



Santa Clara Valley Water District

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Agenda Date: 5/23/2017

Item No.: 3.9.

BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

Resolution Recognizing June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the Resolution RECOGNIZING JUNE AS LGBT PRIDE MONTH.

SUMMARY:

The month of June is nationally recognized as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month (LGBT Pride Month) to commemorate the Stonewall riots in Manhattan, which occurred at the end of June 1969. A year after the Stonewall Riots, members of the LGBT community began to celebrate the anniversary of that significant event, which brought widespread attention to discriminatory laws and policies and gave birth to the modern LGBT civil rights movement.

Each year since 2000, the consecutive presidents of the United States issued a proclamation in recognition of LGBT Pride Month. Last year, President Obama's proclamation acknowledged that, despite the extraordinary progress of the past few years, LGBT Americans still face discrimination simply for being who they are.

In the past year, discriminatory bathroom laws were enacted in a handful of states across the nation. The current administration in Washington, D.C. has rescinded protections for transgender students. The LGBT civil rights movement believes that other rights are now in jeopardy. The journey towards full equality continues and all people are encouraged to support the LGBT civil rights movement to continue to promote equal rights for all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

During the month of June, pride events throughout the community and around the world include parades and marches, rallies, commemorations, community days, dance parties and large festivals.

The District will recognize LGBT Pride Month on June 1 through its annual raising of the rainbow flag in front of the District's headquarters building. The District will also hold a lunch-time event on June 15 in the boardroom to celebrate all those who play a major role in overcoming hate in our society. This year's theme is "Our Light Continues to Shine: Unexpected Heroes."

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this item.

CEQA:

The recommended action does not constitute a project under CEQA because it does not have a potential for resulting in direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Resolution

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