



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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June 4, 2021

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CEO BULLETIN



To: Board of Directors
From: Rick L. Callender, CEO

Weeks of May 21 – June 3, 2021

Board Executive Limitation Policy EL-7:

The Board Appointed Officers shall inform and support the Board in its work. Further, a BAO shall 1) inform the Board of relevant trends, anticipated adverse media coverage, or material external and internal changes, particularly changes in the assumptions upon which any Board policy has previously been established and 2) report in a timely manner an actual or anticipated noncompliance with any policy of the Board.

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1. 2021 Valley Water Summer Internship Program

After a competitive process garnering nearly 1,800 applicants, this summer, forty (40) interns will be joining Valley Water. Valley Water's Summer Internship program provides hands-on, real-life exposure to careers in water and at a public agency. Over the course of Valley Water's Summer Internship Program, student interns will partner with an employee mentor, receive training, gain valuable experience, and be given opportunities to meet and learn from our leadership team.

The majority of the internships will be virtual, and span across all areas of the organization including Environmental Planning, Design and Construction, Government Relations, Engineering, Pipeline Projects, Communications, Information Technology, Human Resources, and Lab Services.

For further information, please contact Ingrid Bella at (408) 630-3171.

2. Reclamation Updates Central Valley Project 2021 Water Supply

On May 26, 2021, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) issued a news release announcing that the 2021 Central Valley Project (CVP) allocation for Municipal and Industrial (M&I) water service contractors north-of-Delta and south-of-Delta, including Valley Water, was reduced from 55 percent to 25 percent. This allocation may be subject to an adjustment to meet public health and safety needs in accordance with the CVP M&I Shortage Policy. Valley Water is pursuing such an adjustment.

The news release also stated that the existing 5 percent CVP allocation for agricultural water service contractors both north-of-Delta and south-of-Delta, which was previously suspended until further notice, is now officially reduced to zero percent.

For further information, please contact Vincent Gin at (408) 630-2633.

3. Steelhead Temperature Study

On October 20, 2020, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted the 2018 proposed 303(d) list of impaired waters, which listed the cold freshwater habitat and migration beneficial uses of lower Los Gatos Creek as impaired by elevated water temperature. The listing was based on guidelines for temperature tolerance of Central California Coast (CCC) steelhead that were derived for waters of the Pacific Northwest and may be inappropriate for the San Francisco Bay region. To address the lack of regionally-appropriate temperature thresholds for CCC steelhead, Valley Water is leading a steelhead temperature study, in coordination with the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) and other water agencies in the San Francisco Bay area. The San Francisco Estuary Institute is currently convening an expert panel to guide the study on behalf of Valley Water and the RWQCB. Other regulatory agencies including the National Marine Fisheries Service, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Environmental Protection Agency will also provide input.

Valley Water's consultant, Stillwater Sciences, will compile and analyze existing data to determine steelhead probability of occurrence based on stream temperature. This analysis is anticipated to define temperature ranges under which steelhead occur in our region and infer an upper temperature limit. This study phase is currently underway, and findings are anticipated next year. If necessary, additional data collection or experimental studies may be conducted to ensure that the new temperature evaluation guidelines meet regulatory requirements, to potentially support a reassessment of the 303(d) listing of Los Gatos Creek. By leading this study effort, Valley Water is helping to ensure the continued protection of all beneficial uses of our region's water resources.

For further information, please contact Lisa Bankosh at (408) 630-2618.

4. Vaccination Ascertainment Survey Tool Helps Valley Water Comply with County Health Order

The Order of the Health Officer of the County of Santa Clara, issued on May 18, 2021, requires that businesses and governmental entities ascertain the vaccination status of all personnel. Valley Water created a secure database, similar to the tool that was used to report daily status and location of employees during the pandemic, specifically for this vaccination data collection. All Valley Water employees, interns, and temporary staff were required to complete a short survey to verify their vaccination status, upload a copy of their vaccination card if applicable, or decline to state their status.

Due to the potentially sensitive nature of evidence of vaccine being provided, these documents are being stored in a separate, highly secure system designed and certified for the handling and storage of medical records. Only certain individuals within Human Resources have been granted access. Valley Water must maintain appropriate records to demonstrate compliance with this provision.

Valley Water must complete our initial ascertainment of vaccination status for all personnel within 14 days of the effective date of the Order, which is June 1, 2021. Thereafter, we must obtain updated vaccination status for all personnel who have not been fully vaccinated every 14 days.

Until a person's vaccination status is ascertained, they must be treated as not fully vaccinated. Personnel who decline to provide vaccination status must also be treated as unvaccinated.

It is anticipated that safety protocols, such as wearing of face coverings and social distancing, will be different for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals and the vaccination status will be required for enforcement. Valley Water will provide notice when there has been such a change in protocols. Once there has been a formal change in safety protocols, a report of who is in the non-vaccinated group will be sent to each manager so that they can enforce the mandated safety protocols.

For further information, please contact Ingrid Bella at (408) 663-7078.

5. Valley Water Hosts Virtual Meeting on the Start of Construction of the Anderson Dam Tunnel Project.

On May 19, 2021, Valley Water hosted a virtual public meeting to provide an update on the upcoming construction of the Anderson Dam Tunnel Project, which is slated to begin in June 2021.

There were 75 participants who attended virtually via Zoom and 13 participants who joined on Facebook Live. Following the presentation, Valley Water responded to questions on topics about the project's geology, potential financial assistance from the state and federal levels, the project timeline, and the work's impact on the environment. Attendees were encouraged to contact the project's neighborhood liaison with additional questions or concerns.

A recording of the May 19, 2021 virtual meeting and presentation is now available on the project's webpage: <https://www.valleywater.org/anderson-dam-project>.

For further information, please contact Rachael Gibson at (408) 781-4739.



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June 2, 2021

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RE: Transition Period Prior to Repeal of COVID-related Executive Orders

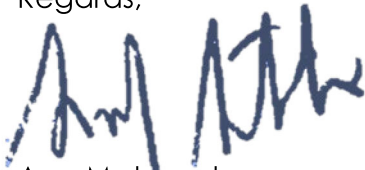
Dear Mr. Knaus, Ms. Miller, Ms. Hurst, Ms. Preston, Ms. Heaton, Ms. King, Ms. Coleman, Ms. Blacet-Hyden, Mr. McCormick, Mr. Anderson, and colleagues,

Thank you for your correspondence of May 18, 2021, inquiring what impact the anticipated June 15 termination of the Blueprint for a Safer Economy will have on Executive Order N-29-20, which provided flexibility to state and local agencies and boards to conduct their business through virtual public meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please be assured that this Executive Order Provision will not terminate on June 15 when the Blueprint is scheduled to terminate. While the Governor intends to terminate COVID-19 executive orders at the earliest possible date at which conditions warrant, consistent with the Emergency Services Act, the Governor recognizes the importance of an orderly return to the ordinary conduct of public meetings of state and local agencies and boards. To this end, the Governor's office will work to provide notice to affected stakeholders in advance of rescission of this provision to provide state and local agencies and boards time necessary to meet statutory and logistical requirements. Until a further order issues, all entities may continue to rely on N-29-20.

We appreciate your partnership throughout the pandemic.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ana Matosantos', written in a cursive style.

Ana Matosantos
Cabinet Secretary

BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS and Informational Items



MEMORANDUM

FC 14 (08-21-19)

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Rick L. Callender, Esq.
Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (FY 21) Quarter 3
(Q3) Quarterly Ends Policy Outcome
Measure Status Report

DATE: May 21, 2021

Enclosed is the FY 21 Q3 performance report, which, per Board policy, is monitored by reporting on the Board Appointed Officer's (BAO) Ends Policy Outcome Measures. This report is one of the ways that the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors (the Board) monitors the degree to which the Board policies are being met by the Chief Executive Officer.

This report summarizes the status of 108 Outcome Measures, grouped by each Board Ends Policy Objective. Overall, in Q3, 84% of the Ends Outcome Measures (91 of 108) are on target or were met versus 86% (93 of 108) reported last quarter; 10% have been or will be adjusted (11 of 108) versus 10% (11 of 108) reported last quarter.

Specifically, six percent (6 of 108) are not on target for the reasons below:

- OM-2.1.1.a At least 95% of countywide water supply wells meet primary drinking water standards.

Storage is projected to be 277,000 AF at the end of 2021, just below the target. To address dry conditions, staff is pursuing supplemental imported water purchases to support recharge as well as enhanced water conservation messaging to the community.
- OM-2.1.1.e At least 95% of countywide water supply wells meet primary drinking water standards.

Elevated nitrate in South County (primarily domestic wells) resulted in 87% of wells tested meeting primary standards (this increases to 100% if nitrate is not included). Staff is preparing to restart the free domestic well testing program (suspended due to COVID) and will continue coordination with regulatory and land use agencies to address this long-term issue.

There was no change from the previous quarter
- OM-2.1.1.g At least 90% of wells in both the shallow and principal aquifer zones have stable or decreasing concentrations of nitrate, chloride, and total dissolved solids.

This measure is not met for chloride, with only 82% of wells having water with stable or decreasing concentration trends but is met for TDS and nitrate. Staff will continue to implement Salt and Nutrient Management Plans to address salt loading in addition to collaborating with regulatory and land use agencies.

There was no change from the previous quarter.
- OM-3.2.1.a 90% of Water Resource Protection Ordinance violations are resolved.

51 cases were opened 1/1/21 – 3/31/21, 34 (67%) were resolved within the quarter and 17 (33%) remained open at the end of Q3. Still trying to catch up on the backlog due to pandemic.

OM-4.1.1.k Perform 52 annual clean-ups for the duration of the Safe, Clean Water program to reduce the amount of trash and pollutants entering the streams.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic no encampment sites were cleaned up during FY21 Q2. Local agencies, including Valley Water, have ceased encampment cleanups until further notice is received that it is safe for all involved to proceed.

There was no change from the previous quarter.

OM-4.2.2.a Agreements with responsible partner agencies are in place for appropriate public access to District facilities.

Two Joint Use Agreements (JUAs) have recently expired and we have informed the City to provide written request to Valley Water if they wish to renew it.

These performance areas are monitored quarterly by Watersheds and Water Utility Enterprise and their status is reported to the CEO.

As part of the Board’s desire to govern transparently and effectively, the Board’s role is to serve as the initiator of policy and delegator of authority to its BAO’s.

The organization’s performance toward accomplishing the Board’s Ends policy goals and objectives is the responsibility of the Board Appointed Officers. Through the BAOs’ interpretation of these policies, Outcome Measures are derived and implemented through the budget process and guide development of project and individual staff work plans. These plans specify operational activities to be implemented to achieve the Board’s direction for the organization.

The BAOs analyze and monitor organizational performance through operational Quarterly Management Reviews and report results to the Board through Quarterly Performance Reports, as required by Board-BAO Linkage Policy 5.4:

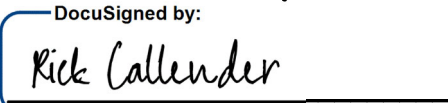
All policies which instruct the BAOs will be monitored at a frequency and by a method chosen by the Board. The Board can monitor any policy at any time by any method, but will ordinarily depend on a routine schedule. Frequency = Quarterly.

The performance of the Outcome Measures are regularly monitored to ensure that they are achieved and meet the Board’s expectations and are used to monitor the CEO’s performance.

The alignment of the Board policies, BAO Interpretations, and the Budget Process supports a cycle of continual improvement. The outcomes from monitoring either reinforce existing Board policy or facilitate recommended policy changes for Board consideration.

Please contact me if you have comments or questions about this report.

DocuSigned by:



Rick L. Callender, Esq.
Chief Executive Officer
Valley Water

FY 2020-2021 Q2 Quarterly Outcome Measure Status

Board Ends Policy Objective			Overall Outcome Measure Status ¹
1	E-2.1.1	Aggressively protect groundwater from the threat of contamination and maintain and develop groundwater to optimize reliability and to minimize land subsidence and salt water intrusion.	On target: 63% (5 of 8) Adjusted: 0% Not on Target: 38% (3 of 8)
2	E-2.1.2	Protect, maintain, and develop local surface water.	On target: 88% (7 of 8) Adjusted: 13% (1 of 8) Not on Target: 0%
3	E-2.1.3	Protect, maintain, and develop imported water.	On target: 100% (1 of 1) Adjusted: 0% Not on Target: 0%
4	E-2.1.4	Protect, maintain, and develop recycled water.	On target: 100% (1 of 1) Adjusted: 0% Not on Target: 0%
5	E-2.1.5	Maximize water use efficiency, water conservation, and demand management opportunities.	On target: 100% (2 of 2) Adjusted: 0% Not on Target: 0%
6	E-2.1.6	Prepare for and respond effectively to water utility emergencies.	On target: 100% (2 of 2) Adjusted: 0% Not on Target: 0%
7	E-2.2.1	Raw water transmission and distribution assets are managed to ensure efficiency and reliability.	On target: 67% (2 of 3) Adjusted: 33% (1 of 3) Not on Target: 0%
8	E-2.3.1	Meet or exceed all applicable water quality regulatory standards.	On target: 67% (2 of 3) Adjusted: 33% (1 of 3) Not on Target: 0%

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Board Ends Policy Objective			Overall Outcome Measure Status ¹
9	E-2.3.2	Maintain effective relationships with the retailer and other stakeholders to ensure high quality, reliable drinking water.	On target: 100% (2 of 2) Adjusted: 0% Not on Target: 0%
10	E-3.1.1.	Protect parcels from flooding by applying an integrated watershed management approach that balances environmental quality and protection from flooding.	On target: 57% (8 of 14) Adjusted: 43% (6 of 14) Not on Target: 0%
11	E-3.1.2.	Preserve flood conveyance capacity and structural integrity of stream banks, while minimizing impacts on the environment and protecting habitat values.	On target: 100% (9 of 9) Adjusted: 0% Not on Target: 0%
12	E-3.2.1.	Promote the preservation of flood plain functions.	On target: 75% (3 of 4) Adjusted: 0% Not on Target: 25% (1 of 4)
13	E-3.2.2.	Reduce flood risks through public engagement.	On target: 100% (4 of 4) Adjusted: 0% Not on Target: 0%
14	E-3.2.3.	Prepare and respond effectively to flood emergencies countywide to protect life and property.	On target: 100% (10 of 10) Adjusted: 0% Not on Target: 0%
15	E-4.1.1.	Preserve creeks, bay, and ecosystems through environmental stewardship.	On target: 92% (12 of 13) Adjusted: 0% Not on Target: 8% (1 of 13)
16	E-4.1.2.	Improve watersheds, streams, and natural resources.	On target: 92% (11 of 12) Adjusted: 8% (1 of 12) Not on Target: 0%

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Board Ends Policy Objective			Overall Outcome Measure Status ¹
17	E-4.1.3.	Promote the protection of creeks, bay, and other aquatic ecosystems from threats of pollution and degradation.	On target: 100% (4 of 4) Adjusted: 0% Not on Target: 0%
18	E-4.1.4.	Engage and educate the community in the protection of water quality and stream stewardship.	On target: 100% (3 of 3) Adjusted: 0% Not on Target: 0%
19	E-4.1.5.	Prepare and respond to emergencies that threaten local waterways.	On target: 100% (1 of 1) Adjusted: 0% Not on Target: 0%
20	E-4.1.6.	To the extent within practicable control of the District, adopt a strategy to restore the salmonid fishery on identified salmonid streams within fifteen years of strategy adoption by creating suitable accessible spawning and rearing habitats.	Outcome Measure for this Objective pending board review.
21	E-4.2.1.	Support healthy communities by providing access to additional trails, parks, and open space along creeks and in the watersheds.	On target: 100% (1 of 1) Adjusted: 0% Not on Target: 0%
22	E-4.2.2.	Support healthy communities by providing appropriate public access to District facilities.	On target: 0% (1 of 1) Adjusted: 0% Not on Target: 100% (1 of 1)
23	E-4.3.1.	Reduce greenhouse gas emissions to achieve carbon neutrality by 2020.	On target: 50% (1 of 2) Adjusted: 50% (1 of 2) Not on Target: 0%

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TO: Rachael Gibson, Chief of External Affairs**FROM:** Don Rocha, Deputy
Administrative Officer**SUBJECT:** Local Letters of Support for Valley Water
Earmark Requests**DATE:** June 1, 2021

Attached to this memorandum are copies of letters from several local elected officials in support of several of Valley Water's federal earmark requests.

Background

Earlier this year, the U.S. House Committee on Appropriations announced that it would be accepting funding requests for specific projects, also known as earmarks, for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 appropriations cycle. This is the first time in more than 10 years that the House has accepted earmark requests, following the 2011 ban implemented by House Republicans. While neither House Democrats nor the Senate technically adopted a similar ban, it became the de facto practice in Congress that specific projects would not be named in spending bills.

With Democrats in control of Congress and the White House, and with growing concern over legislative gridlock in recent years, the House in March opted to bring back a reformed earmark process for FY22. The Senate announced several weeks later that it was following suit, with bipartisan buy-in. The reformed process includes the following guidelines:

- Only government agencies and non-profit organizations may submit requests to their Member of Congress.
- Members must pledge that neither they nor any member of their families have a financial interest in any of their requests.
- Only certain appropriations accounts are eligible.
- Members may submit up to 10 requests (House only; no limit in Senate).
- Total earmark spending is limited to 1% of overall discretionary spending. For the House, where Members are limited to submitting 10 or fewer requests, this means the requests will total roughly \$20 million or less.
- Requestors must demonstrate that the project has local and/or regional support. Each congressional office has different requirements for submitting requests.

While the Senate Appropriations Committee has accepted requests for FY22, there is no clear bipartisan consensus among the broader Senate that earmarks will end up in any final spending bill.

Valley Water Requests

Given the aforementioned parameters, Valley Water submitted the following requests to some or each of our congressional delegation offices:

- Anderson Dam Tunnel Project: \$5 million
- South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project, Phase II Feasibility Study: \$1.4 million
- South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project, Phase III Feasibility Study: \$200,000
- Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project: \$5 million
- Recycled and Purified Water Expansion: \$1.5 million

- South County Recycled Water Project: \$1.5 million
- IT Security Cameras Upgrade: \$2 million
- IT Cyber Security System Upgrade: \$400,000
- Emergency Operations Center – Mobile EOC Trailer: \$200,000
- Emergency Operations Center – Cyber Security Analytics: \$400,000

Not all offices required letters of support from local elected officials at the time of submission. Therefore, the letters attached to this memorandum only represent a few of the requests that staff submitted.

Projects Chosen

All House Members have now posted online the requests that they have submitted to the Appropriations Committee. Congressman Ro Khanna opted to submit one of our requests, the Shoreline Project Phase II and III feasibility studies. Feedback from House staff indicated that many of the projects that were chosen were either smaller-dollar, discrete projects (i.e., could be funded to completion with the funds) or had no other source of funding support. Some staff also believe that a large infrastructure package will come together later this year and will be another potential source of funding for Valley Water projects. Staff continues to advocate for including funding for our projects in that package as pieces of it move through the legislative process.

Senators Feinstein and Padilla are still sifting through their requests and have not yet made any determinations. We will keep you apprised if any of our projects are chosen.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

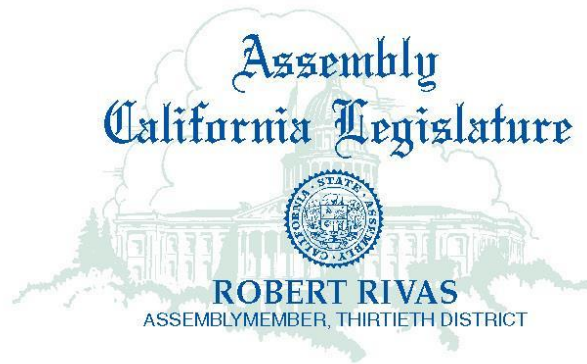


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Deputy Administrative Officer
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Attachments: Support letters from local elected officials

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May 17, 2021

The Honorable Alex Padilla
United States Senate
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Support for Congressionally Directed Spending Request – Anderson Dam Tunnel Project

Dear Senator Padilla:

On behalf of the residents I represent in the 30th Assembly District, I submit this letter of support for the Santa Clara Valley Water District's (Valley Water) Congressionally-Directed Spending request for the Anderson Dam Tunnel Project.

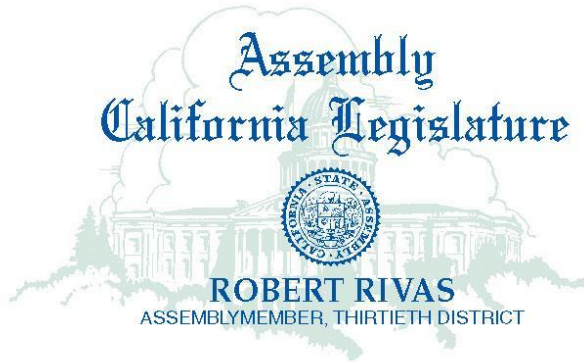
Located in Morgan Hill and just south of Silicon Valley, Leroy Anderson Dam and Reservoir has been determined by federal and state dam safety officials to be vulnerable to damage during a 6.6 magnitude earthquake and failure with a 7.25 quake. The failure of Anderson Dam at full capacity would result in catastrophic losses of life and property, inundating an area that includes many of the cities comprising the San José metropolitan area and southward to Monterey Bay. The human and economic costs would be felt across California and the nation.

The Anderson Dam Tunnel Project is an essential first step in reducing the public safety risks posed by the 71-year-old dam, which is owned and operated by Valley Water. In February 2020, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) – the lead federal regulator of the dam – ordered Valley Water to take several immediate risk reduction measures, including draining the reservoir and expediting design and construction on a larger outlet tunnel to allow for more water to be released faster from the reservoir. Valley Water awarded the contract for the tunnel project in April 2021 and expects construction to begin in June.

Anderson Reservoir also provides a critical supply of water for groundwater recharge in south Santa Clara County, an area that is completely reliant on groundwater for its water supply. As a result of the February 2020 FERC order, Anderson has been drained to three percent of its capacity and will be offline as a water supply reservoir for the next ten years while the dam is rebuilt to seismic safety standards. The sooner that Valley Water can construct the outlet tunnel and begin constructing the larger seismic retrofit project, the sooner our communities can get the reservoir back online and retain its important water supply benefits.

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We want to see this project completed as safely and quickly as possible for the benefit of our communities and the economic well-being of the region, state, and nation. For these reasons, I strongly support Valley Water's request for federal funding for the Anderson Dam Tunnel Project.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'R' followed by a horizontal line and another 'R'.

ROBERT RIVAS
Assemblymember, District 30
State of California

CINDY CHAVEZ

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May 17, 2021

The Honorable Alex Padilla
United States Senate
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RE: Support for Congressionally Directed Spending Request – Anderson Dam Tunnel Project

Dear Senator Padilla:

On behalf of the nearly 400,000 residents that I represent in Santa Clara County, I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the Santa Clara Valley Water District's (Valley Water) Congressionally-Directed Spending request for the Anderson Dam Tunnel Project.

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We want to see this project completed as safely and quickly as possible for the benefit of our communities and the economic well-being of the region, state, and nation. For these reasons, I strongly support Valley Water's request for federal funding for the Anderson Dam Tunnel Project.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

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Cindy Chavez
Supervisor, District Two

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May 3, 2021

Senator Dianne Feinstein & Senator Alex Padilla
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Support for Congressionally Directed Spending / Anderson Dam Tunnel Project

Dear Senators Feinstein and Padilla,

As the Santa Clara County Supervisor representing much of the South Bay, I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the Santa Clara Valley Water District's (Valley Water) Congressionally Directed Spending request for the Anderson Dam Tunnel Project.

Located in Morgan Hill and just south of Silicon Valley, Leroy Anderson Dam and Reservoir has been determined by federal and state dam safety officials to be vulnerable to damage during a 6.6 magnitude earthquake and failure with a 7.25 quake. The failure of Anderson Dam at full capacity would result in catastrophic losses of life and property, inundating an area that includes many of the cities comprising the San José metropolitan area and southward to Monterey Bay. The human and economic costs would be felt across California and the nation.

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Sincerely,

Mike Wasserman, President
Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors



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May 3, 2021

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Support for Congressionally Directed Spending Request – Anderson Dam Tunnel Project

Dear Senator Feinstein:

On behalf of the nearly 50,000 residents of the City of Morgan Hill, I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the Santa Clara Valley Water District's (Valley Water) Congressionally Directed Spending request for the Anderson Dam Tunnel Project.

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Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

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Rich Constantine
Mayor

May 5, 2021

Senator Dianne Feinstein
U.S. Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Support for Congressionally Directed Spending Request – Anderson Dam Tunnel Project

Dear Senator Feinstein,

On behalf of the residents of the City of San José I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the Santa Clara Valley Water District's (Valley Water) Congressionally Directed Spending request for the Anderson Dam Tunnel Project.

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Anderson Reservoir also provides a critical supply of water for residents throughout Santa Clara County. Anderson is the largest of Valley Water's ten reservoirs, and it serves as a critical source of groundwater recharge in south Santa Clara County, an area that is completely reliant on groundwater for its water supply. As a result of the February 2020 FERC order, Anderson has been drained to three percent of its capacity and will be offline as a water supply reservoir for the next ten years while the dam is rebuilt to seismic safety standards. The sooner that Valley Water can construct the outlet tunnel and begin constructing the larger seismic retrofit project, the sooner they can get the reservoir back online and retain its important water supply benefits.

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Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

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Sam Liccardo
Mayor
City of San José



California Legislature

May 12, 2021

The Honorable Kamala Harris
Vice President of the United States
1800 G Street NW
Washington, DC 20502

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United State Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
1236 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Vice President Harris, Senator Feinstein, and Speaker Pelosi,

As state legislators representing communities in the San Francisco Bay Area, we write to express our support for federal funding and policies that promote sea level rise resilience in San Francisco Bay. The American Jobs Plan, the Water Resources Development Act, and the FY 2022 budget provide exciting opportunities to address a critical issue in the Bay Area. **Congress and the Federal Administration must act quickly to provide incentives and funding to support sea level rise adaptation efforts in San Francisco Bay. This decade is critical to ensuring the health and resiliency of the Bay's wetlands to protect shoreline communities and infrastructure.**

The water level of San Francisco Bay is rising, and the rate of rise will accelerate in coming decades. This presents an enormous challenge to the Bay Area: how to protect our valuable assets that are threatened with flooding. Shoreline wetlands are natural barriers that help reduce wave energy and absorb floodwaters. Over 72% of Bay Area voters approved Measure AA in 2016, demonstrating the level of support for restoration of San Francisco Bay wetlands and providing local tax dollars funds that leverage state and federal dollars. NOAA found that coastal restoration is significant source of jobs, supporting an average of 15 jobs per \$1 million invested and employing construction workers, engineers, ecologists, project managers, and heavy equipment operators.

Wetlands can grow along with the rising sea to maintain their natural flood protection into the future but need sediment. Sediment is one of our most important and valuable public resources. Yet, a current US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) federal regulation, known as the "federal standard" does not value its beneficial use for wetlands restoration to protect shoreline resources, and especially does not consider the increase in that value as sea level rises. The federal government pays for USACE dredging of federal navigation channels to keep our port economy humming, but the "federal standard" mandates waste by

requiring disposal as cheaply as possible -- which often results in dumping dredged sediment at sea. In the Bay Area, the USACE currently dredges about two million cubic yards of sediment each year that could be used to restore our wetlands and protect our communities.

Specifically, to support nature-based sea level rise adaptation in San Francisco Bay, Congress and the Federal Administration should:

- **Fully fund the Resilient San Francisco Bay Project** at \$51 M and require USACE to implement the full project - one of ten selected beneficial use pilots across the nation. Federal funding would allow the USACE to immediately place dredged sediment at Bay Area wetland restoration sites. Federal funds for the incremental cost of beneficial use of dredged sediment could be cost shared with state and local funding sources.
- **Enact HR 610, the San Francisco Bay Restoration Act** to authorize \$250 million over five years for an expanded San Francisco Bay Program at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under the Clean Water Act, to improve water quality and restore wetlands and **appropriate \$50 million in Fiscal Year 2022**. San Francisco Bay has been underfunded when compared to other geographic programs across the country, including Puget Sound, Chesapeake Bay, and the Great Lakes. Funds appropriated for the US EPA's water quality improvement program for San Francisco Bay are leveraged by state and local dollars, including the Measure AA funds.
- Strengthen provisions to mandate and provide incentives to accelerate the beneficial use of dredged sediment. **Remove or revise the "federal standard" in the Code of Federal Regulations that equates dredged sediment as a waste product** to be disposed of as inexpensively as possible. The "federal standard" should account for public benefits of beneficial reuse and support the use of dredged and excavated sediment in wetland restoration. Collaborate with the states to provide additional ongoing federal funding to meet the need for both dredging of the federal channels and beneficial use of the sediment.
- **Support the restoration of Bel Marin Keys, phase 2 of the Hamilton Wetlands Restoration Project, by USACE.** The project will beneficially use millions of cubic yards of dredged sediment and restore 2,600 acres of wetlands.
- **Support efforts by USACE and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to implement the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project and the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project.** The South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project encompasses 15,100 acres of former salt ponds located around the edge of South San Francisco Bay. It is the largest wetlands restoration project on the West Coast of the United States. The Project is intended to restore and enhance wetlands in South San Francisco Bay while providing for flood management and wildlife-oriented public access and recreation in Silicon Valley.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the people of the San Francisco Bay Area.

Sincerely,



David Chiu
Assemblymember, District 17



Alex Lee
Assemblymember, District 25

Scott Wiener

Scott Wiener
Senator, District 11



Mike McGuire
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May 17, 2021

The Honorable Alex Padilla
United States Senate
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Padilla:

On behalf of the nearly 400,000 residents that I represent in Santa Clara County, I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the Santa Clara Valley Water District's (Valley Water) Fiscal Year 2022 Congressionally-Directed Spending request for the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project.

Specifically, I support awarding the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) \$1.4 million for the Phase II feasibility study in Palo Alto and \$200,000 to initiate the Phase III feasibility study in Sunnyvale. The South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project is an unprecedented opportunity to restore the health of San Francisco Bay while providing flood risk management and recreation. Construction of the Phase I project, currently underway in San José, will provide flood protection for approximately 1,100 structures and 5,500 residents in the disadvantaged community of Alviso, and critical infrastructure including the San José-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility, which cleans the wastewater of approximately 1.5 million people in the South Bay.

Completing the USACE-led Phase II and Phase III studies is a critical step in the effort to protect the entire South Bay shoreline from coastal flooding. The Phase II Study is examining a project that would reduce coastal flood risk to shoreline communities in Palo Alto and part of Mountain View and provide adaptation to sea level rise. This project would build upon the Phase I project that is under construction on the shoreline in San José and has already received significant federal support. The Phase III study would cover the remainder of the shoreline and include the city of Sunnyvale, part of Mountain View, Moffett Field, and NASA-Ames Research Center.

The areas that would be impacted by the Phases II and III studies are some of the most economically vital for the Bay Area, the state, and the nation. These areas include thousands of residents in Palo Alto and Mountain View; critical infrastructure, such as the Palo Alto Regional Airport (the fourth busiest airport in the Bay Area), U.S. Hwy 101, a regional wastewater facility, Moffett Field, and NASA-Ames Research Center; and numerous global businesses in the heart of Silicon Valley.

These studies would also examine how best to restore and manage wetland habitats in San Francisco Bay. San Francisco Bay is the largest estuary on the West Coast, providing critical habitat for endangered species and migratory birds and serving as a prime area for recreation. Federal, state, and local agencies, organizations and businesses are engaged in the restoration of tens of thousands of acres of wetlands in San Francisco Bay, the largest effort of its kind in the West.

During these unprecedented times we must do everything we can to protect the region, preserve San Francisco Bay and create more resilient communities. For these reasons, I strongly support Valley Water's request to fund these U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-partnered studies.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Cindy Chavez
Supervisor, District Two

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May 18, 2021

The Honorable Alex Padilla
United States Senate
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: SUPPORT FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY SHORLINE PHASE II AND PHASE III PROJECTS

Dear Senator Padilla:

On behalf of the residents that I represent in Santa Clara County Supervisorial District Three, I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the Santa Clara Valley Water District's (Valley Water) Fiscal Year 2022 Congressionally-Directed Spending request for the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project.

Specifically, I support awarding the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) \$1.4 million for the Phase II feasibility study in Palo Alto and \$200,000 to initiate the Phase III feasibility study in Sunnyvale. The South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project is an unprecedented opportunity to restore the health of San Francisco Bay while providing flood risk management and recreation. Construction of the Phase I project, currently underway in San José, will provide flood protection for approximately 1,100 structures, 5,500 residents in the disadvantaged community of Alviso, and critical infrastructure including the San José-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility, which cleans the wastewater of approximately 1.5 million people in the South Bay.

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Sincerely,

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Otto O. Lee

March 24, 2021

Marcy Kaptur, Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Energy and Water
2186 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Mike Simpson, Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Energy and Water
2084 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Kaptur and Ranking Member Simpson:

I am writing in support of FY 2022 appropriations requests for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to restore and manage wetland habitats in San Francisco Bay and to beneficially use dredged sediment. San Francisco Bay is the largest estuary on the West Coast of the United States, habitat for endangered species and migratory birds, an economic engine for the region, and home to well over 7 million people. Federal, state, and local agencies, organizations and businesses are engaged in the restoration of tens of thousands of acres of wetlands in San Francisco Bay, which provide wildlife habitat, improve water quality, and provide flood protection.


I support the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project, and specifically support appropriations of \$1.4 million of FY 22 General Investigation funds for the Phase 2 feasibility study in Palo Alto and \$200,000 of FY 22 General Investigation funds to start the Phase 3 feasibility study in Sunnyvale. The Phase 1 project in San Jose was authorized by Congress in the Water Resources Development Act of 2016 and funded through the 2018 Bipartisan Budget Act, with construction slated to begin this year. The South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project is an unprecedented opportunity to restore the health of San Francisco Bay while providing flood risk management and recreation. Construction of the Phase 1 project will provide flood protection for approximately 1,100 structures and population at risk of 5,500 and infrastructure in northern San Jose, protect the City of San Jose & Santa Clara County Regional Wastewater Facility, which cleans the wastewater of approximately 1.5 million people in the South Bay, protect State Route 237, a major Silicon Valley artery, and create 3.5 square miles of restored wetland. Phases 2 and 3 expand the study area to the cities of Sunnyvale, Mountain View, and Palo Alto in Santa Clara County. The non-federal sponsors (State Coastal Conservancy and Santa

City of Palo Alto

Office of the Mayor and City Council

Clara Valley Water District) will continue to work closely with the Corps to implement the Phase 1 Shoreline Project, complete the Phase 2 Shoreline Study, and start the Phase 3 Shoreline Study.

Sincerely,

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Tom DuBois
Mayor, City of Palo Alto

TO: Rachael Gibson, Chief of External Affairs**FROM:** Don Rocha, Deputy
Administrative Officer**SUBJECT:** April Virtual D.C. Visit Thank You Letters from
Chair Estremera to Federal Agency Officials**DATE:** June 1, 2021

Attached to this memorandum are copies of thank you letters sent from Chair Estremera to the federal agency officials with whom we met in April during our virtual D.C. lobbying visits.

Please let me know if you have any questions.



Don Rocha
Deputy Administrative Officer
Office of Government Relations

Attachments: Thank you letters

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May 21, 2021

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER[Rick L. Callender, Esq.](#)**CLERK OF THE BOARD**[Michele L. King, CMC](#)

Mr. David Olson
Regulatory Program Manager
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
441 G Street, NW
Washington, DC 20314

Dear Mr. Olson:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, I want to thank you for the opportunity to meet virtually in April to discuss the regulatory outlook for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers civil works projects. We always appreciate your time and insights.

We understand that the new administration may revisit several rules issued under the prior administration, and we look forward to engaging in any relevant public processes. We also hope that our next meeting will be in person. Until that happens, we sincerely appreciate your willingness to meet with us regularly on a virtual platform.

Again, thank you for your time. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Don Rocha, Deputy Administrative Officer for Government Relations, at (408) 630-2338 or drocha@valleywater.org.

Until our next meeting, I hope you and your family remain healthy and safe.

Sincerely,



Tony Estremera
Chair, Board of Directors

cc: Board of Directors (7), R. Callender, M. Richardson, R. Gibson
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May 21, 2021

Mr. Bradd Schwichtenberg
Chief, South Pacific Division Regional Integration Team
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Headquarters
441 G Street, NW
Washington, DC 20314

Dear Mr. Schwichtenberg:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water), thank you for the opportunity to meet virtually in April to discuss the significant progress we are making to move the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project forward. We greatly appreciated your time.

Despite some continued challenges on the project, the critical need for shoreline investment in Santa Clara County has only become more urgent. Valley Water remains committed to delivering meaningful flood risk reduction to our communities, including the disadvantaged community of Alviso in Phase I, and we appreciate the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) willingness to work with us to find a solution to the project's cost growth challenges. Thank you for your assistance in expediting the contributed funds agreement so that the project can move forward.

In addition, we are equally as committed to seeing additional phases of the project advance to ensure that the investments we are making for climate resilient ecosystem restoration and preparations for sea level rise are completed. It is our understanding that a Phase II waiver to SMART Planning is currently at Corps Headquarters, and we would appreciate approval of this request.

Again, thank you for your time. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Don Rocha, Deputy Administrative Officer for Government Relations, at (408) 630-2338 or drocha@valleywater.org.

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May 21, 2021

Mr. Gary Waxman
General Attorney, Water and Power Branch
Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20403

Dear Mr. Waxman:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water), thank you for the opportunity to meet virtually in April to discuss the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project. As you are aware, this project is vitally important to those who live and work in Silicon Valley, and we appreciate your support for moving it forward.

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May 21, 2021

Ms. Amy Sharp
Program Examiner, Water and Power Branch
Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20403

Dear Ms. Sharp:

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May 21, 2021

Ms. Kelly Colyar
Program Examiner, Water and Power Branch
Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street, NW
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Dear Ms. Colyar:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water), thank you for the opportunity to meet virtually in April to discuss the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project. As you are aware, this project is vitally important to those who live and work in Silicon Valley, and we appreciate your support for moving it forward.

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We also appreciated your insight into the development of the Corps' financing program for non-federal dams. We understand that the program requires additional work before applications can be submitted, but we do see it as an important resource for our portfolio of aging infrastructure needs.

Again, thank you for your time. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Don Rocha, Deputy Administrative Officer for Government Relations, at (408) 630-2338 or drocha@valleywater.org.

Until our next meeting, I hope you and your family remain healthy and safe.

Sincerely,



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May 21, 2021

Mr. David Leach
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army
441 G Street, NW
Washington, DC 20314

Dear Deputy Assistant Secretary Leach:

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Mr. Vance Stewart
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army
108 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310-0108

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May 21, 2021

Mr. Al Lee
Director of Civil Works
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Headquarters
441 G Street, NW
Washington, DC 20314

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May 21, 2021

Ms. Stacey Brown
Chief of Programs Integration
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Headquarters
441 G Street, NW
Washington, DC 20314

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Mr. Aaron Snyder
Water Infrastructure Financing Program – Lead, P3 Program Director
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Headquarters
441 G Street, NW
Washington, DC 20314

Dear Mr. Snyder:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water), thank you for the opportunity to meet virtually in April to discuss the recently funded Corps Water Infrastructure Financing Program (CWIFP) for non-federal dams. As we shared, Valley Water owns ten dams, five of which are under seismic restrictions. We view the CWIFP loan program as an important resource for agencies like Valley Water that are looking to address significant aging infrastructure challenges.

As we mentioned during our meeting, Valley Water is happy to provide space in our facility for a future public engagement session as the development of the loan program moves forward. Please let us know once planning for that session gets underway.

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Mr. David Palumbo
Deputy Commissioner, Operations, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
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Mr. Mat Maucieri
Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Operations, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
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Mr. Ernest Conant
Regional Director
California-Great Basin Region, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Federal Building
2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, CA 95825

Dear Director Conant:

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Mr. Richard Welsh
Principal Deputy Regional Director
California-Great Basin Region, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
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May 21, 2021

Mr. Kevin Farmer
Watersheds Program Team Leader
Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Mr. Farmer:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, I want to thank you for the opportunity to meet virtually to discuss the Upper Llagas Creek Flood Protection Project and the important role the Natural Resources Conservation Service plays in delivering long-awaited flood protection benefits to the City of Morgan Hill. We greatly appreciated your time.

Through your leadership, we feel that we are making great progress on a project application, and we are eager to submit a grant application for construction funding in the near future. As you know, this project will deliver immediate benefits to southern Santa Clara County, and securing funds for the last phase would allow Secretary Vilsack to complete a project that started during his service as Secretary in the Obama Administration. We look forward to hosting him for an in-person tour and, hopefully, groundbreaking of the project in the near future.

Again, thank you for your continued support and partnership. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Don Rocha, Acting Director of Government Relations, at (408) 630-2338 or drocha@valleywater.org.

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