



TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Homeless Encampment
CommitteeSUBJECT: April 20, 2021 Homeless Encampment
Committee Meeting Summary

DATE: April 27, 2021

This memorandum summarizes the Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee (Committee) meeting held April 20, 2021, where the following Work Plan items were discussed:

1. Update on May 2, 2021 Coyote Creek Cleanup Event.

The Committee received an update from staff regarding planning activities for the upcoming May 2, 2021 Coyote Creek Cleanup Event, including collaboration with local government agencies, social services providers, and volunteer groups which include unhoused residents who will participate in the cleanup event at two sites: 1) Coyote Creek at Tully Ballfields (800 Tully Road), which will also serve as the event kickoff site, and 2) Coyote Creek from Montague Expressway to E. Brokaw Road. Prior to the cleanup event, the City of San Jose will conduct outreach to inform unhoused residents in the targeted areas what to expect and encourage their participation. It was noted that the event will not include abatement of encampments. The Committee requested an item be added to its Workplan to discuss how to better secure Valley Water property along the creeks.

2. Proposed Adjustments and Modifications to the Good Neighbor Program: Encampment Cleanup Project, Project F5 Under the Renewed Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program.

Staff reviewed proposed text adjustments and Key Performance Indicator Modifications for the Good Neighbor Program: Encampment Cleanup Project, Project F5 under the Renewed Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program, which included revised definitions for cleanup, encampment and encampment cleanup, and proposed modifications to KPIs 1 and 2 as described in Item 4.2., attached herein. The Committee requested staff research alternative language for the terms unhoused and homeless, and that removal of trash be redefined as land management. The Committee requested that staff work with Chairperson Santos to finalize proposed text adjustments. The Committee also approved making a recommendation to the Board to approve text adjustments and set a public hearing to modify the Good Neighbor Program: Encampment Cleanup Project, Project F5.

3. Review Homeless Encampment Committee Name and Purpose.

Staff reviewed existing language and guidance established for the Committee to discuss homelessness and encampment issues, and Valley Water's legal authority and powers to carry out the purposes granted to them. Chairperson Santos continued the item to a future meeting to provide staff additional time to research potential changes to the Committee's name and root causes related to the unhoused, e.g., lack of affordable housing, identify responsibilities, and engage the local municipalities to provide needed resources and

services. Committee members will discuss with CEO Callender potential opportunities for Valley Water to collaborate with local municipalities to address homelessness.

Please submit any questions or comments regarding this summary to the HEC's Committee Clerk at ndominguez@valleywater.org.

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