water could offer Hydrology, Hydraulics & Geomorphology expertise to cities, as needed.
Land for Temporary Housing	Valley Water has recently heard a proposal for the construction of one or more privately funded mobile home villages to serve as housing for homeless individuals, with a focus on serving homeless veterans. Valley Water will assess land holdings that are potentially available for this purpose and present findings to the Homeless Encampment Committee.

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