

# Modification to the Good Neighbor Program: Encampment Cleanup

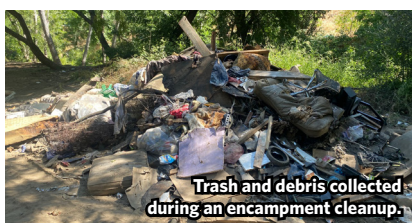


**PRIORITY F** Support public health and public safety for our community.

**What: Public Hearing on Proposed Modification to the Good Neighbor Program: Encampment Cleanup Project**

**When: July 13, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.**

**Where: Teleconference via Zoom link**  
**<https://valleywater.zoom.us/j/89277884503>**



The Good Neighbor Program: Encampment Cleanup project (Project F5) under the renewed Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program (Safe, Clean Water Program), is a countywide project. The primary objective of the project is to remove trash, debris, and hazardous pollutants generated from encampments near waterways or on Valley Water property.

Under the project, the cleanup of encampments is linked to the removal of structures. However, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, many restrictions have been placed on the type of cleanup activities that can be performed in relation to encampments. In turn, it has been challenging to partner with agencies on encampment site cleanups.

Additionally, recent case law has highlighted legal limitations relating to the removal of illegal encampments. Recent cases have cited and relied upon the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidance regarding encampments during the COVID-19 pandemic to limit when encampment abatements can proceed. These limitations have curtailed the removal of illegal encampments and displacement of the people living in those encampments for the time being.

In effect, the CDC's COVID-19 pandemic restrictions and the associated legal restrictions on the removal of illegal encampments has currently halted the work of the Good Neighbor Program: Encampment Cleanup project, under which an encampment cleanup is associated with the removal of encampment structures.

Furthermore, through education and increased awareness, staff has recognized that people living in illegal encampments may identify the encampment site as their home and feel a sense of community there. In turn, while these individuals are without a house or lack a place to live, they prefer not to be referred to as homeless.

To align the renewed Safe, Clean Water Program with these changing conditions, staff is proposing a modification to both key performance indicators (KPIs), along with text adjustments to both Glossary definitions and the project's description and benefits.

For more information on the public hearing, please contact **Jennifer Codianne** at **(408) 630-3876** or by email at **[jcodianne@valleywater.org](mailto:jcodianne@valleywater.org)**.

## Proposed Modifications for Renewed Safe, Clean Water

As per the Safe, Clean Water Program's Change Control Process, staff is recommending the proposed modifications as shown below. It is important to note that the proposed modification to KPI 1 does not impact Valley Water's level of service, but rather changes the way the service is measured. Further, the modified KPI 1 will allow Valley Water the flexibility to operate both under these new restrictions and beyond.

### Modified text: KPIs 1 and 2

1. Manage 300 acres annually to clean up trash, debris, and hazardous pollutants generated from encampments and to reduce the amount of these pollutants entering streams.
2. Provide up to \$500,000 per year in cost-share with local agencies for services related to encampment cleanups, including services supporting staff safety, discouraging re-encampments along waterways or addressing the socio-environmental crisis with the goal of reducing the need for encampment cleanups.

The board agenda memo regarding this hearing will be posted online on July 2, 2021, at **[www.valleywater.org](http://www.valleywater.org)**.

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

This meeting is being held in accordance with the Brown Act as currently in effect under the State Emergency Services Act, the Governor's Emergency Declaration related to COVID-19, and the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 issued on March 17, 2020 that allows attendance by members of the Valley Water Board of Directors, Valley Water staff, and the public to participate and conduct the meeting by teleconference, videoconference, or both.

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Esta reunión se realiza bajo la Ley Brown actualmente en vigor según la Ley de Servicios de Emergencia del Estado, la Declaración de Emergencia del Gobernador relacionada con el COVID-19 y la Orden Ejecutiva del Gobernador N-29-20 emitida el 17 de marzo de 2020, que permite la asistencia de los miembros de la Junta Directiva de Valley Water, el personal de Valley Water y el público para participar y llevar a cabo la reunión por teleconferencia, videoconferencia o ambas. Valley Water, en cumplimiento con la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades (ADA), solicita que las personas que requieran adaptaciones especiales para acceder o participar en las reuniones de la Junta de Valley Water se comuniquen con el secretario de la oficina de la Junta al (408) 630-2711, al menos 3 días hábiles antes de la reunión programada de la Junta, para asegurarse de que el personal de Valley Water pueda ayudarles.

Cuộc họp này được tổ chức theo Đạo luật Brown, hiện có hiệu lực theo Đạo Luật Dịch Vụ Khẩn Cấp Của Tiểu Bang, Tuyên Bố Khẩn Cấp Của Thống Đốc liên quan đến COVID-19 và Sắc Lệnh Số N-29-20 Của Thống Đốc ban hành vào ngày 17 tháng 3 năm 2020, cho phép sự tham dự của các thành viên Hội Đồng Quản Trị Của Valley water, nhân viên của Valley Water, và cộng chúng để tham gia và tiến hành cuộc họp bằng hội nghị từ xa, hội nghị truyền hình, hoặc cả hai cách này. Theo Đạo Luật Người Mỹ Khuyết tật (ADA), Cục Nước Thung Lũng yêu cầu những cá nhân cần sự hỗ trợ đặc biệt để truy cập và/hoặc tham gia vào các Cuộc Họp Hội Đồng Quản Trị Của Valley Water xin hãy liên hệ với Thư ký văn phòng ng Hội Đồng Quản Trị theo số (408) 630-2711 ít nhất 3 ngày làm việc trước khi diễn ra cuộc họp hội đồng theo lịch để đảm bảo rằng nhân viên của Valley Water có thể hỗ trợ quý vị.

此次会议依据《国家紧急服务法》、《与COVID-19相关的州长紧急声明》以及2020年3月17日发布的N-29-20号州长行政命令而现行的《布朗法案》举行。Valley Water理事会成员、Valley Water工作人员及社会公众可出席会议，并通过电话会议、电视会议或同时使用以上两种方式来参加该会议。按照《美国残疾人法案》(ADA)规定，Valley Water要求出席或参与Valley Water理事会会议的有特殊住宿需要的人，在理事会会议之前至少3个工作日致电 (408) 630-2711，与理事会办公室工作人员联系，以确保Valley Water员工可以为您提供帮助。

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