



# Santa Clara Valley Water District

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**File No.:** 21-0527

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## BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

### **SUBJECT:**

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### **SUMMARY:**

On June 26, 2018, Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Board of Directors (Board) approved a grant award to the Trust for Conservation Innovation in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000 to support the Beyond Leak Detection: Evaluating Water Conservation and Leak Notification Benefits of "Smart Home" Devices (Project) (Attachment 1). The Project provides consumers with real-time water consumption data through the installation of leak detection devices in residential homes. The devices are monitored, evaluated for efficiency, and analyzed for potential water savings. To date, \$36,681.37 of the grant amount has been disbursed to Trust for Conservation Innovation for completing 11 of the total 13 tasks, including all of the planning, installation, and monitoring tasks.

The Project was originally scheduled to be completed by June 30, 2020; however, due to the State Emergency Services Act, the Governor's Emergency Declaration related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, and Order of the County of Santa Clara Public Health Officer dated March 16, 2020, the Grantee was unable to complete installations in residential homes due to shelter-in-place orders. As a result of this initial delay, on February 12, 2021 the CEO approved Amendment No. 1 (Attachment 3), a no-cost, time extension of the Agreement through June 30, 2021 with the understanding that uncertainties surrounding the pandemic may further delay the Grantee preparing the final report to complete the Project.

In March 2021, the Grantee was notified that some of the participating cities would be delayed in

providing meter data. The Grantee then requested additional time to sufficiently complete data analysis and finalize the report required to complete the Project (Attachment 2).

To ensure the public benefits from the completed Project, staff recommends approval of Amendment No. 2 (Attachment 4), which would extend the term of the Agreement through June 30, 2022. This extension ensures that the Grantee has sufficient time to complete the remaining two tasks of the Project scope and their final water conservation report.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

None. Amendment No. 2 is a no-cost, time extension.

**CEQA:**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: Agreement A4153R  
Attachment 2: Amendment Request  
Attachment 3: Amendment No. 1  
Attachment 4: Amendment No. 2

**UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:**

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