



Santa Clara Valley Water District

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BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

Approve Recommended Federal Appropriations Requests for Federal Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the recommended federal Fiscal Years (FYs) 2021 and 2022 appropriations requests for Valley Water-sponsored and Valley Water-supported projects.

SUMMARY:

On November 16-18, 2020, Valley Water Board members and staff will hold a virtual lobby trip with Members of Congress and staff, as well as executive agency officials and staff, to discuss Valley Water's federal FY 2021 and FY 2022 appropriations requests and priorities. Approval of this item will allow participating Board members and staff to engage in and influence the federal budget process, as well as discuss other priority issues.

While the 2021 federal fiscal year began on October 1, there is still time to influence FY 2021 appropriations and, in particular, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) FY 2021 work plan. On October 1, the President signed into law a continuing resolution that funds the federal government through December 11, 2020, at FY 2020 funding levels. Congress must first pass a regular appropriations bill before USACE can submit its work plan. In addition, federal agencies are currently in the process of drafting their respective FY 2022 budget requests, which the President will release in his budget submission to Congress in February 2021.

In order to engage in and influence the budget and appropriations process, staff is requesting that the Board support a list of Valley Water's USACE-partnered flood protection project funding requests for USACE's FY 2021 and FY 2022 work plans, as well as a list of federally partnered water utility project funding requests for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. The requests are shown on Attachment 1 and are coordinated with Valley Water's federal and local partners to ensure that the appropriations will fully fund these programs and projects.

In spring 2021, prior to the spring trip to Washington, D.C. (whether in-person or virtual), staff will bring an updated list of appropriations requests for FY 2022 for the Board's consideration.

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 the potential for resulting in direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: FY 21-22 Federal Appropriations Requests

*Supplemental Agenda Memo

*Supplemental Attachment 1: Revised FY 21-22 Federal Appropr Req

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