



Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 20-0147

Agenda Date: 3/10/2020
Item No.: *2.10.

BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

Adopt Fiscal Year 2021 Federal Appropriations Requests. (PREVIOUSLY LISTED AS ITEM 2.9)

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the recommended federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 appropriations requests for Valley Water-sponsored and Valley Water-supported projects.

SUMMARY:

On March 30-April 1, 2020, the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Board members and staff will travel to Washington, D.C., to meet with Members of Congress and staff, as well as agency officials and staff, to advocate for Valley Water's FY 2021 appropriations requests and legislative priorities. Approval of this item will allow these Board members and staff to engage in and influence the federal budget process, as well as discuss and advocate for other priority issues.

On February 10, 2020, the President submitted his FY 2021 budget request to Congress, which initiated the FY 2021 appropriations process. The Valley Water delegation trip to D.C. is purposely scheduled for early spring so that we may influence the appropriations process and the subsequent work plan requests for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

In order to engage in and influence the appropriations process during this trip, staff is requesting that the Board support Valley Water's USACE-partnered flood protection project funding requests for FY 2021, as well as a list of federally-partnered water utility project funding requests for FY 2021, which begins October 1, 2020. These preliminary requests are shown in Attachment 1 and are coordinated with Valley Water's federal and local partners to ensure that Valley Water's programs and projects receive maximum available federal funding. Staff may revise these FY2021 requests later in the year based on additional information. In that case, staff will seek additional Board approval.

In the fall, prior to the fall trip to Washington, D.C., staff will bring an updated list of appropriations and work plan requests for FY 2021, if applicable, and new requests for FY 2022 for the Board's endorsement.

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: Federal Appropriations Requests for FY 2021

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