

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-**

**DECLARING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 17-24, 2020, AS  
CALIFORNIA FLOOD PREPAREDNESS WEEK IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) recognizes the significant public safety threat flooding poses to the population, assets, and economy of Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, Santa Clara County has endured multiple flood events, including historic floods, wherein Santa Clara County has seen rainfall events that resulted in devastating flooding and debris flows over portions of our community which should serve as a reminder of the flooding threat we face and the need to prepare every year; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara Valley Water District is continuing to address flood protection through various projects and are working towards building flood protection infrastructure to protect communities from future flooding. The Santa Clara Valley Water District is also committed to providing educational material and resources for residents of Santa Clara County to prepare for flooding events; and

WHEREAS, floods can occur in Santa Clara County in any given year, regardless of perceived weather patterns or trends; and even after several years of severe drought conditions, droughts in California have historically ended with extreme rain events and flooding; and

WHEREAS, statewide over 7 million people and at least \$600 billion in assets (buildings, infrastructure, and crops) are exposed to the hazard of flooding; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara Valley Water District provides flood map reading services and makes available to the public the Flood Insurance Rate Maps information developed and published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and

WHEREAS, because of the Santa Clara Valley Water District's ongoing participation in the FEMA National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System, residents and businesses throughout Santa Clara County are eligible to purchase federal flood insurance as financial protection against flood losses, and receive discounted rates on premiums in certain cities; and

WHEREAS, during California Flood Preparedness Week, local, state, and federal agencies across the state work together to inform the public about the dangers of flooding, how to prepare their homes and families for a flood, and plan for recovery; and

WHEREAS, California Flood Preparedness Week 2020 will be held statewide during the week of October 17-24.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District declares the week of October 17-24, 2020, as California Flood Preparedness Week in Santa Clara County in alignment with the California Department of Water Resources' California Flood Preparedness Week, expresses support for increased public awareness of flood threats, and encourages all Santa Clara County residents and businesses to take action to know their flood threat and prepare appropriately for the flood season.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District by the following vote on October 13, 2020:

AYES: Directors

NOES: Directors

ABSENT: Directors

ABSTAIN: Directors

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Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST: MICHELE L. KING, CMC

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Clerk, Board of Directors