

# Glossary

## **Cleanup**

The removal of trash and debris generated from encampments or other illegal dumping; by Valley Water or by Valley Water in partnership or coordination with other agencies.

## **Encampment**

A site where people are living or storing personal property that is located illegally on Valley Water property or other public property. Encampments may generate trash, debris, and hazardous pollutants. Such encampments contribute to contamination of waterways and damage to Valley Water facilities.

## **Encampment cleanup**

Valley Water, independently or in partnership and coordination with cities and local agencies, will seek to remove trash, debris and hazardous pollutants generated from encampments near waterways or on Valley Water property.

## PROJECT F5

# GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM: ENCAMPMENT CLEANUP

This project supports Valley Water's independent efforts and ongoing coordination with local cities and agencies to clean up trash, debris and hazardous pollutants generated by encampments near waterways or on Valley Water property. Such encampments contribute to contamination of waterways and damage to Valley Water facilities. This project includes cooperative efforts to partner with local municipalities and other agencies for services related to encampment cleanups and to help provide alternatives to homelessness.

This project will also provide funding for local municipalities' services supporting staff safety as they work around encampments and discouraging re-encampments along waterways.

### Benefits

- Reduces the accumulation of trash, debris, and hazardous pollutants in local waterways, including streams, wetlands, and water utility facilities (e.g. percolation ponds)
- Protects Valley Water facilities and reduces flood risk
- Improves the aesthetics of creeks in neighborhoods and along trails
- Coordinates Valley Water's efforts with multiple agencies to create lasting solutions to reduce encampments near waterways

### Key Performance Indicators

1. Manage 300 acres annually to cleanup 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.

### Geographic Area of Benefit:

Countywide