

July 1, 2020

Honorable Nai Hsueh
Chair of the Board of Directors
Valley Water
5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA 95118-3686

Re: Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program

Dear Chair Hsueh:

Larry Klein
Mayor

Nancy Smith
Vice Mayor

Gustav Larsson
Councilmember

Glenn Hendricks
Councilmember

Russ Melton
Councilmember

Michael S. Goldman
Councilmember

Mason Fong
Councilmember

On behalf of the City of Sunnyvale, I would like 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.

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.

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:

- Ensure a safe, reliable water supply
- Reduce toxins, hazards and contaminants in our waterways
- Protect our water supply from earthquakes and natural disasters
- Restore wildlife habitat and provide open space
- Provide flood protection to homes businesses, schools, and highways
- Support public health and public safety for our community

Based on existing City policy to manage water supply to meet demands for potable water through the effective use of water supply agreements (General Plan Policy EM-1.1), we support the Plan and urge the Board to adopt and to place this measure on the November ballot.

Thank you for your consideration of our position and please do not hesitate to contact me or Ramana Chinnakotla, Director of Environmental Services, rchinnakotla@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Larry Klein
Mayor

cc: Valley Water Board of Directors
City Council
Kent Steffens, City Manager
Teri Silva, Assistant City Manager
Ramana Chinnakotla, Director of Environmental Services