



Santa Clara Valley Water District

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Agenda Date: 10/12/2021

Item No.: 3.1.

BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

Approve Federal Funding Requests for Federal Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the recommended federal Fiscal Years (FYs) 2022 and 2023 appropriations requests for Valley Water-sponsored and Valley Water-supported projects.

SUMMARY:

On November 1-3, 2021, Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Board members and staff will conduct virtual meetings with Members of Congress and staff, as well as executive agency officials and staff, to advocate for Valley Water's FY 2022 and FY 2023 funding requests and legislative 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 and advocate for other priority issues.

While the 2022 federal fiscal year began on October 1, 2021, there is still time to influence FY 2022 appropriations and, in particular, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) FY 2022 work plan. The federal government is currently operating under a continuing resolution that funds federal agencies on a short-term basis at FY 2021 funding levels. Congress is expected to pass a regular appropriations bill later in 2021, which is required before USACE can submit its work plan. In addition, federal agencies are currently in the process of finalizing their respective FY 2023 budget requests, which the President will release in his budget submission to Congress in February 2022.

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 2022 and FY 2023 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 early 2022, 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 2023 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: FY22, FY23 Federal Funding Requests

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

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