

Michele King

Subject: FW: Drop the ballot measure

From: Timothy Wallace <tim.wallace01@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 9:21 AM

To: Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>

Subject: Drop the ballot measure

Please drop the proposed ballot measure you are planning for this November. River flow maintenance and the environment is very important to me, and if you go forward with this, I will work to oppose it.

Thank you,

Tim Wallace

Ratepayer, San Jose, CA

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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.

July 1, 2020

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



July 2, 2020

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

Dear Chair Hsueh:

On behalf of Valley Water's Professional Managers Association, (PMA), I am writing to express support for the proposed Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program renewal and Draft Community Preferred Program Report, and urge the Valley Water Board of Directors to adopt the resolutions providing for the continuation of the Program and placement of 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.

In addition, providing safe, clean water, natural flood protection, and environmental stewardship for our County's residents and businesses is a long-term, ongoing endeavor for this and future generations, and funding for these efforts should be ongoing and over the long-term as well, beyond a simple 15-year program.

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- Support public health and public safety for our community

PMA supports the Program and urges the Board to adopt and to place this measure on the November ballot. If you have any questions, please call me at (831) 239-8471.

Sincerely,

Michael Duffy
President
**Professional
Managers
Association**



110 W. Taylor Street
San Jose, CA 95110-2131

July 2, 2020

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

Dear Chair Hsueh:

On behalf of San Jose Water Company, 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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- Support public health and public safety for our community

San Jose Water Company supports the Plan, and urges the Board to adopt and to place this measure on the November ballot. Please feel free to contact me at 408-206-9639 should you require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew R. Gere', written in a cursive style.

Andrew R. Gere, P.E.
President and Chief Operating Officer

July 2, 2020
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cc: Valley Water Board of Directors

Rick Callender
CEO, Valley Water

Eric Thornburg
CEO, SJW Group

July 6, 2020

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

Dear Chair Hsueh and members of the Board:

The Downtown Streets Team supports the proposed community-preferred program report to renew the Safe, Clean Water Program, and urges the Board to adopt it and place this measure on the November 2020 ballot.

In 2018, Valley Water awarded our organization nearly \$250,000 in Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program grant funding for our two B3 projects. These funds supported our engagement with the local homeless community through outreach, education and volunteer work to maintain litter free waterways. We've also partnered with other grant recipients on litter cleanup projects throughout Santa Clara County to leverage funds and resources.

We support local dollars for local projects. The reason why we support the draft program is because it does the following:

- Provides for expanded grant funding
- Consolidates all grant types to be available each year for increased flexibility and availability
- Offers greater flexibility to fund additional innovative projects that meet community needs
- Streamlines and provides for a more efficient process through a stabilized grants program
- Provides for additional funding to address the impacts of the unhoused along our waterways
- Expands funding and eligibility for public bottle filling station (hydration station) grants
- Provides for new funding for public art to beautify Valley Water property and reduce graffiti and litter
- Guarantees funding availability beyond a simple 15-year program

If approved by voters, Priority F would expand critical grant funding to the following areas: wildlife habitat restoration, water conservation, bottle filling stations (hydration stations), pollution prevention, creek cleanups and education, and access to trails and open space.

The Downtown Streets Team supports the proposed community-preferred program report to renew the Safe, Clean Water Program, and urges the Board to adopt it and place this measure on the November 2020 ballot. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Cliff@streetsteam.org

Sincerely,

Cliff Navales
Lead Project Manager
Downtown Streets Team

From: [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)
To: [Michele King](#)
Subject: FW: Support of Safe, Clean Water Program
Date: Tuesday, July 07, 2020 11:31:32 AM

For the board meeting

From: Dana Huang <dana@the-river.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 10:31 AM
To: Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>
Cc: Ricardo Barajas <RBarajas@valleywater.org>
Subject: Support of Safe, Clean Water Program

7/7/2020

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

Dear Chair Hsueh and members of the Board:

I, Dana Huang, on behalf of The River Church Community, support the proposed community-preferred program report to renew the Safe, Clean Water Program, and urges the Board to adopt it and place this measure on the November 2020 ballot.

We have participated in the Adopt A Creek Program for the past 3 years, a program funded through the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program.

The Creek Clean Up is one of our students favorite service projects. They feel accomplished and can see a visible impact at the end of the day with the amount of trash they collect from our waterways. We adopted a section where many of our students live, and they often share how they have a sense of pride as they walk along the creek after a clean up and see the visible difference.

I support local dollars for local volunteer litter cleanup projects. The reason why we support the draft program is because it does the following:

- Provides funding for National River Cleanup Day, Coastal Cleanup Day, the Creek Connections Action Group and the year-round Adopt-A-Creek Program
- Provides volunteers the opportunity to take ownership of our local waterways through coordinated cleanup activities
- Provides for additional funding to address the impacts of the unhoused along our waterways
- Reduces contaminants entering our waterways and groundwater
- Provides funding to engage the community through special creek cleanup events, thereby supporting good stewardship of our watersheds

- Leverages community resources by engaging volunteers, thereby making efficient use of funding
- Sustains long-term funding beyond a simple 15-year program that results in long-term investment in the health of local waterways

If approved by voters, the Safe, Clean Water Program renewal would expand critical funding to the following areas: community cleanup events, volunteer community resources, pollution prevention, and public education and outreach to support creek stewardship. It would also guarantee availability of funding over the long-term, thereby resulting in long-term protection of our natural resources.

The River Church Community supports the proposed community-preferred program report to renew the Safe, Clean Water Program, and urges the Board to adopt it and place this measure on the November 2020 ballot. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (858) 353-3792.

Sincerely

Dana Huang
Associate Youth Minister

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Dana Huang
The River Church Community
Associate Youth Minister
<http://www.the-river.org>
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858-353-3792

Monday, July 6, 2020

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

Dear Chair Hsueh and members of the Board,

As the elected representative for San Jose's District 7, I support the proposed community-preferred program report to renew the Safe, Clean Water Program, and urge the Board to adopt it and place this measure on the November 2020 ballot.

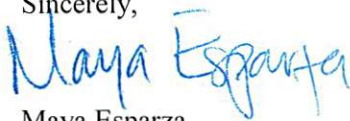
As you know, the City partners with Valley Water every year to coordinate our efforts to clean our waterways which is directly funded through this program as well as requests for cleanup of illegal dumping, trash, and graffiti. I appreciate that Valley Water has listened to requests from the community that funding for these activities be continued and expanded through this draft program thereby guaranteeing funding availability beyond a simple 15-year program.

In addition, the draft program includes critical funding for the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project, as well as flood protection along Coyote Creek, which runs through my district. As one of the councilmembers whose constituents were deeply affected by the 2017 flood, it is crucial that both of these projects receive the funding they need so they can be built as quickly as possible, and my constituents can be protected from the impacts of flooding.

I support local dollars for local projects, and if approved by voters, this draft program would provide that needed funding to clean up encampments along our waterways, repair Anderson Dam, and build flood protection along Coyote Creek.

For these reasons, I support the proposed community-preferred program report to renew the Safe, Clean Water Program, and urge the Board to adopt it and place this measure on the November 2020 ballot. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office at (408) 535-4907.

Sincerely,



Maya Esparza
City of San Jose, Councilmember, District 7

July 7, 2020

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

Dear Chair Hsueh and members of the Board:

The Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose supports the proposed community-preferred program report to renew the Safe, Clean Water Program, and urges the Board to adopt it and place this measure on the November 2020 ballot.

In 2016 and 2020, Valley Water awarded our organization Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program grant funding for our D3 Bill's Backyard: Bridge to Nature, D3 Transect Alamos Creek, and B3 Exploration Portal: Preventing Pollution projects. With these funds, we have created interactive structures and exhibits that educate children and adults about our local habitats and environmental stewardship.

We support local dollars for local projects. The reason why we support the draft program is because it does the following:

- Provides for expanded grant funding
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If approved by voters, Priority F would expand critical grant funding to the following areas: wildlife habitat restoration, water conservation, bottle filling stations (hydration stations), pollution prevention, creek cleanups and education, and access to trails and open space.

The Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose supports the proposed community-preferred program report to renew the Safe, Clean Water Program, and urges the Board to adopt it and place this measure on the November 2020 ballot. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (408) 673-2837 or mjennings@cdm.org.

Sincerely,



Marilee Jennings
Executive Director



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July 7, 2020

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

Dear Chair Hsueh and members of the Board:

The Guadalupe River Park Conservancy supports the proposed community-preferred program report to renew the Safe, Clean Water Program, and urges the Board to adopt it and place this measure on the November 2020 ballot. As San Jose's nonprofit partner for the active-use, development, and stewardship of the most urban section of the Guadalupe River, we are intimately aware of the conditions of our park, trails, and waterways that would greatly benefit from the proposed action.

In 2018 and 2020, Valley Water awarded our organization Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program grant funding for our B7 Guadalupe Watershed Education Campaign and B3 Reducing the Impacts of Litter along the Guadalupe River Trail Projects. These funds helped us remove litter and debris along the Trail; provide rapid response to major pollutant threats; increase homeless outreach; create a more welcoming trail environment; and provide education about the impacts of pollution reduction to the community.

We support local dollars for local projects. The reason why we support the draft program is because it does the following:

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If approved by voters, Priority F would expand critical grant funding to the following areas: wildlife habitat restoration, water conservation, bottle filling stations (hydration stations), pollution prevention, creek cleanups and education, and access to trails and open space.

The Guadalupe River Park Conservancy supports the proposed community-preferred program report to renew the Safe, Clean Water Program, and urges the Board to adopt it and place this measure on the November 2020 ballot. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (408) 298-7657 or jason@grpg.org.

Sincerely,

Jason Su



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July 8, 2020

Honorable Chair Nai Hsueh and Board Members
Valley Water
5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA 95118
Via Email

Re: Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program

Dear Chair Hsueh and Board Members:

As representatives of environmental and fishing organizations working in Santa Clara County, we appreciate this opportunity to share some concerns we have with the proposed Safe, Clean Water (SCW) parcel tax replacement and with Valley Water in general. We seek to work constructively with you and your staff over the next few weeks to address our issues and recommendations. Ultimately, we hope we can come to agreements that will earn support for Valley Water's parcel tax measure from the environmental and fishing communities.

Our concerns and recommendations are as follows.

I. Valley Water has demonstrated poor follow-through on environmental commitments.

An example of the District's failure to deliver on promises is the Fisheries and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort (FAHCE) Settlement Agreement of 2003. Santa Clara Valley Water District, a number of other agencies, and environmental and fishing groups signed an agreement to restore the steelhead trout and Chinook salmon fishery on three major streams. Had the District implemented the FAHCE Agreement, the entire suite of Phase I measures would have been completed by 2016 or 2017. At a minimum, the steelhead trout population would have been well on its way to recovery by this time. Instead, a report released in 2019 summarized that lack of releases from Anderson Dam in late spring from 2015 through 2019 prevented outmigration of anadromous steelhead trout. This, together with the failure to remove fish migration barriers at Singleton Road and Ogier Ponds, caused the Coyote Creek population of steelhead trout to be at a very significant risk of extirpation. We recommend the addition of KPIs (in a separate document) to fulfill some of the desired outcomes of FAHCE.

Another example is the lack of promised investment in riparian ecosystems and wildlife habitat that is critical to the survival of most species of plants and animals in our region, and for wildlife movement through our landscapes. At the end of the previous parcel tax measure, there were \$16M of promised funds for habitat stewardship unspent. In the FY19 report of SCW, \$25M of habitat stewardship funds collected through the parcel tax were unspent. After six years (40%) of SCW, only 19% of the funds specified for habitat stewardship have been spent. There is a deficit of habitat funding that we recommend be dedicated to environmental stewardship in the renewal parcel tax program.

We have compared KPIs in the new 2020 parcel tax resolution with the 2012 resolution that was approved by the voters as Measure B. The new resolution merges the stream and wetland habitat restoration grant program (D3), pollution prevention grant program (B3), and volunteer creek clean-ups (B7) into a general-purpose grant fund (F9) for "safe clean drinking water, flood protection and environmental stewardship." We recommend that the environmental stewardship grant program (F9) be moved back to Priority D. Grants for "drinking water or flood protection" should be separate. The 2012 SCW required 21 grant cycles. This renewal proposal has only 9 grant cycles for the same time period.

Recommendations:

- 1) Valley Water should immediately submit the most recent FAHCE administrative draft EIR and Fish Habitat Restoration Plan and a request to publicly notice the Change Petition to the State Water Board for review and preliminary action to enable compliance with the construction schedules contained in the Districts' Capital Improvement Plan.
- 2) The proposed grant program F9 should be moved back to Priority D and specify only grants for riparian vegetation and wildlife habitat stewardship and clean creeks, not "drinking water or flood protection" or access to trails, with one grant cycle per year.
- 3) Restore KPI "Develop 5 Stream Corridor Priority Plans" under Priority D.

II. Lack of adequate accountability and oversight.

The draft measure calls for the parcel tax to last in perpetuity, or until voters elect to change or eliminate it. The environmental community feels strongly that we cannot support a parcel tax for Valley Water without a sunset date. Government accountability for Valley Water requires opportunities for the electorate to assess the effectiveness of an agency or measure, and make changes when necessary.

We also have concerns about the strength of the Independent Monitoring Committee, members of whom are appointed by Valley Water Board Members, and their ability to advise. The current charter allows only assessments of prior year activities. The IMC should function as a true oversight committee with the ability to advise on all aspects of the program, including forward-looking recommendations.

Some of us question the appropriateness of Valley Water managing the environmental grants programs, as it could be perceived as influencing an organization's ability to speak openly about concerns with Valley Water.

The District is proposing to issue \$310 million in bonds – 35% of the total of \$894 million over the next 15 years – with \$295.5 million in debt service carried forward to the 2036-2050 period – over five times higher than in the existing SCW program. The debt service for the entire 30-year period needs to be included in the budgets for each program in which bond funds are used. The cost of debt service should not be shared among all programs.

Recommendations:

- 1) The 2020 parcel tax should sunset after 15 years, as have previous measures.
- 2) We request that Valley Water revise the section of the draft resolution on the Independent Monitoring Committee to improve oversight of the parcel tax.
- 3) Commit to meeting with environmental groups to explore a new structure for grant management.
- 4) Proposed bonding for each Priority (A-F) should be identified, and forecast interest expenses should be allocated within each category.

III. Valley Water lawsuits threaten to weaken environmental protections.

Valley Water's high-profile lawsuit over the Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan has driven a wedge between the District and the environmental and fishing communities. Of less visibility, but also of great concern, is Valley Water's legal challenge to the Regional Water Board's authority to require mitigation measures as a permitting condition for the Upper Berryessa Creek Flood Protection Project.

We also have concerns about the lack of collaboration among parties in Santa Clara Valley watersheds. We would like to see more inclusive decision-making, and a more visionary approach to watershed planning and restoration.

On a side note, we have concerns about Valley Water's role in the San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority. Valley Water has lobbied side-by-side with the Westlands Water District (arguably the least environmentally-concerned agency in the state) for projects such as the Shasta Dam raise, which would be illegal, and would have a devastating impact on the environment.

Recommendations:

- 1) Drop the two lawsuits, and prioritize alternatives to litigation over environmental safeguards in the future.
- 2) Commit to a meeting with the environmental community prior to the filing deadline for the parcel tax to discuss ways we all could build more trust and collaboration between Valley Water and the environmental community.
- 3) Board commitment to environmental stewardship, not only within our county borders, but for any watershed involved in District operations.

IV. The parcel tax should not be used to fund water supply projects.

We believe water supply and storage projects, such as the proposed expansion of Pacheco Reservoir, should be funded by the ratepayers who will benefit from the water supply. When water is subsidized, people use it less efficiently. When the full cost of developing and delivering water is incorporated into its price structure, a signal is sent to consumers to conserve water and use it more efficiently.

Demographic projections were changing even before the COVID-19 pandemic, and Santa Clara County is likely to see less growth than previously forecast, and less demand per capita. Therefore, Valley Water should be cautious about moving forward with expensive water supply and storage projects that might prove unnecessary.

Recommendations:

- 1) Remove water supply projects from the parcel tax, and target flood protection, water quality and environmental stewardship projects.
- 2) Valley Water should revise its demand projections and take a fresh look at water supply planning for the post-pandemic era. Conservation and water reuse should be prioritized.
- 3) If mitigation is required for water supply projects, water utility revenues, not parcel tax funds, should pay for the mitigation.

Thank you for receiving our comments. We are fully committed to whatever dialogue is necessary to address our concerns and recommendations in a timely fashion. Again, we hope to get to a place where we can support the 2020 parcel tax.

Sincerely,



Lauren Weston
Executive Director
Acterra



Trish Mulvey
Cofounder
CLEAN South Bay



Katja Irvin
Conservation Committee Co-chair
Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter



Deirdre Des Jardins
Director
California Water Research



Shani Kleinhaus, Ph.D.
Environmental Advocate
Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society



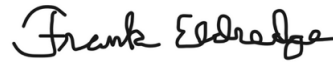
Dr. Mark Rockwell, D.C.
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Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge



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Policy Director
Tuolumne River Trust



Frank Eldredge
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Flycasters of San Jose



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California Native Plant Society,
Santa Clara Valley Chapter



Steve Holmes
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Deb Kramer
Executive Director
Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful



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Associations
Institute for Fisheries Resources



Ronald Stork
Senior Policy Staff
Friends of the River



Chris Shutes
FERC Projects Director
California Sportfishing Protection Alliance



Patrick Ferraro
Former Valley Water Director, 1972-1995



Terry Trumbull
Lecturer, Environmental Law and Policy,
San Jose State and Santa Clara Universities

Resolution Track Changes

FOURTH clause

- A. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or designee of Valley Water is directed to cause a written Report to be prepared for each fiscal year for which a special tax is to be levied and to file and record the same, all as required by governing law. Said Report shall include the proposed special tax rates for the upcoming fiscal year at any rate up to the maximum rate approved by the voters, **and all bonds currently issued and proposed to be issued under the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program, with the annual debt service costs for the term of the bonds.** Valley Water's Board of Directors shall consider formal acceptance of this Report at a public meeting and shall thereafter make a final determination of special taxes **and any proposed bond issuance** with a confirming resolution. A special fund shall be established into which proceeds from the tax **and any issued bonds** shall be deposited. Proceeds from the tax **and any bonds obligating the tax** may be used only for the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program.
- B. **All debt service and financing costs for a Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection project shall be assigned to the cost of the project in the current fiscal year Report, and all future debt service and financing costs for the project shall not exceed the total tax revenues allocated to the project in the Report. No bonds shall be issued for a Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection project beyond the period for which parcel tax revenues are allocated in the current fiscal year Report.**

Rationale: The original resolution did not consider issuance of bonds under the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program. Bond debt service and financings costs need to be fully analyzed and disclosed in each program that utilizes bond issuance, including out-year impacts to parcel tax revenues.

- I. The special tax amounts applicable to parcels in the various land uses shall be as prescribed by the Board of Directors in each fiscal year (July 1 through June 30) beginning with fiscal year 2021-2022 as set forth in Attachment-3, which is incorporated herein by reference, and as required by law; provided, that the annual basic special tax unit (single-family residential parcel of 1/4 acre or less) shall not exceed a maximum limit of \$67.67 annually (averaging \$0.006 per square foot annually) , as adjusted by the Resolution No. 20-XX compounded percentage increases of the San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) for all Urban Consumers (or an equivalent index published by a government agency) in the year or years after April 30, 2021; provided, however that appropriate amounts may be increased in any year by up to the percentage increase of the San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers in the preceding year or two percent (2%) whichever is greater; provided, further, however that in any period, not exceeding three years, immediately following a year in which the Governor of the State of California or the President of the United States has declared an area of said zones to be a disaster area by reason of flooding or other natural disaster, then to the extent of the cost of repair of Valley Water facilities damaged by such flooding or other natural disaster, the maximum tax rate shall be the percentage increase in CPI-U plus 4.5 percent; and provided, that special taxes

for the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program shall be levied annually until ~~ended by voters~~ 2036.

Rationale: The Draft Community Preferred Program Report only allocates parcel tax revenues for the 2022-2036 period. Stakeholders and voters need to know how the tax revenue will be spent.

- N. An external, independent ~~monitoring~~ oversight committee (IMOC) shall be appointed by the Valley Water Board of Directors to conduct an annual review of Valley Water's fiscal year report and provide an annual report from the IMOC to the Board of Directors regarding implementation of the intended results of the Program; the IMOC will identify to the Valley Water Board of Directors modifications, new projects and funding allocations as may be reasonably necessary to meet the priorities of the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program

Rationale: An independent oversight committee would provide comprehensive analysis of SCW of both monitoring of past activities and advising on future priorities.

| Priority | Key Performance Indicator |
|---|---|
| Priority A: Ensure a Safe, Reliable Water Supply | |
| A1 Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project | 1. Provide a portion of funds, up to \$10 million, to help construct the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project. |
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Rationale: Water supply projects should be funded by Water Utility.

| Priority | Key Performance Indicator |
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| Priority B: Reduce Toxins, Hazards, and Contaminants in our Waterways | |
| B1. Impaired Water Bodies Improvement | 4. Prepare and Implement the Los Gatos Creek Temperature Total Maximum Daily Load Project |
| B2. Inter-Agency Urban Runoff Program | 6. Implement a comprehensive program of Creekside Trash Removal to achieve trash free creeks |

Rationale:

B1 KPI #4: The Regional Water Board recommended to the State Water Board in March 2019 that Los Gatos Creek be listed as impaired for temperature. State Water Board staff concurred with recommendation and final listing is schedule for September 2020.

B2 KPI#6: The homeless encampment cleanup program has focused on the dismantlement of homeless encampments, leaving large volumes of trash outside the immediate boundaries of the encampment for infrequent cleanup by volunteer groups

| Priority | Key Performance Indicator |
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| Priority D: Restore Wildlife Habitat and Provide Open Space Access | |
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| D4 Fish Habitat and Passage Improvement | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete planning and design for one creek/lake separations. 2. Construct one creek/lake separation project in partnership with local agencies. 3. Use \$8 20 million for fish passage improvements. 4. Update study of all major steelhead streams in the county to identify appropriate locations for fish migration barrier removal and for installation of large woody debris and gravel as appropriate. 5. Complete five (5) habitat enhancement projects based on studies that identify high priority locations for large wood, boulders, gravel and/or other habitat enhancement features. 6. Develop five (5) stream Corridor Priority Plans to prioritize stream restoration activities. 7. Conduct a public hearing by March 31, 2021 on the FAHCE process, releasing to the public pertinent documents, including flow modelling results, most recent administrative draft EIR, most recent Draft Fish Habitat Restoration Plan and documentation that a request has been made to the State Water Board to notice for public comment the Change Petition submitted in 2015. Include also presentation of a plan to integrate the fishery projects of the tax measure with the projects of the FAHCE process so as to optimize the ecological impact of the fishery projects of this priority (D4). 8. Develop 5 flow management plans to sustain a healthy population of ocean-going fish on streams capable of supporting such populations. |
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Rationale:

- KPI #3-5: Lack of spending on environmental stewardship in the first 6 years of SCW should be put into increased funding for future projects. We recommend dedicating \$20M rather than \$8M for fish barrier removal and adding fish migration analysis to KPI #4.
- KPI #6: Stream Priority Plans were a KPI of the 2012 SCW D3 program and are essential for enhancing our streams.
- KPI #7, 8: The lack of progress of FAHCE has put our fisheries in danger. Documents need to be made public. Fish migration barrier removal without adequate flow management will not sustain the fishery

| Priority | Key Performance Indicator |
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| Priority F: Support Public Health and Public Safety for our Community | |
| F9 Grants and Partnerships for Safe, Clean Water, Flood Protection and | 1. Provide three (3) five (5) grant cycles every five (5) years that follow pre-established competitive criteria related to safe, clean drinking water, flood protection and wildlife habitat environmental stewardship. |

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| Wildlife Habitat Environmental Stewardship | <p>2. Provide two (2) three (3) partnership cycles every five (5) years for projects related to safe, clean drinking water, flood protection and wildlife habitat environmental stewardship.</p> <p>3. Provide annual funding for bottle filling stations to increase drinking water accessibility, with priority for installations in economically disadvantaged communities and locations that serve school-age children and students.</p> <p>4. Provide annual mini-grant funding opportunity for projects related to safe, clean drinking water, flood protection and wildlife habitat environmental stewardship.</p> |
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Rationale: In the 2012 SCW, grant programs B3 (pollution prevention), B7 (Volunteer Clean-ups) and D3 (restoration of wetlands, riparian habitats and favorable stream conditions for fisheries and wildlife) were extremely well received by the community. SCW 2012 specified a total of 21 grant cycles and 8+ partnerships in 15 years. The renewal proposes 9 grant cycles and 6 partnerships in 15 years. Grants specific to environmental stewardship should be separate from grants for water supply and flood protections.

Environmental stewardship grants should be moved back to Priority D.



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:

- Ensure a safe, reliable water supply
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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

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

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1313 North Milpitas Blvd Suite #163, Milpitas, CA 95035
Phone 408-991-4610

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

Website: <http://www.sanjosenaacp.org>

Email: sjnaacp@sanjosenaacp.org



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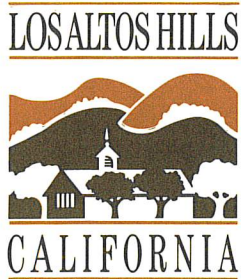
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La Raza Roundtable de California supports the Plan, and urges the Board to adopt and to place this measure on the November ballot. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 408.529.1900 or eptexvet@yahoo.com.

Sincerely

Victor R. Garza, Chair
La Raza Roundtable de California



July 8, 2020

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

Dear Chair Hsueh:

On behalf of the Town of Los Altos Hills, 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 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:

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The Town of Los Altos Hills 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 (650) 947-2514 or ccahill@losaltoshills.ca.gov.

Sincerely

Carl Cahill
City Manager

26379 Fremont Road
Los Altos Hills
California 94022
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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.

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 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

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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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- Support public health and public safety for our community

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,

Chris Pilson
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VALLEY WATER
EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION



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.

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 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

Anjali Kausar
Chief Executive Officer

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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.

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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- 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
- 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,


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:

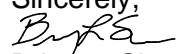
On behalf of the Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce, I write to express our support for the Draft Community Preferred Plan (the Plan) that would be implemented should the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program be renewed, and urge the Valley Water Board of Directors to adopt the Plan and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

- Ensure a safe, reliable water supply
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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

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Moorpark Office

Gordon N. Chan Community Services Center
2400 Moorpark Ave. Suite #300
San Jose, CA 95128

June 19, 2020

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

Dear Chair Hsueh:

On behalf of AACI, I write to express support for the Draft Community Preferred 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.

Access to safe, clean, and reliable water is essential for individual and public health, and is an especially important for vulnerable communities as a social determinant of health. Passage of this measure would ensure access to a safe water supply, as well as protect our water supply from natural disasters, provide flood protection to homes, businesses, school and highways, and support public health and public safety of our diverse community.

AACI supports the Draft Community Preferred Plan, and asks the Board to adopt and to place this measure on the November ballot. Should you have questions about AACI's support on this matter, please reach out at 408-975-2730.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sarita Kohli
AACI President & CEO

June 30, 2020

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

Dear Chair Hsueh:

On behalf of the San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI), 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.

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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SFEI 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 warnerc@sfei.org or 510-375-2141.

Sincerely

Warner Chabot

Warner Chabot,
Executive Director

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.

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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

6/30/2020

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

Dear Chair Hsueh:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency, 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. 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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The Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency 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) 779-7265 or edmund.sullivan@scv-habitatagency.org

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Edmund Sullivan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Edmund Sullivan, Executive Officer



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

Dear Chair Hsueh:

On behalf of the IFPTE Local 21 representing ES and PMA, 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.

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

The IFPTE Local 21 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 syoung@ifpte21.org

Sincerely

Stanley A. Young
Representative Organizer
IFPTE Local 21
San Jose Office



June 29, 2020

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

Dear Chair Hsueh:

On behalf of UA Local Union 393, 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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- Restore wildlife habitat and provide open space
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- Support public health and public safety for our community

UA Local Union 393 supports the Plan, and urges the Board to adopt and to place this measure on the November ballot. If you have any questions, please contact me at Steve@local393.org.

Sincerely,

Steve Flores
Business Manager

July 2, 2020

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

Dear Chair Hsueh:

On behalf of Rotary District 5170, 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.

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

Rotary District 5170 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) 710-1776 or greggrotary@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Gregg Giusiana
District 5170 Governor 2020-21



City of Monte Sereno

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July 3, 2020

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

Dear Chair Hsueh:

On behalf of the City of Monte Sereno, 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 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

The City of Monte Sereno 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) 354-7635 or llawler@cityofmontesereno.org.

Sincerely,

Liz Lawler, Mayor
City of Monte Sereno

July 6, 2020

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

Dear Chair Hsueh:

As a member of the Santa Clara Unified Board of Education, 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.

I 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. Safety is of utmost importance for our school district, and a safe, clean and reliable water supply helps in this effort

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

I support the Plan, and urge 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) 246-6252 or asgonzalez@scusd.net.

Sincerely,



Albert Gonzalez

Trustee, Santa Clara Unified School District
Director, Region 20, California School Boards Association

From: [Michelle Critchlow](#) on behalf of [Board of Directors](#)
To: [Michele King](#)
Subject: FW: Support of Updated and Enhanced Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program for a Future Funding Measure
Date: Wednesday, July 08, 2020 10:16:55 AM

For the Board Meeting.

From: Hamilton Hitchings <hitchingsh@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 10:13 AM
To: Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>
Subject: Support of Updated and Enhanced Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program for a Future Funding Measure

In the past Palo Alto has strongly supported Valley Water's ballot measures for funding. As a Palo Alto resident who lives within the San Francisquito Creek Flood Zone, we depend on SCVWD not only for our pristine drinking water but also for flood protection. I support continued funding for SCVWD including this item (2.7) on the July 14th SCVWD agenda. And of course, I will be voting for it along with many other Palo Altans if it is on the November ballot. Thanks again for all your hard work.

Hamilton Hitchings



To: Valley Water Board Chair Nai Hsueh and Board Members
From: Grassroots Ecology Board of Directors
Date: July 8, 2020
Re: Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program

Dear Chair Hsueh and Board Members:

Grassroots Ecology has received numerous grants through the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program and is encouraged to see that the grant program would continue under the proposed parcel tax renewal. We see ourselves as community partners that can help Valley Water achieve its objectives in community engagement, education, habitat restoration, and urban stormwater management. While there are many aspects of the parcel tax renewal that we fully support, we would also like to take this opportunity to raise some concerns related to the measure, as follows:

1. Grant funding for habitat restoration should be kept separate from flood control and water supply. There is a risk that a flood control project could easily use a vast majority of grant funding and take away from equally important habitat restoration and water quality objectives. The language of the grant program F9 is too broad; “related to safe, clean drinking water, flood protection and environmental stewardship.”
2. There are still unused habitat restoration funds in the current Safe, Clean Water Program. We believe these unused funds should remain dedicated to habitat stewardship and not reappropriated for other uses should the new tax measure pass.
3. Grant cycles should be frequent enough to allow smaller non-profit organizations to sustain operations and community engagement. When there are gaps in funding, small non-profits can only reduce programs and staff, which affects the continuity of stewardship efforts and the efficacy of operations. The existing SCW offered 21 grant cycles in 15 years, the renewal program reduces the grant cycles to 9 in the same time period.
4. If mitigation is required for water supply projects, water utility revenues, not parcel tax funds, should pay for the mitigation.
5. Projects such as the proposed expansion of Pacheco Reservoir should have stand alone funding from the ratepayers who directly benefit from the project. This has the dual benefit of segregating water supply projects from environmental projects and encouraging water conservation among ratepayers.

6. Finally, we believe that our constituency would more readily support a parcel tax with a sunset date (*e.g.* 15 years).
7. We recommend increasing funding for fish barrier removal to compensate for lack of progress on FAHCE.

In addition, we have raised a number of issues over the years with the administration of the current grant program, which have largely been unresolved. We know that these issues have resulted in a lack of participation by other small nonprofit organizations in the region.

- Compared with the other agencies from whom we receive funding, the Valley Water grant process (including application, review, contract, and invoicing) is very complex. Even for mini-grants, the application review and contracting process has taken over a year, making the program inaccessible for the small organizations and schools for which it was intended.
- Invoices have frequently not been paid for over six months, requiring non-profit organizations to carry the up-front costs for project staff, contractors, and materials even though the terms of the contract state that Valley Water will notify grantees of any invoicing or reporting issues within 10 working days of submission.
- In addition, it might not be appropriate for Valley Water to manage the environmental grants programs, as it could be perceived as influencing an organization's ability to speak openly about concerns with Valley Water.
- On several occasions we were requested to reduce the scope of our project to a lower cost option even though there were sufficient funds in Priority D3.

We recommend that Valley Water explore employing a third party to oversee grant administration.

With Valley Water grant funding, we have engaged thousands of community volunteers to restore Santa Clara County's watersheds, and we look forward to continuing this important work. We hope that you will consider our recommendations so that we can support the proposed parcel tax measure without reservations. We believe that these changes will improve the chances of success for all, and would welcome the opportunity to discuss these issues with you further.

Sincerely,

Jerry Hearn

Alex Von Feldt

Jerry Hearn, Grassroots Ecology Board Vice-President

Alex Von Feldt, Grassroots Ecology Executive Director

July 7, 2020

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

Dear Chair Hsueh and members of the Board:

The San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory supports the proposed community-preferred program report to renew the Safe, Clean Water Program, and urges the Board to adopt it and place this measure on the November 2020 ballot.

Since 2015, Valley Water has awarded our organization more than \$1 million in Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program grant funding for our three D3 projects and two D3 mini-grant projects. These funds provided multiple environmental benefits for wildlife and habitat, including active vegetation management and restoration, establishing Forster's Tern nesting colonies, California gull predator surveys, and breeding waterbird monitoring. A majority of these projects were located in the sensitive salt pond habitat areas at the southern Bay.

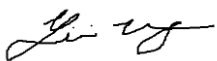
We support local dollars for local projects. The reason why we support the draft program is because it does the following:

- Provides for expanded grant funding
- Consolidates all grant types to be available each year for increased flexibility and availability
- Offers greater flexibility to fund additional innovative projects that meet community needs
- Streamlines and provides for a more efficient process through a stabilized grants program
- Guarantees funding availability beyond a simple 15-year program

If approved by voters, Priority F would expand critical grant funding to the following areas: wildlife habitat restoration, water conservation, bottle filling stations (hydration stations), pollution prevention, creek cleanups and education, and access to trails and open space.

The San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory supports the proposed community-preferred program report to renew the Safe, Clean Water Program, and urges the Board to adopt it and place this measure on the November 2020 ballot. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 408 – 946 -6548.

Sincerely



Yiwei Wang, Ph.D.
Executive Director

July 8, 2020

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

Dear Chair Hsueh and members of the Board:

As the elected representative for San Jose's District 2, I support the proposed community-preferred program report to renew the Safe, Clean Water Program, and urge the Board to adopt it and place this measure on the November 2020 ballot.

As you know, the City partners with Valley Water every year to address impacts of the unhoused who live along waterways throughout San Jose, including in my district. The reason I support the draft program is because it includes expanded, continued funding for this crucial work, and guarantees that funding availability beyond a simple 15-year program.

In addition, the draft program includes critical funding for the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project, as well as flood protection along Coyote Creek, which runs through my district. Both projects are crucial to protecting my constituents from the impacts of flooding, as well as to providing water for the residents and businesses throughout my district. This investment serves disadvantaged communities and vulnerable residents through the long-term operations and maintenance of life-saving flood protection projects.

I support local dollars for local projects, and if approved by voters, this draft program would provide needed funding to clean up encampments along our waterways, repair Anderson Dam, and build flood protection along Coyote Creek, all of which benefit my constituents.

For these reasons, I support the proposed community-preferred program report to renew the Safe, Clean Water Program, and urge the Board to adopt it and place this measure on the November 2020 ballot. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 408-535-4902.

Sincerely,



Sergio Jimenez
Councilmember, District 2
City of San José

Jeffrey Shore
1905 Edgewood Drive
Palo Alto, CA 94303-3106

8 July 2020

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

Re: Agenda Item 2.7 – Meeting of Board of Directors – 14 July 2020

Dear Chair Hsueh:

I am writing to express my support for the proposed Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program renewal and the Draft Community Preferred Program Report. At the same time, I wish to express my concern that there does not appear to be a detailed rationale for the absence of a date-specific sunset provision in the proposed Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program Continuation Resolution. Section H of the Fourth Resolution states that “special taxes for the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program shall be levied annually until ended by voters.” The associated rationale provided in the eleventh recital of the Continuation Resolution appears self-serving. In effect, the recital states that in order to protect vital Santa Clara County interests in the future, Valley Water will need a dedicated source of revenue beyond 2028—when the current program is due to sunset—to maintain the programs established in the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Program.

I recognize that the proposed ballot language—which specifies a vote as a condition subsequent—has been scientifically proven in focus groups to inspire the necessary two-thirds support. Nonetheless, I recommend that the Board be armed with a robust justification for the open-ended continuation of the parcel tax that anticipates likely criticism, together with a full explanation of the procedures associated with a hypothetical voter repeal initiative. This provision could become an unwelcome lightning rod for a host of detractors.

Respectfully,



Jeffrey Shore
<jeff.shore@comcast.net>

Michele King

Subject: FW:

From: Kristin Apple <kristinmapple@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 8:10 AM

To: Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>

Subject:

7/9/2020

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

Dear Chair Hsueh and members of the Board:

As a graduate of Valley Water's Water 101 Academy and resident of Santa Clara County, I support the proposed community-preferred program report to renew the Safe, Clean Water Program, and urges the Board to adopt it and place this measure on the November 2020 ballot.

I support local dollars for local projects. The reason why I support the draft program is because it does the following:

- Supports the repair and upgrade of Anderson Dam to ensure public safety and repair a critical component of our local water supply.
- Invests in our aging water infrastructure, including reservoirs and pipelines, to ensure a reliable and safe, clean drinking water supply for Santa Clara County.
- Helps fund local flood protection projects to protect people, homes, businesses, highways and important community facilities such as schools and hospitals.
- Protects our creek ecosystems and natural resources by restoring habitat for wildlife, removing invasive and non-native plant species and improving fish passage.
- Empowers community organizations as environmental stewards to help protect and preserve our natural resources through collaboration made possible by Safe, Clean Water grants and partnerships.

If approved by voters, the Safe, Clean Water Program renewal would expand critical funding to repair and upgrade our aging infrastructure, protect our most vulnerable communities from flood risks; support public education, volunteer community resources and creek stewardship. It would also guarantee availability of funding over the long-term, thereby resulting in long-term protection of our water resources.

I support the proposed community-preferred program report to renew the Safe, Clean Water Program, and urge the Board to adopt it and place this measure on the November 2020 ballot. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at kristinmapple@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Kristin Apple



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

1313 North Milpitas Blvd Suite #163, Milpitas, CA 95035
Phone 408-991-4610

July 9, 2020

Chair Nai Hsueh
Santa Clara Valley Water District
5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA 95118

Dear Chair Hsueh and members of the Board;

We have become aware of those that consider themselves as the voice of the environmental community are demanding changes to the proposed Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection program.

This last-minute, non-transparent attempt to try and take away things from all of us who participated in the process, should not be rewarded. We supported the program because of the changes which have been made in the areas of grants and long-term assurance for taking care of infrastructure and creek maintenance in our community.

We note that NONE of them are involved in issues in communities of color and that is likely why their demands disproportionately impact communities of color who will have to carry the burden of their recommendation which amount to nothing more than environmental injustice. Its painfully obvious that when some people think of environmentalism, they exclude all the organizations, churches and others who have long fought for environmental justice locally. Maybe this is why not one organizations of color were invited to participate in their exclusive privileged meetings.

Communities of color and low-income communities are often the hardest hit by climate change, clearly these "environmentalist" are ignoring this fact, or they just don't care. Just look at what happened to the Rocksprings community during the last floods. Where were these "environmentalists" then in demanding environmental justice and long-term protections for this community?

If it were their homes and communities at risk, they would demand a long-term solution for flood protection and the required maintenance to keep the creeks clear of debris. We demand that this program go much longer than 15 years vs having communities of color coming back to beg for protection every decade.

Why is this kind of institutional environmental injustice seen as ok? Its NOT! It's the lack of funding which has resulted in Alviso being back at risk again. Why aren't they screaming about this as an issue, its unacceptable. Why aren't screaming about East Palo Alto needs flood protection? Where is their voice on environmental justice here? Why are they opposing the Pacheco Reservoir project when they know that it provides for flood protection to so many communities of color who have flooded repeatedly? Again, the privileged approach to the addressing environmental issues is clear and obvious.

We are disgusted that they want to take away the ability for all communities to compete for grant funds fairly, and instead they want to have funding guided to their "environmental

desires” and their non-profits directly. We all know this is about funding their own jobs and organizations.

Forcing other communities to share a smaller pool of funds for the environmental and water related projects which are important to us, is an unfair approach that will result in communities of color opposing this measure if you take this action.

We also see these “environmentalist” want to take away funding from grants and partnerships which will allow for Valley Water to have a program which will allow for the removal of blockages and debris on non Valley Water property. This is an important component of the program, again their attempt to attack flood protection in the community which many people of color live is unacceptable.

We are tired of those who want to push their privilege doing it on the backs of communities of color, and those who are on the lower socio-economic rungs.

You cannot get to a 2/3rds vote with the vocal opposition of communities of color. We hope you don't make changes which will garner our opposition to this important program. With the Black Lives Movement, and our direct involvement with getting people to the polls in November, you will not want our opposition.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "REV. Jethroe Moore II". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Jethroe Moore II, President

Website: <http://www.sanjosenaacp.org>

Email: sjnaacp@sanjosenaacp.org

City of Palo Alto
Office of the Mayor and City Council

July 8, 2020

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

Re: Support for the Community Preferred Plan and Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program

Dear Chair Hsueh:

On behalf of the City of Palo Alto, I write to express support for advancing to the voters the renewal of the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program, and implementation of the Draft Community Preferred Plan triggered by the Program's renewal. I therefore urge the Valley Water Board of Directors to adopt the Preferred Plan and place the renewal of the Program on the November 2020 ballot. Please recognize that our City Council has not yet taken a position on the Plan or the ballot measure, and due to timing constraints will not have the opportunity for timely discussion. As such we recommend Valley Water proceed with advancing this measure for consideration by Santa Clara County voters.

If the ballot measure is successful, the City of Palo Alto would apply funds to critical flood protection projects needed to protect Palo Alto and neighboring communities including the San Francisquito Creek project (Project E5) and the San Francisco Bay Shoreline Protection project (Project E7). Other important benefits include continuing routine Vegetation Control and Sediment Removal for capacity along Matadero, Adobe and Barron Creeks (Project F1), and Continue Emergency Response Planning and Preparedness (Project F2).

We understand that in addition to the specific benefits noted above, this potential ballot measure has yielded the following draft priorities as part of the exploratory process:

- Ensuing a safe, reliable water supply
- Reducing toxins, hazards and contaminants in our waterways
- Protecting our water supply from earthquakes and natural disasters
- Restoring wildlife habitat and provide open space
- Providing flood protection to homes businesses, schools, and highways

The City of Palo Alto supports the opportunity for voters to decide on the Preferred Plan and urges the Board to adopt and place this measure on the November ballot. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:


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Adrian Fine

Mayor, City of Palo Alto

Cc:

Palo Alto City Council

The San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority

Ed Shikada, Palo Alto City Manager

July 9, 2020

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

Re: Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program renewal

Dear Chair Hsueh,

On behalf of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (Midpen), I write to express support for adoption of the Community Preferred Plan (the Plan) that would be implemented should the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program be renewed by voters in November 2020. Comprised of nearly 65,000 acres of acquired and protected open space on the San Francisco Peninsula, Midpen is one of the largest regional open space districts in California. Our braided mission is to acquire and preserve in perpetuity open space and agricultural land of regional significance, to protect and restore the natural environment, to preserve rural character and encourage viable agricultural use of land resources, and to provide opportunities for ecologically sensitive public enjoyment and education.

Renewal of the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program would continue to support our combined efforts in protecting natural areas by restoring additional acreage of wildlife habitat, implement new stream measures to improve fish passage, expand protected open spaces, and create new miles of trails and recreational access to connect people with nature.

To the extent that programmatic implementation can be considered, we see the following opportunities for future interagency collaboration: watershed land acquisition and protection, invasive species removal, Guadalupe River Mercury Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) reduction, compensatory mitigation projects, and fisheries protection.

As you know, our partnerships are more important than ever in the face of the growing threat of climate change. We look forward to working with you towards our mutual goals of clean water and a healthy, resilient natural environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ana M. Ruiz".

Ana M. Ruiz
General Manager

cc: Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Board of Directors

July 9, 2020

Nai Hsueh, Chair
Valley Water Board of Directors
via email

Dear Chair Hsueh and Members of the Board:

WaterNow Alliance supports the proposed community-preferred program report to renew the Safe, Clean Water Program, and urges the Board to adopt it and place this measure on the November 2020 ballot. In 2018, Valley Water awarded WaterNow Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program grant funding for our Beyond Leak Detection Project. This grant is funding a pilot study to install and evaluate water conservation and leak notification benefits of "smart home" devices. Like other worthy initiatives funded under this program, we believe this study will provide significant benefits to Valley Water and its ratepayers at low cost.

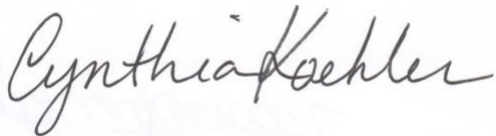
The draft program is valuable because it does all of the following:

- Provides for expanded grant funding
- Consolidates all grant types to be available each year for increased flexibility
- Offers greater flexibility to fund innovative projects that meet community needs
- Provides for a more efficient process through a stabilized grants program
- Provides funding to address the impacts of the unhoused along waterways
- Expands funding and eligibility for public bottle filling station (hydration station) grants
- Provides for new funding for public art and reduce graffiti and litter

If approved by voters, Priority F would expand critical grant funding for wildlife habitat restoration, water conservation, bottle filling stations, pollution prevention, creek cleanups and education, and access to trails and open space. For all of these reasons, WaterNow Alliance supports the proposed community-preferred program report to renew the Safe, Clean Water Program, and urges the Board to adopt it and place this measure on the November 2020 ballot.

Thank you for your consideration of our views, and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at (415) 515-0511 or ck@waternow.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cynthia Koehler". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Cynthia Koehler
Executive Director



July 9, 2020

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

Dear Chair Hsueh:

On behalf of the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority (SFCJPA), I am writing to express support for the proposed Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program renewal and the Draft Community Preferred Program Report. We encourage the Valley Water Board of Directors to adopt the resolutions supporting both.

The SFCJPA appreciates Valley Water's partnership and leadership. The Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program is the planned source of significant funding for the Upstream of Highway 101 portion of the San Francisquito Creek Project. This funding, along with funding from the SFCJPA's other member agencies, will be indispensable for completion of the SFCJPA "Upstream" project.

As you know, for years the SFCJPA worked closely with Valley Water on the construction of the San Francisco Bay to Highway 101 portion of the San Francisquito Creek Flood Protection, Ecosystem Restoration and Recreation Project (San Francisquito Creek "Downstream" Project). The 2012 Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program was a critical source of funding for the project's completion. This is a good example of the type of important flood risk reduction measures funded by The Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection program that should be continued for the broad benefit of Santa Clara County residents.

The SFCJPA supports the draft program's funding for the San Francisco Bay Shoreline Protection Project (Shoreline Project), protecting residents and businesses from flooding not just from seasonal storms, but also from the longer-term threat posed by climate change and associated sea level rise.

Finally, we recognize that providing critical flood protection in partnership with the SFCJPA and throughout Santa Clara County, includes design, engineering, environmental planning, construction, and long-term project maintenance. These all require commensurate long-term financial commitment and built-in program flexibility to adapt to changing circumstances.

Therefore, the SFCJPA supports the proposed renewal of the Safe, Clean Water Program, and urges the Board to place this measure on the November 2020 ballot. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at 408-605-2761 or at mbruce@sfcjpa.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret H. Bruce". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Margaret Bruce, Executive Director
San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority

CC:

Rick Callender, Chief Executive Officer, Valley Water
Rachael Gibson, Director of Government Affairs, Valley Water
Jaime Fontes, City Manager, City of East Palo Alto
Kamal Fallaha, Director of Public Works, City of East Palo Alto
Ed Shikada, City Manager, City of Palo Alto
Brad Eggelston, Director of Public Works, City of Palo Alto
Starla Robinson, City Manager, City of Menlo Park
Nicole Nagaya, Director of Public Works, City of Menlo Park
Len Materman, Executive Director, San Mateo County Flood and SLR Resiliency District

July 9, 2020

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

Dear Chair Hsueh:

California Water Service (Cal Water) is pleased to 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's Board of Directors to adopt the Plan and place the renewal of that program before the voters this November.

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.

Cal Water supports the Plan and urges the Board to adopt and to place this measure on the November ballot.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Justin Skarb", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Justin Skarb
Director of Community Affairs &
Government Relations

July 7, 2020

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

Dear Chair Hsueh and members of the Board:

As the Councilmember of District 1 and Vice Mayor of the City of San José, I am in support of the proposed community-preferred program report to renew the Safe, Clean Water Program. I urge the Board to adopt it and place this measure on the November 2020 ballot.

As you are aware, the City of San José partners with Valley Water every year to address impacts of the unhoused individuals who live along waterways throughout San José, including District 1. This coordinated effort which includes requests for cleanup of illegal dumping, trash, and graffiti, are directly funded through the Safe, Clean Water Program. I am grateful that Valley Water has taken the time to listen to constituent concerns regarding this matter. The community has requested that funding for these activities be continued and expanded through this draft program, thereby guaranteeing funding availability beyond a simple 15-year program.

I am a big proponent of local dollars for local projects. If approved by voters, Priority F would provide a long term solution to these issues. It would result in the allocation of funding needed for the local efforts to clean up encampments along our waterways and continue our partnership to address the homeless crisis in our valley.

For these reasons, I support the proposed community-preferred program report to renew the Safe, Clean Water Program, and urge the Board to adopt it and place this measure on the November 2020 ballot. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or my staff at 408-535-4901.

Sincerely,



Charles “Chappie” Jones

Vice Mayor, City of San José - Council District 1

Michele King

Subject: FW: Comments on SCW renewal ballot measure
Attachments: Comments on New Ballot Measure compared to SCW.pdf; ATT00001.htm

From: Kit Gordon <kitgordona@gmail.com>
Date: July 8, 2020 at 11:04:45 AM PDT
To: Nai Hsueh <nHsueh@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Comments on SCW renewal ballot measure

Dear Nai,

I hope you are well. These are certainly challenging times.

I have created a document to compare language between the existing SCW and the proposal. Please see my comments in the attached document. My main concerns are these:

- I would like the IMC to be a true oversight committee with ability to not only monitor progress but advise for future. The best way to know where to go is by examining past progress.
- I am concerned that a "no sunset" clause will limit support for the required 2/3 vote to pass.
- The \$300M proposed bond debt service will be very costly and greatly limit funding for projects in years 16-30 of the renewal. See calculations in the attached document.

KPI concerns are listed in the document below but the main ones pertain to the new grant program and the need for more work on environmental stewardship, especially on fish barrier removal and habitat.

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| | 2012 Safe Clean Water Total (15 yrs) and amt spent up to FY19 (6 yrs) | Renewal Proposal Years 1-15 | Renewal Proposal Years 16-30 |
|--|---|--|---------------------------------|
| Bond issue | Significantly less than renewal proposal of \$300M | + \$300M | 0 |
| Bond debt service | - \$45M | - \$300M | - \$300M |
| Water Supply | \$75.9M, spent \$32.6M | \$81.8M | ? 30% less ? |
| Water Quality, Trash Removal | \$78.1M, spent \$27.4M | \$127.2M | ? 30% less ? |
| Flood Protection | \$590.1M, spent \$207.2M | \$443.3M | ? 30% less ? |
| Wildlife Habitat Stewardship | \$119.8M, spent \$23M | \$93.9M | ? 30% less ? |
| Mitigation (for supply or flood?) | \$30.3M, spent \$4.5M | \$76.9M | ? 30% less ? |
| Fire Safety | | \$12M | ? 30% less ? |
| Number of grant cycles , partnerships | 7 cycles each for B3, B7, D3 (pollution prevention, trash removal, stewardship) for a total of 21 grant cycles 8++ partnerships | 9 grant cycles for water quality, flood prevention , stewardship with no dollar specified for categories 6 partnerships | ? 30% less ? |
| Total (15 years) | ~ \$894.2M | ~ \$823.1M | ~ \$550M |

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All information is from the FY19 Year 6 SCW report and from the June 23 Board presentation of the SCW Renewal proposal.

| | KPIs Priority A: Ensure a Safe, Reliable Water Supply | Funds from SCW | Project Total |
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| A1 | Existing: Main Avenue and Madrone Pipelines Restoration – Completed Proposed: PACHECO RESERVOIR EXPANSION 1. Provide a portion of funds, up to \$10 million, to help construct the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project. | 98% spent out of \$17.6M \$10M | \$1.3B |
| A2 | Existing: Safe, Clean Water Partnerships and Grants (<i>Some activities moved to F9</i>) 1. Award up to \$1 million to test new conservation activities. 2. Increase number of schools in Santa Clara County in compliance with SB 1413 and the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act, regarding access to drinking water by awarding 100% of | 60% spent out of \$1.8M budget | |

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| | <p>eligible grant requests for the installation of hydration stations; a maximum of 250 grants up to \$254,000.</p> <p>3. Reduce number of private well water users exposed to nitrate above drinking water standards by awarding 100% of eligible rebate requests for the installation of nitrate removal systems; up to \$30,000 for all rebates.</p> <p>Proposed: WATER CONSERVATION REBATES AND PROGRAMS</p> <p>1. Award up to \$1 million per year toward specified water conservation program activities, including rebates, technical assistance and public education, within the first seven (7) years of the Program.</p> | \$7.9M | \$51.3M |
| A3 | <p>Existing: Pipeline Reliability Project</p> <p>1. Install 4 new line valves on treated water distribution pipelines.</p> <p>Proposed: PIPELINE RELIABILITY PROJECT</p> <p>1. Install four (4) new line valves on treated water distribution pipelines.</p> | <p>2% spent out of \$11.5M</p> <p>\$9.8M</p> | <p>\$11.9M</p> |

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| | KPIs Priority B: Reduce Toxins, Hazards and Contaminants In Waterways | Funds from SCW | Project Total |
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| B1 | <p>Existing: Impaired Water Bodies Improvement</p> <p>1. Operate and maintain existing treatment systems in 4 reservoirs to remediate regulated contaminants, including mercury.</p> <p>2. Prepare plan for the prioritization of pollution prevention and reduction activities.</p> <p>3. Implement priority pollution prevention and reduction activities identified in the plan in 10 creeks.</p> <p>Proposed: IMPAIRED WATER BODIES IMPROVEMENT</p> <p>1. Investigate, develop and implement actions to reduce methylmercury in fish and other organisms in the Guadalupe River Watershed.</p> <p>2. Prepare and update a plan for the prioritization of surface water quality improvement activities, such as addressing trash and other pollutants.</p> <p>3. Implement at least two priority surface water quality improvement activities identified in the plan per 5-year implementation period.</p> | <p>28% spent out of \$27.4M</p> <p>\$32.8M</p> | <p>\$32.8M</p> |
| B2 | <p>Existing: Interagency Urban Runoff Program</p> <p>1. Install at least 2 and operate 4 trash capture devices at stormwater outfalls in Santa Clara County.</p> <p>2. Maintain partnerships with cities and County to address surface water quality improvements.</p> | <p>32% spent out of \$12.6M</p> | |

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| | <p>3. Support 5 pollution prevention activities to improve surface water quality in Santa Clara County, either independently or collaboratively with South County organizations.</p> <p>Proposed: INTER-AGENCY URBAN RUNOFF PROGRAM</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Address trash in creeks by maintaining trash capture devices or other litter control programs. 2. Maintain Valley Water's municipal stormwater compliance program and partner with cities to address surface water quality improvements, including participation in at least three (3) countywide, regional or statewide stormwater program committees to help guide regulatory development, compliance and monitoring. 3. Support at least one stormwater quality improvement activity per 5-year implementation period in Santa Clara County, including providing up to \$1.5 million in 15 years to support implementation of green stormwater infrastructure consistent with Santa Clara Basin and South County Stormwater Resource Plans. | \$19.8M | \$45.2M |
| B3 | <p>Existing (B5): Hazardous Materials Management and Response</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Respond to 100% of hazardous materials reports requiring urgent on-site inspection in 2 hours or less. <p>Proposed: HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT AND RESPONSE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Respond to 100% of hazardous materials reports requiring urgent on-site inspection in two (2) hours or less. | <p>25% spent out of \$0.6M</p> <p>\$1.1M</p> | \$4.2M |
| B4 | <p>Existing (B7): Support Volunteer Cleanup Efforts and Education</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide 7 grant cycles and 3 partnerships that follow pre-established competitive criteria related to cleanups, education and outreach, and stewardship activities. (Grants moved in F9) 2. Fund Valley Water support of annual National River Cleanup Day, California Coastal Cleanup Day, the Great American Pick Up; and fund the Adopt-A- Creek Program. <p>Proposed: SUPPORT CREEK STEWARDSHIP VOLUNTEER EFFORTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fund Valley Water's creek stewardship program to support volunteer cleanup activities, such as annual National River Cleanup Day, California Coastal Cleanup Day, the Great American Litter Pick Up; and the Adopt-A-Creek Program. | <p>55% spent out of \$2.4M</p> <p>\$5.1M</p> | \$9.2M |

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| | KPIs Priority C: Protect Water Supply and Dams from Earthquakes and Other Natural Disasters | Funds from SCW | Project Total |
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| C1 | Existing: Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit 1. Provide portion of funds, up to \$45 million, to help restore full operating reservoir capacity of 90,373 acre-feet. | \$14M out of \$45M has been transferred | |
| | Proposed: ANDERSON DAM SEISMIC RETROFIT 1. Provide portion of funds, up to \$54 million, to help restore full operating reservoir capacity of 90,373 acre-feet. | \$54.1M | \$576.3M |

| | KPIs Priority D: Restore Wildlife Habitat and Provide Open Space Access | Funds from SCW | Project Total |
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| D1 | Existing: Management of Revegetation Projects 1. Maintain a minimum of 300 acres of revegetation projects annually to meet regulatory requirements and conditions. | 20% spent out of \$22.3M | |
| | Proposed: MANAGEMENT OF RIPARIAN PLANTING AND INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL 1. Maintain a minimum of 300 acres of riparian planting projects annually to meet regulatory requirements and conditions. 2. Maintain a minimum of 200 acres of invasive plant management projects annually to meet regulatory requirements and conditions. 3. Remove 25 acres of <i>Arundo donax</i> throughout the county over a 15-year period. | \$68.9M | \$118.8M |
| D2 | Existing: Revitalize Stream, Upland and Wetland Habitat 1. Revitalize at least 21 acres, guided by the 5 Stream Corridor Priority Plans, through native plant revegetation and removal of invasive exotic species. 2. Provide funding for revitalization of at least 7 of 21 acres through community partnerships. 3. Develop at least 2 plant palettes for use on revegetation projects to support birds and other wildlife. | 18% spent out of \$18.2M | |
| | Proposed: REVITALIZE RIPARIAN, UPLAND AND WETLAND HABITAT 1. Revitalize at least 21 acres over a 15-year period through native plant revegetation and/or removal of invasive exotic species. 2. Develop an Early Detection and Rapid Response Program Manual. 3. Identify and treat at least 100 occurrences of emergent invasive species over a 15- year period, as identified through the Early Detection and Rapid Response Program. 4. Develop at least eight (8) information sheets for Early Detection of Invasive Plant Species. | \$8.1M | \$8.1M |
| D3 | Existing (D8): South Bay Salt Ponds Restoration Partnership 1. Establish agreement with FWS to reuse sediment at locations to improve the success of Salt Pond restoration activities. | 6% spent out of \$4.5M | |

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| | <p>2. Construct site improvements up to \$4 million to allow for transportation and placement of future sediment.</p> <p>Proposed: SEDIMENT REUSE TO SUPPORT SHORELINE RESTORATION</p> <p>1. Maintain partnership agreements to reuse sediment to improve the success of salt pond and tidal marsh restoration projects and activities.</p> <p>2. Provide up to \$4 million per 15-year period to support activities necessary for sediment reuse.</p> | \$4.1M | \$4.1M |
| D4 | <p>Existing: Fish Habitat and Passage Improvement</p> <p>1. Complete planning and design for 2 creek/lake separations.</p> <p>2. Construct 1 creek/lake separation project in partnership with local agencies.</p> <p>3. Use \$6 million for fish passage improvements.</p> <p>4. Conduct study of all major steelhead streams in the county to identify priority locations for installation of large woody debris and gravel as appropriate.</p> <p>5. Install large woody debris and/or gravel at a minimum of 5 sites (1 per each of 5 major watersheds).</p> | 19% spent out of \$45.6M | |
| | <p>Proposed: FISH HABITAT AND PASSAGE IMPROVEMENT</p> <p>1. Complete planning and design for one creek/lake separation.</p> <p>2. Construct one creek/lake separation project in partnership with local agencies.</p> <p>3. Use \$8 million for fish passage improvements.</p> <p>4. Update study of all major steelhead streams in the county to identify appropriate locations for installation of large woody debris and gravel as appropriate.</p> <p>5. Complete five (5) habitat enhancement projects based on studies that identify high priority locations for large wood, boulders, gravel and/or other habitat enhancement features.</p> | \$43.6M | \$50.6M |
| D5 | <p>Existing: Ecological Data Collection and Analysis</p> <p>1. Establish new or track existing ecological levels of service for streams in 5 watersheds.</p> <p>2. Reassess streams in 5 watersheds to determine if ecological levels of service are maintained or improved.</p> | 26% spent out of \$9M | |
| | <p>Proposed: ECOLOGICAL DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS</p> <p>1. Reassess and track stream ecological conditions, habitats and selected fauna in each of the county's five (5) watersheds every 15 years.</p> | \$7M | \$10.5M |
| D6 | <p>Existing: Creek Restoration and Stabilization</p> <p>1. Construct 3 geomorphic designed projects to restore stability and stream function by preventing incision and promoting sediment balance throughout the watershed.</p> | 7% spent out of \$18.5M | |
| | <p>Proposed: RESTORATION OF NATURAL CREEK FUNCTIONS</p> | \$14.5M | \$19.6M |

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| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Construct the Hale Creek Enhancement Pilot Project, which includes restoration and stabilization of a 650-foot section of concrete-lined channel on Hale Creek, between Marilyn Drive and North Sunshine Drive on the border of Mountain View and Los Altos. 2. Construct the Bolsa Road Fish Passage Project along 1,700 linear feet of Uvas- Carnadero Creek in unincorporated Santa Clara County, which includes geomorphic design features that will restore stability and stream function. 3. Identify, plan, design and construct a third geomorphic-designed project to restore stability and stream function by preventing incision and promoting sediment balance throughout the watershed. | | |
| D7 | <p>Existing: Partnerships for the Conservation of Habitat Lands</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide up to \$8 million for the acquisition of property for the conservation of habitat lands. <p>Proposed: PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE CONSERVATION OF HABITAT LANDS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide up to \$8 million per 15-year period for the acquisition or enhancement of property for the conservation of habitat lands. | <p>10% spent out of \$8M</p> <p>\$8M</p> | \$8M |

| | KPIs Priority E: Provide Flood Protection to Homes, Businesses, Schools and Highways | Funds from SCW | Project Total |
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| E1 | <p>Existing: Coyote Creek Flood Protection Montague Expressway to Tully Road – San José</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preferred project with federal, state, and local funding: Secure alternative funding sources to construct a flood protection project that provides flood risk reduction from floods up to the level of flooding that occurred on February 21, 2017, approximately a 20 to 25-year flood event, between Montague Expressway and Tully Road. 2. With local funding only: (a) Identify short-term flood relief solutions and begin implementation prior to the 2017-2018 winter season; (b) Complete the planning and design phases of the preferred project; and (c) With any remaining funds, identify and construct prioritized elements of the preferred project. <p>Proposed: COYOTE CREEK FLOOD PROTECTION, MONTAGUE EXPRESSWAY TO TULLY ROAD – SAN JOSÉ</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Construct flood protection improvements along Coyote Creek between Montague Expressway and Tully Road to provide protection from floods up to the level that occurred on February 21, 2017, approximately a 5% (or a 20-year) flood event. | <p>9% spent out of \$30.9M</p> <p>\$41.8M</p> | \$80.8M |
| E2 | <p>Existing (Other): Sunnyvale East and Sunnyvale West Channels Flood Protection Projects San Francisco Bay to Inverness Way and Almanor Avenue – Sunnyvale</p> | <p>14% spent out of \$60M</p> | |

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| | <p>1. Provide riverine flood protection for 1,618 properties and 47 acres (11 parcels) of industrial land, while improving stream water quality and providing for recreational opportunities.</p> <p>Proposed: SUNNYVALE EAST AND SUNNYVALE WEST CHANNELS FLOOD PROTECTION, SAN FRANCISCO BAY TO INVERNESS WAY AND ALMANOR AVENUE -- SUNNYVALE</p> <p>1. Provide 1% flood protection for 1,618 properties and 47 acres (11 parcels) of industrial land, while improving stream water quality and working with other agencies to incorporate recreational opportunities.</p> | \$33M | \$70.4M |
| E3 | <p>Existing:</p> <p>Proposed: LOWER BERRYESSA FLOOD PROTECTION, INCLUDING TULARCITOS AND UPPER CALERA CREEKS (PHASE 3) -- MILPITAS</p> <p>1. Complete the design phase of the project.</p> | \$8.2M | \$71.2M |
| E4 | <p>Existing: Upper Penitencia Creek Flood Protection Coyote Creek to Dorel Drive – San José</p> <p>1. Preferred project with federal and local funding: Construct a flood protection project to provide 1% flood protection to 5,000 homes, businesses and public buildings.</p> <p>2. With local funding only: Acquire all necessary rights-of-way and construct a 1% flood protection project from Coyote Creek confluence to King Road.</p> <p>Proposed: UPPER PENITENCIA CREEK FLOOD PROTECTION, COYOTE CREEK TO DOREL DRIVE -- SAN JOSÉ</p> <p>1. Preferred project with federal and local funding: Construct a flood protection project to provide 1% flood protection to 8,000 parcels.</p> <p>2. With local funding only: Construct a 1% flood protection project from Coyote Creek confluence to Capital Avenue to provide 1% flood protection to 1,250 parcels, including the new Berryessa BART station</p> | <p>1% spent out of \$44M</p> <p>\$22.9M</p> | \$67M |
| E5 | <p>Existing: San Francisquito Creek Flood Protection San Francisco Bay to Middlefield Road Palo Alto</p> <p>1. Preferred project with federal, state and local funding: Protect more than 3,000 parcels by providing 1% flood protection.</p> <p>2. With state and local funding only: Protect approximately 3,000 parcels from flooding (100-year protection downstream of Highway 101, and approximately 30-year protection upstream of Highway 101).</p> <p>Proposed: SAN FRANCISQUITO CREEK FLOOD PROTECTION, SAN FRANCISCO BAY TO UPSTREAM OF HIGHWAY 101 -- PALO ALTO</p> | <p>62% spent out of \$80M</p> <p>\$31.5M</p> | \$89.3M |

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| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preferred project with federal, state and local funding: Protect more than 3,000 parcels by providing 1% flood protection. 2. With state and local funding only: Protect approximately 3,000 parcels by providing 1% flood protection downstream of Highway 101, and approximately 1.4% protection upstream of Highway 101. | | |
| E6 | <p>Existing: Upper Llagas Creek Flood Protection Project Buena Vista Avenue to Wright Avenue – Morgan Hill, San Martin, Gilroy</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preferred project with federal and local funding: Provide flood protection to 1,100 homes, 500 businesses, and 1,300 agricultural acres, while improving stream habitat. S 2. With local funding only: Provide 100-year flood protection for Reach 7 only (up to W. Dunne Avenue in Morgan Hill). A limited number of homes and businesses will be protected. <p>Proposed: UPPER LLAGAS CREEK FLOOD PROTECTION, BUENA VISTA AVENUE TO LLAGAS ROAD -- MORGAN HILL, SAN MARTIN, GILROY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preferred project with federal and local funding: Plan, design and construct flood protection improvements along 13.9 miles of Upper Llagas Creek from Buena Vista Avenue to Llagas Road to provide flood protection to 1,100 homes, 500 businesses, and 1,300 agricultural acres, while improving stream habitat. 2. With local funding only: Construct flood protection improvements along Llagas Creek from Buena Vista Avenue to Highway 101 in San Martin (Reaches 4 and 5 (portion)), Monterey Road to Watsonville Road in Morgan Hill (Reach 7a), approximately W. Dunne Avenue to W. Main Avenue (portion of Reach 8), and onsite compensatory mitigation at Lake Silveira. | <p>26% spent out of \$200M</p> <p>\$46.3M</p> | <p>\$285M</p> |
| E7 | <p>Existing: San Francisco Bay Shoreline Protection Milpitas, Mountain View, Palo Alto, San José, Santa Clara and Sunnyvale</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide portion of the local share of funding for planning and design phases for the former salt production ponds and Santa Clara County shoreline area. 2. Provide portion of the local share of funding toward estimated cost of initial project phase (EIA 11). <p>Proposed: SAN FRANCISCO BAY SHORELINE PROTECTION -- MILPITAS, MOUNTAIN VIEW, PALO ALTO, SAN JOSÉ, SANTA CLARA AND SUNNYVALE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide portion of the local share of funding for planning, design and construction phases for the Santa Clara County shoreline area (EIAs 1-4). 2. Provide portion of the local share of funding for planning and design phases for the Santa Clara County shoreline area (EIAs 5-9). | <p>51% spent out of \$23.8M</p> <p>\$46M</p> | <p>\$400M</p> |

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| E8 | Existing: Upper Guadalupe River Flood Protection Highway 280 to Blossom Hill Road – San José 1. Preferred project with federal and local funding: Construct a flood protection project to provide 1% flood protection to 6,280 homes, 320 businesses and 10 schools and institutions. 2. With local funding only: Construct flood protection improvements along 4,100 feet of Guadalupe River between Southern Pacific Railroad (SPRR) crossing, downstream of Willow Street, to Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) crossing, downstream of Padres Drive. Flood damage will be reduced; however, protection from the 1% flood is not provided until completion of the entire Upper Guadalupe River Project. | 39% spent out of \$94.3M | |
| | Proposed: UPPER GUADALUPE FLOOD PROTECTION, HIGHWAY 280 TO BLOSSOM HILL ROAD -- SAN JOSÉ 1. Preferred project with federal and local funding: Construct a flood protection project to provide 1% flood protection to 6,280 homes, 320 businesses and 10 schools and institutions. 2. With local funding only: Construct flood protection improvements along 4,100 feet of Guadalupe River between Southern Pacific Railroad (SPRR) crossing, downstream of Willow Street, to Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) crossing, downstream of Padres Drive and provide gravel augmentation along approximately 800 lineal feet of the Upper Guadalupe River in San José, from approximately the Union Pacific Railroad Bridge to West Virginia Street Bridge to improve aquatic habitat for migrating steelhead and channel stability. | \$35.8M | \$494M |

| | KPIs Priority F: Support Public Health and Public Safety for Our Community | Funds from SCW | Project Total |
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| F1 | Existing (E1): Vegetation Control and Sediment Removal for Flood Protection 1. Maintain 90% of improved channels at design capacity. 2. Provide vegetation management for 6,120 acres along levee and maintenance roads. Proposed: VEGETATION CONTROL AND SEDIMENT REMOVAL FOR CAPACITY 1. Maintain completed flood protection projects for flow conveyance. | 31% spent out of \$40.5M | |
| | | \$114.1M | \$213.1M |
| F2 | Existing (E2): Emergency Response Planning 1. Coordinate with agencies to incorporate Valley Water-endorsed flood emergency procedures into their Emergency Operations Center plans. 2. Complete 5 flood-fighting action plans (1 per major watershed). Proposed: EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNING AND PREPAREDNESS 1. Coordinate with local municipalities to merge Valley Water-endorsed flood emergency processes with their own emergency response plans and processes. | 35% spent out of \$3.9M | |
| | | \$7.2M | \$7.2M |

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| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Complete five flood management plans/procedures per five-year period, selected by risk priorities. Train Valley Water staff and partner municipalities annually on disaster procedures via drills and exercises before testing the plans and procedures. Test flood management plans/procedures annually to ensure effectiveness | | |
| F3 | <p>Existing (E3): Flood Risk Reduction Studies</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Complete engineering studies on 7 creek reaches to address 1% flood risk. Update floodplain maps on a minimum of 2 creek reaches in accordance with new FEMA standards. <p>Proposed: FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT STUDIES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Complete engineering studies on three (3) creek reaches to address 1% flood risk. Annually, update floodplain maps on a minimum of three (3) creek reaches in accordance with new FEMA standards. | <p>45% spent out of \$9.4M</p> <p>\$21.9M</p> | <p>\$21.9M</p> |
| F4 | <p>Existing: None</p> <p>Proposed: VEGETATION MANAGEMENT FOR ACCESS AND FIRE SAFETY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Provide vegetation management for access and fire risk reduction on an average of 495 acres per year, totaling 7,425 acres along levee, property lines and maintenance roads over a 15-year period | <p>\$12M</p> | <p>\$80M</p> |
| F5 | <p>Existing (B4): Good Neighbor Program: Encampment Cleanup</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Perform 52 annual cleanups for the duration of the Safe, Clean Water Program to reduce the amount of trash and pollutants entering the streams. <p>Proposed: GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM: ENCAMPMENT CLEANUPS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Perform 300 annual cleanups to reduce the amount of trash and pollutants entering the streams. Provide up to \$500,000 per year in cost-share with other agencies to provide police and ranger patrol activities along waterways. Partner with local agencies to address homelessness crisis with the goal to reduce encampment cleanups. | <p>44% spent out of \$15.1M</p> <p>\$38.7M</p> | <p>\$38.7M</p> |
| F6 | <p>Existing: Good Neighbor Program: Remove Graffiti and Litter</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct 60 cleanup events (4 per year). Respond to requests on litter or graffiti cleanup within 5 working days. <p>Proposed: GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM: GRAFFITI AND LITTER REMOVAL AND PUBLIC ART</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Cleanup identified trash and graffiti hotspots at approximately 80 sites four (4) times per year. Respond to requests on litter or graffiti cleanup within five (5) working days. | <p>31% spent out of \$10M</p> <p>\$13.1M</p> | <p>\$26.4M</p> |

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Valley Water's Safe Clean Water Parcel Tax - Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

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| | 3. Provide up to \$1.5 million over 15 years to implement public art projects on Valley Water property and infrastructure. | | |
| F7 | Existing (C2): Emergency Response Upgrades <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Map, install, and maintain gauging stations and computer software on 7 flood-prone reaches to generate and disseminate flood warnings. Proposed: EMERGENCY RESPONSE UPGRADES <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintain existing capabilities for flood forecasting and warning. 2. Improve flood forecast accuracy and emergency response time working with the National Weather Service and through research and development. | 56% spent out of \$3.3M \$13.2M | \$13.2M |
| F8 | Existing: None Proposed: SUSTAINABLE CREEK INFRASTRUCTURE FOR CONTINUED PUBLIC SAFETY <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide up to \$7.5 million over the next 15 years to plan, design and construct projects identified through Watersheds asset management plans. | \$7.5M | \$15M |
| F9 | Existing (D3): Grants and Partnerships to Restore Wildlife Habitat and Provide Access to Trails <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop 5 Stream Corridor Priority Plans to prioritize stream restoration activities. 2. Provide 7 grant cycles and additional partnerships for \$21 million that follow pre-established criteria related to the creation or restoration of wetlands, riparian habitat and favorable stream conditions for fisheries and wildlife, and providing new public access to trails. Existing (B3): Pollution Prevention Partnerships and Grants <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide 7 grant cycles and 5 partnerships that follow pre-established competitive criteria related to preventing or removing pollution. Existing (B7): Support Volunteer Cleanup Efforts and Education <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide 7 grant cycles and 3 partnerships that follow pre-established competitive criteria related to cleanups, education and outreach, and stewardship activities. Proposed: GRANTS AND PARTNERSHIPS FOR SAFE, CLEAN WATER, FLOOD PROTECTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide three (3) grant cycles every five (5) years that follow pre-established competitive criteria related to safe, clean drinking water, flood protection and environmental stewardship. 2. Provide two (2) partnership cycles every five (5) years for projects related to safe, clean drinking water, flood protection and environmental stewardship. 3. Provide annual funding for bottle filling stations to increase drinking water accessibility, with priority for installations in economically disadvantaged communities and locations that serve school-age children and students. 4. Provide annual mini-grant funding opportunity for projects related to safe, clean drinking water, flood protection and environmental stewardship. | 30% spent out of \$24M 42% spent out of \$7.6M 55% spent out of \$2.4M \$50.1M | \$50.1M |

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Valley Water's Safe Clean Water Parcel Tax - Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

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Michele King

Subject: FW: Support of Clean Water Program

From: KYONGMI <kyong-mi@prodigy.net>

Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 11:24 AM

To: Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>

Subject: Support of Clean Water Program

July 9, 2020

Nai Hsueh, Chair

Valley Water Board of Directors

5750 Almaden Expressway

San Jose, CA 95118

Dear Chair Hsueh and members of the Board:

I, Kyongmi Ader, support the proposed community-preferred program report to renew the Safe, Clean Water Program, and urges the Board to adopt it and place this measure on the November 2020 ballot.

I have participated in National River Cleanup Day/Coastal Cleanup Day/Adopt-A-Creek Program for the past 3 years, a program funded through the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program.

I support local dollars for local volunteer litter cleanup projects. The reason why I support the draft program is because it does the following:

- Provides funding for National River Cleanup Day, Coastal Cleanup Day, the Creek Connections Action Group and the year-round Adopt-A-Creek Program
- Provides volunteers the opportunity to take ownership of our local waterways through coordinated cleanup activities
- Provides for additional funding to address the impacts of the unhoused along our waterways
- Reduces contaminants entering our waterways and groundwater
- Provides funding to engage the community through special creek cleanup events, thereby supporting good stewardship of our watersheds
- Leverages community resources by engaging volunteers, thereby making efficient use of funding
- Sustains long-term funding beyond a simple 15-year program that results in long-term investment in the health of local waterways

If approved by voters, the Safe, Clean Water Program renewal would expand critical funding to the following areas: community cleanup events, volunteer community resources, pollution prevention, and public education and outreach to support creek stewardship. It would also guarantee availability of funding over the long-term, thereby resulting in long-term protection of our natural resources.

I, Kyongmi Ader, supports the proposed community-preferred program report to renew the Safe, Clean Water Program, and urges the Board to adopt it and place this measure on the November 2020 ballot. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 408-799-9734.

Sincerely,

Kyongmi Ader



CITY OF CAMPBELL
Mayor's Office

July 7, 2020

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

Dear Chair Hsueh:

On behalf of the City of Campbell, 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.

I 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

Nai Hsueh, Chair
July 7, 2020

The City of Campbell 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) 866-2125, or susanl@campbellca.gov.

Sincerely


Susan M. Landry
Mayor, City of Campbell

Honorable Nai Hsueh, Chair and
Valley Water Board of Directors
5750 Almaden Expressway
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SUBJECT: Approval of the Updated and Enhanced Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood
Protection Program for a Future Funding Measure

Dear Chair Hsueh and Board Members:

We are a group of residents of Crescent Park in Palo Alto who are directly affected by the flooding of San Francisquito Creek. We are writing to express support for the proposed *Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program* renewal and the *Draft Community Preferred Program Report*. We urgently request that you adopt the resolutions supporting both items.

We believe that the write up of Project E5, SAN FRANCISQUITO CREEK FLOOD PROTECTION, SAN FRANCISCO BAY TO UPSTREAM OF HIGHWAY 101 -- PALO ALTO, (pages 9.8 – 9.9 of the *Draft Community Preferred Program Report* dated June 2020, describes well and succinctly the background and need for this project.

We would add an emphasis on the time since the disastrous 2:00 AM 1998 flooding event – 22 years ago. During the time since, we have had five near-miss flooding events and still do not have any protection against the primary culprit for the flooding of the Crescent Park and Duveneck/Saint Francis neighborhoods, the Pope-Chaucer bridge. It is beyond time to upgrade the Pope-Chaucer bridge and the downstream weak spots in the creek, including the Newell Rd bridge, to contain future high flows.

Our residents have waited patiently for these 22 years for downstream reaches of the creek to be upgraded so as not to endanger the people living there from increased upstream conveyance. Each winter during the rainy season, our residents are held on tenterhooks wondering if this will be another year with flooding. Should I put out sand bags, prepare to evacuate, how do I protect life and property? Now that the Hwy 101 to bay reach has been upgraded, thankfully with generous support from Valley Water, it is crunch time when we must maintain the funding priority and capacity to finish the Hwy 101 to Middlefield bridge reach.

We realize that there are many demands for funding and critical tradeoffs on policies, priorities, and strategies for future Valley Water fund raising, work plans, and relations with the many governmental and non-governmental organizations involved. We reemphasize though that the San Francisquito Creek project has built critical momentum over the past few years to finally realize the completion of a workable solution to 70-year flood protection in San Francisquito Creek. We hope that negotiations for support of the proposed funding measure will succeed and not derail renewed funding of the *Enhanced Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program*. We note that Palo Alto residents, and in particular residents of Crescent Park, provided critical support for the previous renewal of the measure, in large part because of its contribution towards flood control of San Francisquito Creek. That support can be expected again, given the continued inclusion of the San Francisquito Creek project in the measure.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Norman H. Beamer, President, Crescent Park Neighborhood Association
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July 7, 2020

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

Re: Draft Community Preferred Plan of Safe Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program

Dear Chair Hsueh:

I am writing in support of the draft community preferred plan, which was developed through outreach to Valley Water District stakeholders over the past six months. These stakeholders include constituents and organizations located in my Senate District. I urge the Valley Water District Board of Directors to adopt the Plan and place the renewal on the November 2020 ballot.

Water is essential in addressing the needs of our communities, and having a safe supply for the future will require a plan that is both flexible and carefully considered. Voters would be able to consider priorities that stakeholders identified:

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

As a representative of this area, I know that residents have understood the reduction of risk from flood control projects coming into fruition along Permanente Creek in Mountain View and Rancho San Antonio, which come from the Safe, clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Plan. I support this plan, which has identified possible projects in Sunnyvale, Palo Alto, San Francisco Bay Shoreline protection in Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, plus a grants and partnerships to promote flood protection and environmental stewardship.

I urge the Board to adopt the plan and place this measure on the November ballot. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Jerry Hill
Senator, 13th District



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July 9, 2020

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

Dear Chair Hsueh:

On behalf of the City of Saratoga, 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 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

The City of Saratoga 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 hmiller@saratoga.ca.us

Sincerely,

Howard A. Miller, Mayor
City of Saratoga

July 9th, 2020
Nai Hsueh, Chair
Valley Water Board of Directors
5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA 95118

Dear Chair Hsueh and members of the Board:

As a graduate of Valley Water's Water 101 Academy and resident of Santa Clara County, I support the proposed community-preferred program report to renew the Safe, Clean Water Program, and urges the Board to adopt it and place this measure on the November 2020 ballot.

I support local dollars for local projects. The reason why I support the draft program is because it does the following:

- Supports the repair and upgrade of Anderson Dam to ensure public safety and repair a critical component of our local water supply.
- Invests in our aging water infrastructure, including reservoirs and pipelines, to ensure a reliable and safe, clean drinking water supply for Santa Clara County.
- Helps fund local flood protection projects to protect people, homes, businesses, highways and important community facilities such as schools and hospitals.
- Protects our creek ecosystems and natural resources by restoring habitat for wildlife, removing invasive and non-native plant species and improving fish passage.
- Empowers community organizations as environmental stewards to help protect and preserve our natural resources through collaboration made possible by Safe, Clean Water grants and partnerships.

If approved by voters, the Safe, Clean Water Program renewal would expand critical funding to repair and upgrade our aging infrastructure, protect our most vulnerable communities from flood risks; support public education, volunteer community resources and creek stewardship. It would also guarantee availability of funding over the long-term, thereby resulting in long-term protection of our water resources.

I support the proposed community-preferred program report to renew the Safe, Clean Water Program, and urge the Board to adopt it and place this measure on the November 2020 ballot. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (408) 551-9965 or cazaragoza1228@gmail.com.

Sincerely

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July 9, 2020

Nai Hsueh, Chair
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5750 Almaden Expressway
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Dear Chair Hsueh and Members of the Board:

As the Mayor of the City of Morgan Hill, I support the proposed community-preferred program report to renew the Safe, Clean Water Program, and urge the Board to adopt it and place this measure on the November 2020 ballot.

This draft program would fund a number of efforts important to the residents and businesses in Morgan Hill. These include:

- Funding to repair Anderson Dam, which provides critical water supplies to all of South County;
- Funding to complete the Upper Llagas Creek Flood Protection Project;
- Expanded and continued funding to address litter, graffiti, and the impacts of the unhoused along our waterways; and
- Continued funding for trails and access to open spaces

Our community supports local dollars for local projects. I recognize that building and maintaining these projects, and funding these important initiatives is a long-term, ongoing endeavor for this and future generations, and funding for this and other flood protection efforts in the draft program should be ongoing and over the long-term as well.

For these reasons, I support the proposed community-preferred program report to renew the Safe, Clean Water Program, and urge the Board to adopt it and place this measure on the November 2020 ballot. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at rich.constantine@morganhill.ca.gov or (408) 313-3305.

Sincerely,

Rich Constantine
Mayor, City of Morgan Hill

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

Dear Chair Hsueh and members of the Board:

As the elected representative for East San Jose, I support the proposed community-preferred program report to renew the Safe, Clean Water Program, and urge the Board to adopt it and place this measure on the November 2020 ballot.

As you know, the City partners with Valley Water every year to address impacts of the unhoused who live along waterways throughout San Jose, including in my district. This coordination effort is directly funded through this program as well as requests for cleanup of illegal dumping, trash, and graffiti. The reason I support the draft program is because it includes expanded, continued funding for this crucial work, and guarantees that funding availability beyond a simple 15-year program. This investment serves disadvantaged communities and vulnerable residents through the long-term operations and maintenance of projects.

As one of the councilmembers whose constituents are deeply affected by the increase in unhoused population near waterways and creeks, it is crucial that these projects receive the funding they need to ensure residents in my district get the resources they need. I support local dollars for local projects, and if approved by voters, this draft program would provide that needed funding to clean up encampments along our waterways, and fund installation and maintenance of public art projects, such as murals, to beautify property and infrastructure, to help deter graffiti and litter.

I appreciate that Valley Water has listened to requests from the community that funding for these activities be continued and expanded through this draft program. I support the proposed community-preferred program report to renew the Safe, Clean Water Program, and urge the Board to adopt it and place this measure on the November 2020 ballot. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my Chief of Staff Frances Herbert at (408) 535-4905 or frances.herbert@sanjoseca.gov

Sincerely;

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Magdalena Carrasco
City of San José
Councilmember, District 5

July 10, 2020

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

Subject: Support for ongoing collaboration between the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority and Valley Water, pursual of funding sources that help meet mutual public benefit objectives

Dear Members of the Board of Valley Water:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority (Authority), we appreciate the opportunity to submit this letter of general support for the ongoing and productive collaboration our agency enjoys with Valley Water.

The Authority is a public, independent special district created by the California State Legislature in 1993 at the urging of community leaders who saw the importance of maintaining the ecological integrity of the region. The Authority conserves the natural environment, supports agriculture, and connects people to nature by protecting open spaces, natural areas, and working farms and ranches for future generations.

Our agencies entered into a Water Resources Protection Memorandum of Understanding in 2015 to memorialize and expand our partnership, with the objective of providing greater benefits to the public related to the protection, restoration, and stewardship of water resources within overlapping areas of our jurisdiction.

Projects in which we have engaged as partners have included, for example, informing elements of mutual interest within Valley Water's One Water Plan, and initiation of the Coyote Valley Water Resources Investment Strategy. The Authority's mission has also been advanced through application of grant funds from Valley Water, such as the South Valley Meadow Restoration project in the Authority's Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve, which received a grant in 2017 from the Valley Water Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program.

Given the significant benefit our partnership can continue to bring to the public as it relates to mutual goals around natural water resource protection and enhancement, the Authority is supportive of the ongoing collaboration between our agencies, as well as Valley Water's pursual of sustainable funding sources to support that collaboration.

The Authority appreciates this opportunity to express support for our ongoing partnership, and looks forward to further collaboration on projects, programs, and initiatives that benefit the communities both our agencies serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Andrea Mackenzie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the "ie" at the end.

Andrea Mackenzie
General Manager

Cc: Board of Directors, Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority
Citizens Advisory Committee, Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority



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

July 9th, 2020

Subject: **Safe, Clean Water & Natural Flood Program**

Dear Chair Hsueh

I would like to express the support of Sustainable Silicon Valley for the renewal of the Safe, Clean Water & Natural Flood Protection Program via placement on the upcoming November 2020 ballot as well as the adoption of staff's Draft Community Preferred Plan for implementation of the Program should Santa Clara County voters affirm.

From the Upper Pajaro River to the mouths of San Francisquito and Coyote Creeks, Valley Water has been the custodian of a sacred trust of essential waters, soils and habitat since its founding 91 years ago in 1929. At a time of systemic uncertainty and stress, Valley Water's historic commitment to watershed stewardship should be a great comfort to the nearly two million citizens of Santa Clara County. This is the fundamental strength of your organization, the North Star to set your compass, a major source of pride.

The Draft Community Plan prioritizes resilient supply, pure clean water and extensive flood management, builds on the work of past plans and befits this historic trust. The Plan's process transparency and implementation accountability are well thought through. Valley Water is literally a special district, the largest in California, a multi-purpose provider of multiple benefits. With ratification of the Safe, Clean Water & Natural Flood Program, voters are investing in Santa Clara Valley's sustainable future.

Water (and pretty much everything) needs good governance. Sustainable Silicon Valley is here to help. We are a "think & do" tank focused on water use & reuse, air quality & mobility and the leading of a prosperous, equitable & sustainable life in a decarbonizing Bay Area. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Dennis Murphy
Water
Director

Sustainable Silicon Valley
dmurphy@sustainablesv.org

July 10, 2020

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

Dear Chair Hsueh and members of the Board,

I am a Cupertino resident and Valley Water customer/supporter, and participated in the remote/digital Valley Water infrastructure tour and presentation. There are aspects of the proposed Safe, Clean Water Program renewal I support; however, I urge the Board to consider and take action to address the following indicators of management and implementation concerns. I feel these issues demonstrate attitudes which are not aligned with the stated policies and commitments inherent to the Safe, Clean Water Program and therefore may undermine public support for the measure if presented on the November 2020 ballot.

A review of commitments and accomplishments in the protection of ecosystems and wildlife habitat indicates a lack of follow-through in promised investments. Over \$15M allocated to habitat stewardship was unspent at the conclusion of the previous parcel tax measure and the FY19 Safe, Clean Water Program report shows \$25M of similarly allocated parcel tax funds remain unspent. Measure B's voter-endorsed Key Program Indicators specific to habitat and ecosystem management/restoration have been revised and combined into a general-purpose grant fund in the draft proposed renewal, a worrying indication that the low priority accorded these issues could be further enabled rather than remediated.

The draft proposed measure has no sunset date, an obstacle to appropriate accountability to voters. Another concern centers on the Independent Monitoring Committee. This body is only empowered to assess prior year activities while real oversight should include the ability to review and advise with forward-looking recommendations.

I represented NASA Ames to the Silicon Valley Leadership Group prior to my retirement in 2019 and Co-Chaired SVLG's Environment Committee for many years. I had the opportunity to visit Valley Water locations and hear staff presentations as they sought community support and advocacy for projects and funding. They impressed me with their professionalism, energy, and commitment. I am confident the concerns articulated above can be addressed, leading to more positive outcomes for the Safe, Clean Water Program and deepening public support for future measures.

Sincerely yours,

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July 10, 2020

Nai Hsueh, Chair
Valley Water Board of Directors
5750 Almaden Expressway
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Dear Chair Hsueh and members of the Board:

Living Classroom supports the proposed community-preferred program report to renew the Safe, Clean Water Program, and urges the Board to adopt it and place this measure on the November 2020 ballot.

Since 2018, Valley Water has awarded Living Classroom \$40,000 in Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program grant funding for our D3 mini-grant projects. These funds provide efforts on planning and supervising community building as well as restoration efforts to our schools' native gardens, which are used as outdoor classrooms to deliver watershed stewardship curriculum to over 5800 students from grades K–5 in 20 schools in 2019-2020.

We support local dollars for local projects. The reason why we support the draft program is because it does the following:

- Provides for expanded grant funding
- Consolidates all grant types to be available each year for increased flexibility and availability
- Offers greater flexibility to fund additional innovative projects that meet community needs
- Streamlines and provides for a more efficient process through a stabilized grants program
- Provides for additional funding to address the impacts of the unhoused along our waterways
- Expands funding and eligibility for public bottle filling station (hydration station) grants
- Provides for new funding for public art to beautify Valley Water property and reduce graffiti and litter
- Guarantees funding availability beyond a simple 15-year program

If approved by voters, Priority F would expand critical grant funding to the following areas: wildlife habitat restoration, water conservation, bottle filling stations (hydration stations), pollution prevention, creek cleanups and education, and access to trails and open space.

Living Classroom supports the proposed community-preferred program report to renew the Safe, Clean Water Program, and urges the Board to adopt it and place this measure on the November 2020 ballot. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 415. 699.8707/margoth@living-classroom.org.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Margot".

Margot Harrigan
Executive Director