

March 12, 2018

MEETING NOTICE

HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE

Board Members of the Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee:

Director Tony Estremera, Vice Chair
Director Richard P. Santos, Chair
Director John L. Varela

Staff Support of the Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee:

Norma J. Camacho, Chief Executive Officer
Melanie Richardson, Chief Operating Officer
Stanly Yamamoto, District Counsel
Anthony Fulcher, Senior Assistant District Counsel
Rick Callender, Chief of External Affairs
Sue Tippetts, Deputy Operating Officer
Usha Chatwani, Community Projects Review Manager
Sue Turner, Real Estate Services Manager
Mike Cresap, Facilities Manager
Chad Grande, Field Operations Unit Manager
James Choate, Senior Field Operations Administrator
Jose Villarreal, Program Administrator
Meenakshi Ganjoo, Supervising Program Administrator

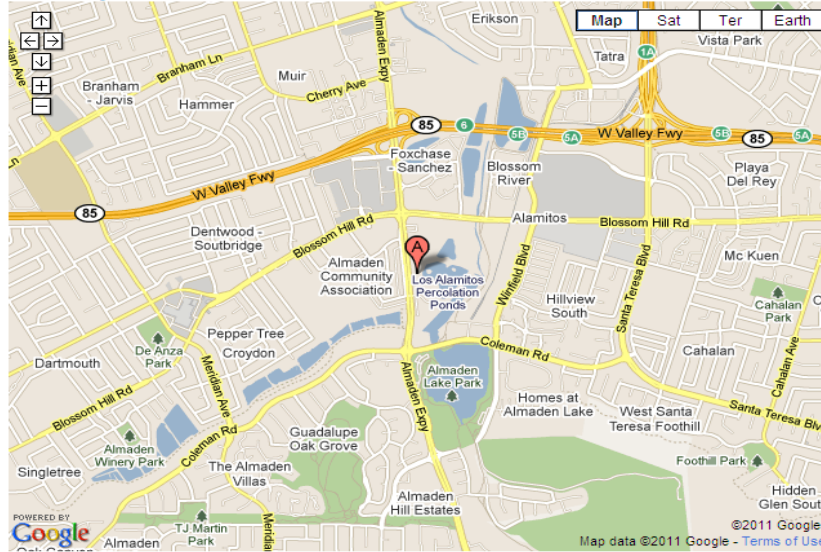
The meeting of the Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee is to be held on **Thursday, March 15, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.** in the Headquarters Building Boardroom located at the Santa Clara Valley Water District, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

Enclosed are the meeting agenda and corresponding materials. Please bring this packet with you to the meeting.

Enclosures



**Santa Clara Valley Water District - Headquarters Building,
5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118**



From Oakland:

- Take 880 South to 85 South
- Take 85 South to Almaden Expressway exit
- Turn left on Almaden Plaza Way
- Turn right (south) on Almaden Expressway
- At Via Monte (third traffic light), make a U-turn
- Proceed north on Almaden Expressway approximately 1,000 feet
- Turn right (east) into the campus entrance

From Morgan Hill/Gilroy:

- Take 101 North to 85 North
- Take 85 North to Almaden Expressway exit
- Turn left on Almaden Expressway
- Cross Blossom Hill Road
- At Via Monte (third traffic light), make a U-turn
- Proceed north on Almaden Expressway approximately 1,000 feet
- Turn right (east) into the campus entrance

From Sunnyvale:

- Take Highway 87 South to 85 North
- Take Highway 85 North to Almaden Expressway exit
- Turn left on Almaden Expressway
- At Via Monte (third traffic light), make a U-turn
- Proceed north on Almaden Expressway approximately 1,000 feet
- Turn right (east) into the campus entrance

From San Francisco:

- Take 280 South to Highway 85 South
- Take Highway 85 South to Almaden Expressway exit
- Turn left on Almaden Plaza Way
- Turn right (south) on Almaden Expressway
- At Via Monte (third traffic light), make a U-turn
- Proceed north on Almaden Expressway approximately 1,000 feet
- Turn right (east) into the campus entrance

From Downtown San Jose:

- Take Highway 87 - Guadalupe Expressway South
- Exit on Santa Teresa Blvd.
- Turn right on Blossom Hill Road
- Turn left at Almaden Expressway
- At Via Monte (first traffic light), make a U-turn
- Proceed north on Almaden Expressway approximately 1,000 feet
- Turn right (east) into the campus entrance

From Walnut Creek, Concord and East Bay areas:

- Take 680 South to 280 North
- Exit Highway 87-Guadalupe Expressway South
- Exit on Santa Teresa Blvd.
- Turn right on Blossom Hill Road
- Turn left at Almaden Expressway
- At Via Monte (third traffic light), make a U-turn
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HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE

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AGENDA

HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018

2:00 P.M.

**Santa Clara Valley Water District
Headquarters Building Boardroom
5700 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA 95118**

Time Certain 2:00 p.m.	1.	<u>Call to Order/Roll Call</u>
	2.	<u>Time Open for Public Comment on Any Item Not on the Agenda</u> <i>Comments should be limited to two minutes. If the Committee wishes to discuss a subject raised by the speaker, it can request placement on a future agenda.</i>
	3.	<u>Approval of Minutes</u> Approval of Minutes – September 6, 2017, meeting
	4.	<u>Action/Discussion Items</u> 4.1 Utilization of District Properties and Lands (Meenakshi Gangoo) Recommendation: Ad Hoc Committee receive information and if required provide staff direction on the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Utilizing District-Owned Residential Properties 2. District Effort to Partner with the City of San José on Bridge Housing Communities (tiny home communities) 3. Downtown Streets Teams Update
	5.	<u>Discuss Next Steps</u>
	6.	<u>Clerk Review and Clarification of Committee Requests and Recommendations</u> <i>This is an opportunity for the Clerk to review and obtain clarification on any formally moved, seconded, and approved requests and recommendations made by the Committee during discussion of Item 4.</i>
	7.	<u>Adjourn</u>

REASONABLE EFFORTS TO ACCOMMODATE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES WISHING TO ATTEND COMMITTEE MEETINGS WILL BE MADE. PLEASE ADVISE THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OFFICE OF ANY SPECIAL NEEDS BY CALLING (408) 630-2277.

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HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE

Purpose: The purpose of the Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee is to discuss homelessness and encampment issues, and bring discussion and recommendations back to the Board.



HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017
2:00 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A meeting of the Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee (Committee) was held on September 6, 2017, in the Headquarters Building Boardroom at the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD), 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee was called to order at 2:04 p.m. on September 6, 2017, at the District Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

Board Members in attendance were: Director Tony Estremera-District 6, Director Richard P. Santos-District 3, and Director John L. Varela-District 1.

Staff members in attendance were: Dave Adams, Glenna Brambill, Ray Bramer, James Choate, Jessica Collins, Collin Cortman, Mike Cresap, Peter Felice, Ray Fields, Carole Foster, Anthony Fulcher, Meenakshi Ganjoo, Chad Grande, Shawn Iudice, Jay Lee, Bill Magleby, Jana Marquardt, Matthew Proctor-Brown, Tracy Peña, Eli Serrano, Kirsten Struve, Sue Tippetts and Carlos Tovar.

2. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON AGENDA

There were two people that spoke; A statement from the Employees Association was read for the record by Ms. Glenna Brambill and Mr. Richard McMurtry from the Santa Clara County Creeks Coalition spoke on retiring and leaving the area.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Director John L. Varela seconded by Director Tony Estremera, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2017, Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee meeting, as presented.

4. **ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

4.1 UTILIZING DISTRICT PROPERTIES TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY

A. Recommend to the District Board that the District lease suitable available District lands to the City of San José for the development of a bridge housing community for a term not to exceed five (5) years (until January 1, 2022)

Ms. Meenakshi Ganjoo, gave an overview for this agenda item. Ms. Sue Tippetts was available to answer questions.

Mr. Ray Bramson, City of San Jose, Ms. Michelle Covert, County Office of Support Housing, Mr. Robert Aguirre, Mr. Richard McMurtry and Mr. Joe DiSalvo spoke on trash clean up and tiny houses.

No action taken and asked staff to continue to work with the City of San José.

B. Recommend to the District Board that when suitable District residential rental property or land becomes available, District staff contact the housing authority and supportive services of the municipality where said residential rental property and/or surplus land is located, and provide that municipality an opportunity to lease the land to address homelessness in its community

Ms. Meenakshi Ganjoo, gave an overview for this agenda item.

Ms. Michelle Covert, County Office of Support Housing suggested taking the lead on this item since their program is already in place.

No action taken.

C. Receive information and if required provide staff direction on the following:

- 1. Offering Santa Clara County Office of Supportive Housing First Right to Purchase District Surplus Lands**
- 2. Downtown Streets Teams Funding Update**
- 3. Creek Cleanups in South County**

Ms. Meenakshi Ganjoo, gave an overview for this agenda item. Mr. Anthony Fulcher and Ms. Sue Tippetts were available to answer questions. Mr. Ray Bramson from the City of San Jose and Ms. Michelle Covert, County Office of Support Housing were also available to answer questions.

Ms. Shannon Robinson of Downtown Streets Team thanked the Water District for funding their programs. Mr. Richard McMurtry spoke on homeless encampment issues. Mr. Robert Aguirre spoke on working people under the homeless conditions.

Committee Action:

It was moved by Director John L. Varela, seconded by Director Tony Estremera and unanimously carried, to approve the recommendations as noted under Agenda Items 4.1B and 4.1C1 for the Board's consideration that the District lease suitable available District lands to the City of San José for the development of a bridge housing community for a term not to exceed five (5) years (until January 1, 2022), that when suitable District residential rental property or land becomes available, District staff contact the Santa Clara County Housing Authority and Supportive Services and they will contact the municipality where said residential rental property and/or surplus land is located, and provide that municipality an opportunity to lease the land to address homelessness in its community and offer Santa Clara County Office of Supportive Housing First Right to Purchase District Surplus Lands.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

There was one Committee action for Agenda Item 4.1B and 4.1C1.

Committee Action:

The Committee approved the recommendations as noted for the Board's consideration that the District lease suitable available District lands to the City of San José for the development of a bridge housing community for a term not to exceed five (5) years (until January 1, 2022), that when suitable District residential rental property or land becomes available, District staff contact the Santa Clara County Housing Authority and Supportive Services and they will contact the municipality where said residential rental property and/or surplus land is located, and provide that municipality an opportunity to lease the land to address homelessness in its community and offer Santa Clara County Office of Supportive Housing First Right to Purchase District Surplus Lands.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Director Richard P. Santos adjourned the meeting at 3:17 p.m.

Glenna Brambill
Board Committee Liaison
Office of the Clerk of the Board

Approved:

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Committee:	Homeless Encampment
Meeting Date:	03/15/18
Agenda Item No.:	4.1
Unclassified Manager:	Melanie Richardson
Email:	mrichardson@valleywater.org
Est. Staff Time	30 minutes

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMO

SUBJECT: Utilization of District Properties and Lands

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Ad Hoc Committee receive information and if required provide staff direction on the following:

1. Utilizing District-Owned Residential Properties
2. District Effort to Partner with the City of San José on Bridge Housing Communities (tiny home communities)
3. Downtown Streets Teams Update

SUMMARY:

As the agency responsible for managing an integrated water resources system in Santa Clara County, the District invests valuable public resources to address the impacts of homeless encampments along local waterways. Among the impacts on the creeks are:

- Increased trash and debris
- Degraded water quality
- Damage to creek banks and reduced flow conveyance
- Degradation of the health of watersheds

The Board's Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee (Ad Hoc Committee) deliberates on homelessness and encampment issues and brings discussion and recommendations back to the Board.

1. Utilizing District-Owned Residential Properties

At its September 2017 meeting, the Committee recommended bringing for full Board's consideration the recommendation that when District-owned residential rental properties or lands become available, those be offered first to Santa Clara County's Office of Supportive Housing to lease at fair market value.

Following the Committee meeting, staff performed additional research which determined that the District can offer available residential properties to the County provided modifications are made to District Board Resolution 09-78 to allow flexibility in leasing guidelines.

Resolution 09-78 already offers staff such a flexibility for non-residential properties. Regarding non-residential properties, Section 4.1 of the resolution states: "The property is advertised in a manner that is reasonably competitive and is Leased at a fair market rate except in cases where a public purpose exists that justifies leasing the property at fair market value without advertising and all other Leasing Non-Residential Properties requirements of this resolution are met." A similar "public purpose" provision for

leasing residential properties would allow staff to offer the available residential properties to the County at fair market value.

Staff believes that the current Resolution 09-78, which was passed in 2009, needs an update to make the intent clear. Besides proposing to add clarifying language and the “public purpose” provision with regards to residential rental properties, staff will also request the Board for greater flexibility in allowing staff to offer residential properties on a 12-month lease instead of month-to-month, provided it doesn’t conflict with the District’s future need for the property.

Staff plans to bring the proposed changes to the Board in the coming months.

2. Bridge Housing Communities

As reported at the September 2017 Ad Hoc Committee meeting, staff had provided the City of San José a list of potential District properties for the City to consider for its Emergency Bridge Housing Communities (BHC), also known as tiny home communities. Besides the District, the City had also received potential sites from CalTrans and VTA.

On February 12, 2018, the City of San José Department of Housing provided the San Jose Mayor and the City Council top three BHC candidate sites, and District properties were not among the three. The three sites were identified in accordance with the criteria and prioritization methods developed with community input and approved by the City Council in December 2017.

Over the next several months, the Housing Department will be hosting community meetings in neighborhoods adjacent to the three candidate sites as well as completing an environmental review. Housing Department staff anticipate returning to the City Council in early to late summer 2018 for the final site selection.

3. Downtown Street Teams Update

In June of 2017, the District amended an existing pollution prevention partnership agreement with the City of San José (City) to increase the District’s financial contribution by \$350,000 to fund Downtown Streets Team’s (DST) efforts to provide homeless persons along creeks opportunities to perform creek cleanups and to build awareness about impacts of trash in our local waterways. The City also increased its contribution by \$350,000, bringing the total partnership funding for the San José Watershed Community Stewardship and Engagement Project to \$1,090,000.

Among the major project tasks supported by District funding are: conducting weekly creek cleanups, creating collateral materials, carrying out website/social media updates, making presentations to community organizations, participating and distributing pollution prevention literature at events. The project is on track to meet its goals. Attachment 1 provides the DST update on the project.

The District’s \$350,000 funding was recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee and authorized by the District Board at its November 22, 2016, meeting. The District’s contribution is funded through the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Priority B3-Pollution Prevention Partnerships and Grants project. The pollution prevention agreement was initially executed in August of 2015.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Attachment 1: Downtown Street Teams Update

**DOWNTOWN STREETS TEAM
SCVWD/CITY OF SAN JOSE**

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Total debris removed from waterways as of Feb 16, 2018

Los Gatos Creek – 33,627 gal

Coyote Creek – 187,275 gal

Guadalupe River – 249,117 gal

Total – 470,019 gal

equates to 145 elephants

GUADALUPE RIVER - BEFORE



GUADALUPE - AFTER



LOS GATOS CREEK - BEFORE



LOS GATOS CREEK – AFTER



COYOTE CREEK - BEFORE



COYOTE CREEK- AFTER



ADDITIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

13 employed for over 90 days

13 people into permanent housing

Over 30,000 volunteer hours

League of California Cities

Prepared by: Institute of Local Government

Evidence Based

Downtown Streets Team named one of only five best practices in CA

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

