



Santa Clara Valley Water District

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Item No.: 3.2.

BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

Resolution Declaring September 17, 2022, as California Coastal Cleanup Day in Santa Clara County.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution DECLARING SEPTEMBER 17, 2022, AS CALIFORNIA COASTAL CLEANUP DAY IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

SUMMARY:

Trash in and along creeks and waterways has a significant impact on stream water quality and contributes to potential flood risks in Santa Clara County. Consequently, each year a consortium of public agencies known as the Creek Connections Action Group (CCAG), of which the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) is a member, undertakes efforts to educate the community about these impacts and encourage agencies and volunteers to remove trash from the creeks, with the goal of protecting Santa Clara County's waterways. Last year, CCAG's efforts resulted in the removal of a total of 29,431 pounds of trash from the waterways in Santa Clara County.

Since 1995, Valley Water has been working with the CCAG to coordinate the annual Coastal Cleanup Day event in Santa Clara County to keep creeks and rivers clean. In addition to Valley Water, members of the CCAG include the cities of San Jose, Milpitas, Palo Alto, Gilroy, Cupertino, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, as well as Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation and the West Valley Clean Water Authority. Valley Water's role in the CCAG is to serve as Chair and provide countywide coordination, outreach, and supplies for volunteers, such as gloves, trash bags, and litter sticks.

Coastal Cleanup Day continues to serve as an opportunity to partner with cities, nonprofits, and various community groups to raise pollution prevention awareness and organize volunteers to help remove trash from the County's waterways. This year, as we continue to adhere to the Santa Clara County Public Health Order in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Valley Water and CCAG will host a virtual Coastal Cleanup Day event along with in-person cleanup sites. Volunteers will have the option to conduct cleanups in their neighborhoods and around their local natural areas or participate in a group cleanup at organized sites throughout the County. Valley Water will host supply pick-ups for individual volunteers and group organizers.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:

While the declaration does not constitute Environmental Justice impacts, creek clean-up activities supported by Valley Water provide an opportunity for community volunteers to actively engage in the work to help keep our creeks clean and communities healthy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$25,000 is available for services and supplies to support this event in the FY 2022-23 budget for the Support Volunteer Cleanup project #00061019. No additional funding is requested.

CEQA:

The recommended action is exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities). Valley Water prepared a Notice of Exemption covering various creek clean-up activities within Valley Water right-of-way, which was filed with the Santa Clara County Clerk-Recorder's Office on March 16, 2022.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Resolution

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

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