

From: [Stepheny](#)
To: [Board of Directors](#)
Subject: No more Ballot Measures & Yes to Environmental Protection
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 5:01:06 PM

Please support Tuolumne River Trust's well thought out plan to restore California's rivers and the Bay-Delta. It's straight forward, simple and the right thing to do.

Sincerely,

Stepheny McGraw
3303 Thomas Drive
Palo Alto 94303

From: [Paul George](#)
To: [Board of Directors](#)
Subject: Drop the lawsuit
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 11:11:41 PM

Dear Board Members,

We have written to you previously to urge you to drop Valley Water's lawsuit against the Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan. Now you are asking for our support of a funding measure for your Flood Protection Program. We will not consider voting for any initiative you may offer unless you drop the lawsuit. We expect many other voters who value the environment will do likewise.

Paul George and Stephanie Reader
Los Altos, CA 94024

From: [Karen Harwell](#)
To: [Board of Directors](#)
Subject: "HEAL THE EARTH - HEAL THE FUTURE"
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:06:45 AM

Please send a quick [email](#) letting them know you care deeply about the environment, and would like to see California's rivers and the Bay-Delta restored. Remind them they will have an uphill battle getting their funding measure approved with the lawsuit hanging over their heads. They should drop it immediately to prove they really do care about the environment.

The time is now as never before to be keenly sensitive, aware of **our decision making** in relationship with our species relationship within our *Earth Community* specifically challenging our mutually enhancing nature in every way. I am Co-Director of a Program and, Co-author of a *Guidebook* titled ***Exploring a Sense of Place - How to create your own local program for reconnecting with Nature within the Bioregion in which you live.*** We need to refocus on what are the conditions that have brought us to this point in time and then challenge ourselves in the words of Arundhati Roy: "***Nothing could be worse than returning to normality. This pandemic is a portal, a gateway from one world to the future. We are in a space between worlds.***" We are reminded: use our imagination wisely and specifically foster California's rivers and restoring the Bay-Delta and it would not be wise to continue with this lawsuit which totally jeopardizes funding ability. Are we listening and responding appropriately to the feedback of our precious, blue, green Earth or mired in the conduct of ***utilizing Earth for our perceived benefit rather than respecting Earth as a mentoring source of profound wisdom?***

I care deeply about the well being of our Earth Community and especially our waterways and am grateful and conscious of your role in caring for the health of our waterways. So please proceed with care.

With Gratitude, Karen Harwell
1335 Dana Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301

From: [Geri](#)
To: [Board of Directors](#)
Cc: [Mike Bechler](#); [Geri Mc Gilvray](#); [City Council](#)
Subject: DELTAS
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 1:37:57 AM

Valley Water,

Please withdraw your lawsuit against the environmentalists.
This lawsuit hurts us all.

They, TRT, are saving rivers from products, dams, and,
unnecessary
piping. For fish and ALL life:
It's not just for share holders.

TRT is for real water flowing into our bay. THIS IS CRUCIAL.
It keeps the brackish water back.
We really need natural everything
for our deltas.

Thank you,
Geri McGilvray
Everyday safety and walkability
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bob Levy](#)
To: [Board of Directors](#)
Subject: Item 2.8 (June 23, 2020) – the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program.
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 7:05:30 AM

Dear Valley Water Board Members,

I would like to echo the email forwarded to you by the Tuolumne River Trust. Please develop a ballot measure that will encourage the support of the environmental community and not its opposition. The support of the environmental community will be critical to the measures passage.

The November ballot is expected to be crowded with ballot measures. The economy will likely be in recession in November and voters hesitant support additional taxes. The measure could fail to out compete the other measures if there is serious organized opposition. I encourage you to take the Tuolumne River Trust funds advice and schedule a roundtable with the environmental leaders to review the components of the ballot measure.

Two of the District's five priorities identify the District's commitment to protecting the environment. The ballot measure should reflect those priorities. A ballot measure that is enthusiastically endorsed by the environmental community will help the measure compete against the other ballot measures crowding the November ballot.

Best regards,
Bob Levy

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10



June 5, 2020

Nai Hsueh, Chair
Valley Water Board of Directors
5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA 95118

Dear Chair Hsueh:

On behalf of the Milpitas Chamber of Commerce, I write to express support for the Draft Community Preferred Plan (the Plan) that would be implemented should the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program be renewed, and urge the Valley Water Board of Directors to adopt the Plan and place the renewal of that program on the November 2020 ballot.

We believe that providing flood protection is essential not only to prevent businesses from inundation and destruction, but also in securing jobs and bolstering a strong economy. Passage of this measure will help ensure businesses are protected from harmful environmental changes and subsequent costs.

This potential ballot measure, known as the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program has yielded the following draft priorities as part of the exploratory process:

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- Support public health and public safety for our community

The Milpitas Chamber of Commerce supports the Plan, and urges the Board to adopt and to place this measure on the November ballot. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (408) 262-2613 or president@milpitaschamber.com.

Sincerely

Warren Wettenstein
President, Milpitas Chamber of Commerce



SAN JOSE/SILICON VALLEY BRANCH OF THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

Handout 2.8-MMM
06/23/20

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June 3, 2020

Nai Hsueh, Chair
Valley Water Board of Directors
5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA 95118

Dear Chair Hsueh:

On behalf of the San Jose/Silicon Valley NAACP, I write to express support for the Draft Community Preferred Plan (the Plan) that would be implemented should the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program be renewed, and urge the Valley Water Board of Directors to adopt the Plan and place the renewal of that program on the November 2020 ballot.

We believe that ensuring a reliable supply of water and providing flood protection is essential for the safety of vulnerable communities, so that they are protected from the effects of droughts, floods, and a rising sea level. Passage of this measure would help build water supply projects resilient to droughts, as well as supporting the public health and safety of communities of concern.

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The San Jose/Silicon Valley NAACP supports the Plan and urges the Board to adopt and to place this measure on the November ballot. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (408) 515-1114/moore2j@att.net.

Peace and Power

Pastor Jethroe Moore II, President



June 3, 2010

Nai Hsueh, Chair
Valley Water Board of Directors
5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, California 95118

Dear Chair Hsueh:

On behalf of La Raza Roundtable de California, I write to express support for the Draft Community Preferred Plan (the Plan) that would be implemented should the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program be renewed, and urge the Valley Water Board of Directors to adopt the Plan and place the renewal of that program on the November 2020 ballot.

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La Raza Roundtable de California supports the Plan, and urges the Board to adopt and to place this measure on the November ballot. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 408.529.1900 or eptexvet@yahoo.com.

Sincerely

Victor R. Garza, Chair
La Raza Roundtable de California



June 8, 2020

Nai Hsueh, Chair
Valley Water Board of Directors
5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA 95118

Dear Chair Hsueh:

On behalf of the Acterra: Action for a Healthy Planet, I write to express support for the Draft Community Preferred Plan (the Plan) that would be implemented should the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program be renewed, and urge the Valley Water Board of Directors to adopt the Plan and place the renewal of that program on the November 2020 ballot.

Passage of this measure would protect our natural areas by working to restore wildlife habitats, provide fish habitat and passage improvements, protect open spaces, such as creating trails and recreational access to the environment. Thereby, we believe that ensuring a reliable supply of water is essential to supporting the preservation of the environment, habitats, and open spaces.

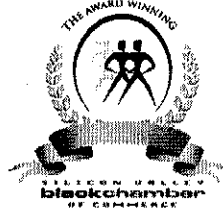
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Acterra supports the Plan, and urges the Board to adopt and to place this measure on the November ballot. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 530.219.2813 or lauren.weston@acterra.org.

Sincerely,

Lauren Weston
Executive Director
Acterra



June 9, 2020

Nai Hsueh, Chair
Valley Water Board of Directors
5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA 95118

Dear Chair Hsueh:

On behalf of the Silicon Valley Black Chamber of Commerce, I write to express support for the Draft Community Preferred Plan (the Plan) that would be implemented should the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program be renewed, and urge the Valley Water Board of Directors to adopt the Plan and place the renewal of that program on the November 2020 ballot.

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The Silicon Valley Black Chamber of Commerce supports the Plan, and urges the Board to adopt and to place this measure on the November ballot. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (408) 509-2886 or pres@blackchamber.com.

Sincerely

Carl Davis Jr

President & Executive Director
The Silicon Valley Black Chamber of Commerce

June 10, 2020

Nai Hsueh, Chair
Valley Water Board of Directors
5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA 95118

Dear Chair Hsueh:

On behalf of the Valley Water Employees Association, AFSCME Council 57, I write to express support for the Draft Community Preferred Plan (the Plan) that would be implemented should the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program be renewed, and urge the Valley Water Board of Directors to adopt the Plan and place the renewal of that program on the November 2020 ballot.

We believe that ensuring a reliable supply of water and providing flood protection is essential for creating and sustaining jobs, which bolsters not just our communities, but also our economy at the local and regional levels. Passage of this measure will help ensure the creation of jobs in the infrastructure sector by building sustainable, locally controlled water supply, flood protection, and environmental stewardship projects.

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The Valleywater Employees Association supports the Plan and urges the Board to adopt and to place this measure on the November ballot. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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6/11/2020

Nai Hsueh, Chair
Valley Water Board of Directors
5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA 95118

Dear Chair Hsueh:

On behalf of the Sunnyvale Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce, I write to express support for the Draft Community Preferred Plan (the Plan) that would be implemented should the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program be renewed, and urge the Valley Water Board of Directors to adopt the Plan and place the renewal of that program on the November 2020 ballot.

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The Sunnyvale Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce supports the plan and urges the Board to adopt and to place this measure on the November ballot.

Sincerely

Don Eagleston
President and CEO



HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SILICON VALLEY

June 10, 2010

Nai Hsueh, Chair
Valley Water Board of Directors
5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA 95118

Dear Chair Hsueh:

On behalf of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Silicon Valley, I write to express support for the Draft Community Preferred Plan (the Plan) that would be implemented should the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program be renewed, and urge the Valley Water Board of Directors to adopt the Plan and place the renewal of that program on the November 2020 ballot.

We believe that providing flood protection is essential not only to prevent businesses from inundation and destruction, but also in securing jobs and bolstering a strong economy. Passage of this measure will help ensure businesses are protected from harmful environmental changes and subsequent costs.

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- Support public health and public safety for our community

The Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Silicon Valley supports the Plan, and urges the Board to adopt and to place this measure on the November ballot. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (408) 893-4905 or jamesd@duranhcp.com.

Sincerely

James Duran
Board Secretary and Chair of Public Policy Committee
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Silicon Valley

CC: Dennis King



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June 10, 2020

Nai Hsueh, Chair
Valley Water Board of Directors
5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA 95118

Dear Chair Hsueh:

On behalf of the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce, I write to express support for the Draft Community Preferred Plan (the Plan) that would be implemented should the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program be renewed, and urge the Valley Water Board of Directors to adopt the Plan and place the renewal of that program on the November 2020 ballot.

We believe that providing flood protection is essential not only to prevent businesses from inundation and destruction, but also in securing jobs and bolstering a strong economy. Passage of this measure will help ensure businesses are protected from harmful environmental changes and subsequent costs.

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The Cupertino Chamber of Commerce supports the Plan and urges the Board to adopt and to place this measure on the November ballot. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (408) 252-7054x11 or Anjali@cupertino-chamber.org.

Sincerely,

Anjali Kausar
CEO, Cupertino Chamber of Commerce



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June 12, 2020

Nai Hsueh, Chair
Valley Water Board of Directors
5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA 95118

RE: Support for Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program

Dear Chair Hsueh:

On behalf of the Santa Clara County Farm Bureau, I write to express support for the Community Preferred Plan (the Plan) that would help guide a potential renewal of the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program, and urge the Valley Water Board of Directors to adopt the Plan and place the renewal of that program on the November 2020 ballot. This potential measure would free up funding for other projects and it will protect the Open Space Credit.

We believe that ensuring a reliable supply of water is essential to agriculture and farming, so that we can produce the food necessary to feed our communities, not just locally, but statewide. Passage of this measure would provide continued revenue into the future that could in turn free up funding for other projects, thereby protecting the Open Space Credit that benefits agriculture and helps protect open spaces and ranchlands used for agriculture.

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- Support public health and public safety for our community
- Protection of ground water recharge.
- Increased carbon sequestration from highly urbanized areas.

The Santa Clara County Farm Bureau supports the Plan, and urges the Board to adopt and to place this measure on the November ballot. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (408) 968-8483 or info@santaclarafarmbureau.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Mirassou".
Paul Mirassou
President



June 14, 2020

Nai Hsueh, Chair
Valley Water Board of Directors
5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA 95118

Dear Chair Hsueh:

Friends of Five Wounds Trail supports the Draft Community Preferred Plan (the Plan) that would be implemented should the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program be renewed, and urge the Valley Water Board of Directors to adopt the Plan and place the renewal of that program on the November 2020 ballot.

We are a rails-to-trails advocacy and stewardship organization of over 225 supporters focused on the conversion of the old Western Pacific railway line running from Coyote Creek at Story Road to Silver Creek at Eggo Way and US 101. Our trail connects these waterways and runs through the Coyote Creek flood plain, hence our interest and support for the Plan.

We believe that ensuring a reliable supply of water is essential in addressing the needs of our communities. Passage of this measure would provide support for volunteer efforts and educational activities, safety protocols, and protection of our natural areas.

Friends of Five Wounds Trail supports the Plan and urges the Board to adopt and to place this measure on the November ballot. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (408) 799-1293 or t.chris@comcast.net.

Sincerely

Terry Christensen

Terry Christensen
Executive Director
Friends of Five Wounds Trail



6/12/2020

Nai Hsueh, Chair
Valley Water Board of Directors

Dear Chair Hsueh:

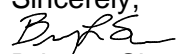
On behalf of the Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce, I write to express our support for the Draft Community Preferred Plan (the Plan) that would be implemented should the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program be renewed, and urge the Valley Water Board of Directors to adopt the Plan and place the renewal of that program on the November 2020 ballot.

Providing flood protection is essential not only to preventing loss of life and loss of business due to destruction, but also in securing jobs and bolstering a strong economy. Passage of this measure will help ensure businesses are protected from harmful environmental changes and subsequent costs.

We support the following draft priorities of this potential ballot measure, known as the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program:

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The Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce supports the Plan, and urges the Board to adopt and place this measure on the November ballot. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (408) 410-9333 and/or Brittney@morganhill.org

Sincerely,

Brittney Sherman
CEO/President

From: [Deborah Levoy](#)
To: [Board of Directors](#)
Subject: "Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program"
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 11:02:37 AM

Dear Valley Water Board,

The falsely titled "Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program" is an insult to every Californian's intelligence. It is a scam, using a fake name to hide a program that is dangerously harmful to California's environment. If you put this on the ballot for funding you will lose any authority as a trusted voice in the future. And there will be an enormous waste of money on lawsuits that you will eventually lose.

I care deeply about the environment, and like the majority of Californians, would like to see California's rivers and the Bay-Delta restored.

I request that today you put an end to the so-called "Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program".

I would be on that Zoom session this afternoon if I could but I have to work. As do most other Californians. **Remember that my email counts for at least another thousand Californians in my circles who don't have the time to write an email to you.**

Deborah Levoy
San Jose

From: [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)
To: [Michele King](#)
Subject: FW: Drop suit against the State Water Board
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 1:33:29 PM

From: Tina Peak <tmpeak@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 1:32 PM
To: Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>
Subject: Drop suit against the State Water Board

Dear Valley Water Board Members,

I wish to let you know that I disagree with your suit against the State Water Board over higher river flows called for in the Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan. Environmental protection is extremely important to me and I expect it to be of equal importance to your organization.

I will not vote for any funding measure that you place on the ballot while you continue to fight sensible measures to protect the environment. You need to drop your suit, that is costing taxpayer money and and help restore California's rivers and the Delta before you will get support for more taxes.

Regards,
Tina Peak
Palo Alto