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Storms Boost SWP Allocations to 60%

Submitted by Lisa Lien-Mager on Wed, 01/18/2017 - 5:07pm

With winter storms continuing to boost reservoirs as well as the Sierra snowpack, the California Department of Water Resources today increased 2017 projected State Water Project allocations to 60% of requested amounts, up from 45% announced in December.

DWR said that with more rain and snow in the immediate forecast, the allocation could be further increased in coming weeks. It cautioned, however, that effects of the historic drought linger and some parts of the state continue to see supply challenges.

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Executive Director's Blog: New Administration Brings New Opportunities for Solutions

Submitted by Pamela Martineau on Wed, 01/18/2017 - 4:50pm
ACWA Executive Director Timothy Quinn has penned a blog that examines how the change in Administration in Washington, D.C. is a chance to open new dialog on critical water issues as outlined in the California Water Action Plan.

The blog is here.

**State Water Board Hears Input on Emergency Regulation Next Steps**

Submitted by Lisa Lien-Mager on Wed, 01/18/2017 - 3:57pm

Whether the state should extend the current emergency conservation regulation or let it expire was the focus of a workshop before the State Water Resources Control Board on Jan. 18.

Citing dramatically improved conditions, water agency representatives from throughout the state voiced support for letting the regulation expire in February. They emphasized, however, that urban water suppliers remain committed to helping their customers shift to permanent changes to improve water use efficiency on an ongoing basis.

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**State Rolls Out New Lead Sampling in Schools Requirement**

Submitted by Lisa Lien-Mager on Tue, 01/17/2017 - 4:31pm
The State Water Resources Control Board today officially launched an effort to encourage K-12 schools in California to have their drinking water tested for lead. As part of the effort, the board’s Division of Drinking Water is issuing amended permits this week that require community water systems to test the schools in their service areas for lead if requested by school officials in writing.

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**New Draft Report from DWR Shows Limited Surface Water Available for Groundwater Recharge**

Submitted by Emily Allshouse on Fri, 01/13/2017 - 11:53am

The California Department of Water Resources has released a draft of a highly anticipated report that underscores the need for investment in new water infrastructure and innovative strategies to help bring local groundwater basins into balance under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

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**DWR to Host Webinar on Using New SGMA Portal to Report GSA Formation Information**

Submitted by Emily Allshouse on Fri, 01/13/2017 - 10:59am

The California Department of Water Resources will host a January webinar to demonstrate how local agencies can use its new Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Portal for reporting required information related to GSA formation. This data will inform DWR’s GSA Formation Notification System and be accessible to the public through the SGMA Portal.

The 3-hour webinar will be held Jan. 26 at 9 a.m. and include:

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California Irrigation Institute 55th Annual Conference

Mon, 01/30/2017 - Tue, 01/31/2017
Location: Sacramento, CA

The California Irrigation Institute presents its 55th annual conference January 30-31, 2017 in Sacramento. The conference is attended by agricultural, urban and environmental interests including water districts, farmers, irrigation manufacturers, associations and government agency representatives.

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Water 101

Thu, 02/02/2017 - 9:00am - Fri, 02/03/2017 - 12:00pm
Location: West Sacramento City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento

The Water Education Foundation sponsors a day-long course with an optional half day the next day as part of its annual Water 101 educational program. The program will look at the historical, legal and management aspects of water in California as well as key water issues facing the state including drought, groundwater management and the Delta. Top speakers include: Lester Snow, former California Natural Resources Secretary; Alf Brandt, senior counsel for the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee; and Jennifer Harder, assistant professor at McGeorge Law School.

Registration and Information
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ACWA DC2017: Washington, D.C. Conference

Tue, 02/28/2017 - 8:00am - Thu, 03/02/2017 - 5:00pm
Location: St. Regis Hotel, Washington, D.C.


Online Registration & cancellation deadline is February 10, 2017 - 4:30 p.m. (PST)

Why Attend?

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WEF Central Valley Tour 2017 Field Trip

Wed, 03/08/2017 - Fri, 03/10/2017
Location: This tour starts and ends at the Sacramento International Airport

The Water Education Foundation is presenting a 3-day, 2-night tour through California’s Central Valley, known as the nation’s breadbasket thanks to an imported supply of surface water and local groundwater. Covering about 20,000 square miles through the heart of the state, the valley provides 25 percent of the nation’s food, including 40 percent of all fruits, nuts and vegetables consumed throughout the country.

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ACWA 2017 Legislative Symposium

Wed, 03/08/2017 - 9:00am - 4:30pm
Location: Sacramento Convention Center, Sacramento, CA

ACWA's 2017 Legislative Symposium is set for March 8, 2017, at the Sacramento Convention Center in Sacramento, CA.

Online Registration & cancellation deadline is February 24, 2017 - 4:30 p.m. (PST)

IMPORTANT LINKS:

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LOWER COLORADO RIVER TOUR 2017

Wed, 04/05/2017 - Fri, 04/07/2017
Location: The tour begins in Las Vegas (with an optional start in Ontario) and ends at Ontario International Airport.

Presented by the Water Education Foundation. Explore the Lower Colorado River where virtually every drop of the river is allocated, yet demand is growing from a myriad of sources — increasing population, declining habitat, drought and climate change.

Registration

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HEADWATERS TOUR 2017

Thu, 04/27/2017 - Fri, 04/28/2017
Location: The tour begins and ends at Sacramento International Airport.

Presented by the Water Education Foundation.

Registration

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ACWA 2017 Spring Conference & Exhibition

Tue, 05/09/2017 - Fri, 05/12/2017
Location: Monterey, CA

ACWA’s 2017 Spring Conference & Exhibition is set for May 9-12, 2017, at the Monterey Marriott and Portola Hotel & Spa in Monterey. Further details to come.

Online Registration & cancellation deadline is April 14, 2017 - 4:30 p.m. (PST)

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CEO BULLETIN
Chief Executive Officer Bulletin  
Week of January 13 – 19, 2017

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 
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Change to Anderson Reservoir Restricted Water Level

The current water level restriction at Anderson Reservoir of approximately 45 feet below the dam 
crest (EL 599.7 NGVD29 feet) was established in 2011. This restriction was based on the seismic 
stability analyses of the dam performed by the consultant firm of AMEC in 2009, which indicated that 
the dam embankment could experience large deformations and cracking due to seismically-induced 
liquefaction of its foundation and lower finer fill.

The reservoir restriction is an interim safety measure that provides additional embankment freeboard 
to prevent overtopping of the dam in case slumping and/or cracking occurs after a severe earthquake.

Recent geotechnical investigations and laboratory testing completed by the Anderson Dam Seismic 
Retrofit Project’s design consultant (URS Corporation) have concluded that, in addition to the 
foundation/lower finer fill, the upstream granular shell of the dam is also susceptible to liquefaction 
during a large earthquake.

This new finding was presented to the water district’s dam safety regulators, the Division of Safety of 
Dams (DSOD) and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), and to the project’s 
independent Board of Consultants (BOC) in October 2016. At the Board of Consultants meeting on 
October 25, 2016, the regulators and the independent BOC requested the water district evaluate the 
impacts of the new finding on the current interim reservoir restriction.

In mid-December 2016, URS Corporation completed a draft Technical Memorandum (TM) 
summarizing their evaluation of the current interim reservoir restriction based on the new finding. 
Their analysis indicates that there is potential for the dam to experience an additional 10 feet of 
deformation due to liquefaction of the upstream shell of the dam during a strong seismic event. The 
draft TM recommends restricting the reservoir elevation by an additional 10 feet (EL 589.7 NGVD29 
feet) for the interim period until the seismic retrofit work is completed.
The draft TM was reviewed and accepted by the water district in early January 2017. With the forecast of strong storm activity the first weekend of January, the water district informed DSOD on January 6, 2017, that it would implement an additional 10 feet (55 feet below the dam crest) of voluntary operational restriction for Anderson Reservoir.

The final TM prepared by URS Corporation will be sent to the regulators and the BOC for their review and comment. The water district anticipates receiving final acceptance and approval of the reservoir restriction by the regulators within a few months.

For further information, please contact Katherine Oven at (408) 630-3126.
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TO: Norma J. Camacho, Interim Chief Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Fall Washington DC Advocacy Trip Thank You Letters for Non-Agenda
FROM: Rick L. Callender
DATE: January 11, 2017

Attached to this memorandum are copies of the thank you letters from our Fall Washington DC advocacy trip in November.

The Office of Government Relations will continue efforts to ensure U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 2017 workplan funding and Congressional funding to District partnered projects during the upcoming Fiscal Year 2018 budget process.

Deputy Administrative Officer
Office of Government Relations

Attachments: Thank you letters (17)
December 22, 2016

Miriam C. Goldstein, Ph.D.
Legislative Director
Office of the Honorable Jackie Speier
2465 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Dr. Goldstein:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District), thank you for meeting with us. We appreciated the time that you spent to talk through some critical issues for our portfolio of projects including San Francisquito Creek and the San Francisco Bay Shoreline Study. Based on our conversation, we are truly grateful for your commitment to water quality and flood control for the many people that the District serves. We appreciate your interest in the status of our waiver on the SMART planning waiver issue.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rick Callender, Government Relations and Communications Manager, at (408) 630-2017 or by e-mail at rcallender@valleywater.org.

Sincerely,

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Norma J. Camacho
Interim Chief Executive Officer

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December 22, 2016

The Honorable Zoe Lofgren
1401 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Lofgren:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, thank you for meeting with us. We appreciated the time that you spent to talk through some critical issues for our portfolio of projects including Llagas Creek, Upper Berryessa Creek, Shoreline, Upper Guadalupe Creek, and Title XVI. Based on our conversation, we are truly grateful for your leadership on water quality, flood control and water supply issues throughout our region. We especially appreciate your commitment to spearhead our request letters going into the 115th Congress.

If there is anything that we can ever do to assist you or your staff, then please do not hesitate to ask. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rick Callender, Government Relations and Communications Manager, at (408) 630-2017 or by e-mail at rcallender@valleywater.org.

Sincerely,

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Norma J. Camacho
Interim Chief Executive Officer

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December 22, 2016

Ms. Arnita Hannon
Intergovernmental Liaison
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Mail Code: 1301A
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Ms. Hannon:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District), thank you for meeting with us during our recent trip to Washington, DC. We appreciate your help in facilitating our introductory discussion with Sonia Brubaker, Matt King, Jamie Piziali, and Rachel Urban from the Office of Water as we explore a new approach to storm water as a resource in our region. Their insights were both helpful and constructive.

We also appreciate your help in having Dave Smith, from Region 9, participate in our meeting. He is a valuable contact to have as we continue our discussions with the Water Resources Control Board. Should we decide to pursue a plan of storm water capture as a supplementary source for drinking water, coordination between the District, Region 9, and EPA Headquarters will be a tremendous asset to making it a success.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rick Callender, Government Relations and Communications Manager, at (408) 630-2017 or by e-mail at rcallender@valleywater.org.

Sincerely,

Norma J. Camacho
Interim Chief Executive Officer

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December 22, 2016

Mr. David Smith  
NPDES Permits Section (WTR-2-3)  
U.S. EPA Region 9  
75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, CA 94602

Dear Mr. Smith:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, thank you for joining our discussion on storm water during our recent trip to Washington, DC. We appreciate the extra effort you made so early in the morning to contribute your thoughts as we explore a new approach to storm water as a resource in the Silicon Valley. We will coordinate with you as we gather more information from the Water Resources Control Board on funding and operating a storm water resource system and the regulatory issues that such an approach may entail.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rick Callender, Government Relations and Communications Manager, at (408) 630-2017 or by e-mail at rcallender@valleywater.org.

Again, thank you for your contribution to this discussion.

Sincerely,

Norma J. Camacho  
Interim Chief Executive Officer

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December 22, 2016

Mr. Robert Wolf  
Director, Program and Budget, Bureau of Reclamation  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, NW, Room 7642  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Wolf:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, thank you for making the time to meet with us during our recent trip to Washington, D.C. We appreciated your thoughts on the Title XVI program and how our plans for the South Santa Clara Recycled Water Project and the Expedited Recycled and Purified Water Program may continue to be served by Title XVI. We also appreciated the opportunity to raise with you possible changes in the San Luis Low Point Feasibility Study.

We look forward to a continuation of our collaboration to meet the water resource needs of the Silicon Valley.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rick Callender, Government Relations and Communications Manager, at (408) 630-2017 or by e-mail at rcallender@valleywater.org.

Sincerely,

Norma J. Camacho  
Interim Chief Executive Officer

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December 22, 2016

Mr. Grayford F. Payne
Deputy Commissioner
Policy, Administration, and Budget
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Payne:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, thank you for making the time to meet with us during our recent trip to Washington, DC. We appreciated your thoughts on the Title XVI program and how our plans for the South Santa Clara Recycled Water Project and the Expedited Recycled and Purified Water Program may continue to be served by Title XVI.

Your comments on the value of engaging the Denver office were most helpful. We have been in contact with Amanda Erath, who provided us with a wealth of assistance on the San Jose Area Title XVI authorization. We will follow up with Dean Marrone as we proceed and coordinate with the Mid-Pacific Region. We also appreciated the opportunity to raise with you possible changes in the San Luis Low Point Feasibility Study. In this, too, we will stay in close coordination with the Mid-Pacific team.

We look forward to a continuation of our collaboration with the Bureau to meet the water resource needs of the Silicon Valley.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rick Callender, Government Relations and Communications Manager, at (408) 630-2017 or by e-mail at rcallender@valleywater.org.

Sincerely,

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Norma J. Camacho
Interim Chief Executive Officer

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Mr. Harry Horner
Mid-Pacific Regional Liaison
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
1849 C Street, NW
MS-7069-MIB (96-42020)
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Horner:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, thank you for taking the time to meet with us during our recent trip to Washington, DC. We will be sure to coordinate with the Mid-Pacific team as we pursue Title XVI funding for the South Santa Clara Recycled Water Project and the Expedited Recycled and Purified Water Program. We will also coordinate with the Region on possible changes in the San Luis Low Point Feasibility Study. We appreciate your role as an asset in this effort.

We look forward to a continuation of our collaboration with the Bureau to meet the water resource needs of the Silicon Valley.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rick Callender, Government Relations and Communications Manager, at (408) 630-2017 or by e-mail at rcallender@valleywater.org.

Sincerely,

Norma J. Camacho
Interim Chief Executive Officer

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December 22, 2016

Mr. Logan Free  
Legislative Director  
Office of the Honorable Jared Huffman  
1630 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C.  20515

Dear Mr. Free:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District), thank you for meeting with us. We appreciated the time that you spent to talk through some critical issues for our portfolio of projects including water conservation, WRDA, WIFIA, dams, infrastructure finance and tax rebates. Based on our conversation, we are truly grateful for your commitment to water quality, flood control and dam safety issues for the many people that the District serves.

I have enclosed the one pager on dam safety and rehabilitation that was promised to you during our meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rick Callender, Government Relations and Communications Manager, at (408) 630-2017 or by e-mail at rcallender@valleywater.org.

Sincerely,

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Norma J. Camacho  
Interim Chief Executive Officer

Enclosure  
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Dam Evaluation, Rehabilitation, and Repair Legislation

**Legislative Need:** Introduction of a Dam Evaluation, Rehabilitation, and Repair Act that will assess the state of the nation’s dams and will ultimately provide grants or infrastructure loans for structurally unfit dams.

**Benefit:** Dams play a critical role in the Nation’s economy and serve a wide range of functions from recreation to water supply management. Conducting a comprehensive federal assessment of the state of the nation’s dams would enable Congress to fully understand what role, if any, Congress should have in the rehabilitation and repairs of non-federally funded dams. A December 17, 2015, report by the Office of Cyber and Infrastructure Analysis stated that states, localities, and private entities own 82 percent of all high hazard potential dams. A national assessment will start the process of addressing aging and structurally unfit dams.

**District related projects:** The District operates 10 dams in Santa Clara County as part of our reservoir system. The District’s Dam Safety Program is a comprehensive program that ensures the public is protected. One component of this program is to provide seismic studies of our dams.

The seismic study of Anderson Dam, the District’s largest dam, determined that the dam would liquify in a 7.25 magnitude earthquake along the Calaveras Fault. This dam is a high hazard potential dam due to downstream development. A seismic retrofit project is underway.

**Importance:** The resilience of any community is largely due to the resilience of its infrastructure. In Silicon Valley, a critical component is the resilience of the District’s dams which provide 25% of Santa Clara County’s water supply to its approximately 2 million residents.

**Project Goal:** The District’s Dam Safety Program ensures the continued operation of its 10 major dams. The water district also works closely with state and federal regulators, and downstream emergency response partners to meet these goals.

**Project Description:** The District’s Dam Safety Program includes four main components:

- Periodic special engineering studies
- Surveillance and monitoring program
- Routine inspections and maintenance activities
- Maintaining emergency response and preparedness plans

As a result of seismic studies, the District is proceeding with a seismic retrofit project of Anderson Dam to ensure public safety and regain the ability to fully utilize the reservoir’s volume for surface water storage.

Other dams with seismic stability concerns include Coyote Dam, Almaden Dam, Calero Dam and Guadalupe Dam.

**Project Cost:** The Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project cost is $205M.

**Status:** The Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project is currently in the design phase. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2018 and will take two to three years to complete.
This aerial map shows Anderson Dam and a portion of the city of Morgan Hill that is developed below the dam. Dam failure due to an earthquake can cause significant loss of life and property.
January 4, 2017

Mr. Aharon Friedman  
Tax Counsel  
Committee on Ways and Means  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1102 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Friedman:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District), thank you for meeting with us. We appreciated the time that you spent to talk through some critical issues for our portfolio of projects, especially the questions of state volume caps in bond financing, the need to add recycling as a permitted activity and legal impediments to mixing tax-exempt financed projects and public-private partnerships. Based on our conversation, we are truly grateful for your commitment to infrastructure finance and therefore to helping us find solutions to water supply issues for the nearly two million residents that District serves as well as other water suppliers around the country. We also appreciate your advice as to what we should be doing legislatively to draft and introduce a bill for the next Congress.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rick Callender, Government Relations and Communications Manager, at (408) 630-2017 or by e-mail at rcallender@valleywater.org.

Sincerely,

Nai Hsueh  
Director, District 5

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January 4, 2017

The Honorable John Garamendi  
2438 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Garamendi:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, thank you for meeting with us. We appreciated the time that you spent to talk through some critical issues for our portfolio of projects including WRDA, WIFIA and dams. Based on our conversation, we are truly grateful for your leadership on water quality, flood control and water supply issues throughout our region and state. We especially appreciate your explanation of your “Little Sip, Big Gulp” approach.

If there is anything that we can ever do to assist you or your staff, then please do not hesitate to ask. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rick Callender, Government Relations and Communications Manager, at (408) 630-2017 or by e-mail at rcallender@valleywater.org.

Sincerely,

Nai Hsueh  
Director, District 5

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January 4, 2017

Mr. Nick Wyatt
Professional Staff Member, Taxation
Committee on Finance
U.S. Senate
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Wyatt:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District), thank you for meeting with us. We appreciated the time that you spent to talk through some critical issues for our portfolio of projects, especially the questions of bond financing and public-private partnerships. Based on our conversation, we are truly grateful for your commitment to infrastructure finance and therefore to helping us find solutions to water supply issues for the many people that the District serves. We also appreciate your advice as to what we should be doing legislatively to draft and introduce a bill for the next Congress.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rick Callender, Government Relations and Communications Manager, at (408) 630-2017 or by e-mail at rcallender@valleywater.org.

Sincerely,

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Nai Hsueh
Director, District 5

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Ms. Alexis Segal
Legislative Assistant
Office of the Honorable Dianne Feinstein
U.S. Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Ms. Segal:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, thank you for meeting with us. We appreciated the time that you spent to talk through some critical issues for our portfolio of projects including WRDA, Upper Guadalupe, Upper Berryessa Creek, San Francisco Bay Shoreline Study, Title XVI, appropriations and the drought bill. Based on our conversation, we are truly grateful for your commitment to water supply, conveyance, flood control and water quality issues for the many people that the District serves, and for our state.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rick Callender, Government Relations and Communications Manager, at (408) 630-2017 or by e-mail at rcallender@valleywater.org.

Sincerely,

[Nai Hsueh's Signature]
Nai Hsueh
Director, District 5

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Mr. Tyler Rushforth  
Counsel, Committee on the Environment and Public Works  
U.S. Senate  
508 Hart Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Rushforth:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District), thank you for meeting with us. We appreciated the time that you spent to talk through some critical issues for our portfolio of projects including WRDA and the San Francisco Bay Shoreline Study. Based on our conversation, we are truly grateful for your commitment to flood control and water quality issues for the nearly 2 million residents that the District serves. We also appreciate your advice as to what we can be doing locally in Silicon Valley to generate support for the passage of a WRDA bill.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rick Callender, Government Relations and Communications Manager, at (408) 630-2017 or by e-mail at rcallender@valleywater.org.

Sincerely,

Nai Hsueh  
Director, District 5

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Mr. Paul Beck  
Counsel and Legislative Assistant  
Office of the Honorable Anna Eshoo  
241 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Beck:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District), thank you for meeting with us. We appreciated the time that you spent to talk through some critical issues for our portfolio of projects including Upper Guadalupe, San Francisco Bay Shoreline Study, and San Francisquito. Based on our conversation, we are truly grateful for your commitment to water supply, flood control and water quality issues for the almost 2 million residents that the District serves.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rick Callender, Government Relations and Communications Manager, at (408) 630-2017 or by e-mail at rcallender@valleywater.org.

Sincerely,

Nai Hsueh  
Director, District 5

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Mr. Joe Sheehy
Legislative Director
Office of the Honorable Grace Napolitano
1610 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Sheehy:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, thank you for meeting with us. We appreciated the time that you spent to discuss some critical issues for our portfolio of projects including WRDA, dam issues and Title XVI. Based on our conversation we are truly grateful for your commitment to water supply and conveyance issues.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rick Callender, Government Relations and Communications Manager, at (408) 630-2017 or by e-mail at rcallender@valleywater.org.

Sincerely,

Nai Hsueh
Director, District 5

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Mr. Eric Werwa  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
Office of the Honorable Mike Honda  
1713 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Werwa:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, thank you for meeting with us. We appreciated the time that you spent to talk through some critical issues for our portfolio of projects including appropriations, Upper Berryessa Creek, dam issues and Title XVI. Based on our conversation, and the many years of support by you and Representative Honda, we are truly grateful for your leadership on water infrastructure and supply issues.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rick Callender, Government Relations and Communications Manager, at (408) 630-2017 or by e-mail at rcallender@valleywater.org.

Sincerely,

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Nai Hsueh  
Director, District 5

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The Honorable Ken Calvert
2205 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Calvert:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, thank you for meeting with us. We appreciated the time that you spent to talk through some critical issues for our portfolio of projects including financing options and scenarios, public-private partnerships, Title XVI and the drought bill. Based on our conversation, we are truly grateful for your leadership on water infrastructure and supply issues throughout our state. We applaud your continued efforts to reach a compromise on water delivery and we stand ready to assist you in that effort. We look forward to following up with your Senior Legislative Assistant, Ian Foley.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rick Callender, Government Relations and Communications Manager, at (408) 630-2017 or by e-mail at rcallender@valleywater.org.

Sincerely,

Nai Hsueh
Director, District 5

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Mr. Danny Fisher  
Principal Deputy Associate Director Climate Preparedness  
White House Council on Environmental Quality  
722 Jackson Place, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Fisher:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, thank you for pulling together your team for our recent meeting. Over the years we have valued the insight and guidance that the White House Council on Environmental Quality has provided on a host of policies and project priorities. As we shared, the District has co-equal goals of water supply, flood risk reduction and environmental restoration and we strive to find a balance to ensure that Silicon Valley will remain well served by our decisions into perpetuity.

Please do not hesitate to call on us should you find yourself in the Bay Area; we would be happy to show you how we are implementing sustainability and resiliency into our network of projects. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rick Callender, Government Relations and Communications Manager, at (408) 630-2017 or by e-mail at rcallender@valleywater.org.

Sincerely,

Nai Hsueh  
Director, District 5

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Mr. Frank Sturges  
Program Examiner  
Office of Management and Budget  
725 17th Street, NW  
Washington, D.C.  20403

Dear Mr. Sturges:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, thank you once again for making time to meet during our recent trip to Washington, DC. We appreciated the opportunity to discuss our portfolio of projects including South San Francisco Bay Shoreline, Coyote/Berryessa, Upper Guadalupe, Upper Penitencia and San Francisquito Creek. We recognize that the timing for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 work plan funding is uncertain. However, as the non-federal sponsor, we appreciate your past support on these projects as they are a benefit to the nation and we look forward to working with you as the FY17 work plan process moves forward. As well, the recent passage of Measure AA by nine Bay Area counties further strengthens our role as a funding partner and we are thrilled that our community continues to support and value efforts to provide coastal resiliency and reduce flood risks.

Please do not hesitate to call on us for any reason; especially if you find yourself in Silicon Valley. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rick Callender, Government Relations and Communications Manager, at (408) 630-2017 or by e-mail at rcallender@valleywater.org.

Sincerely,

Nai Hsueh  
Director, District 5

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Mr. Gary Waxman
General Attorney
Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20403

Dear Mr. Waxman:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, thank you once again for making time to meet during our recent trip to Washington, DC. We appreciated the opportunity to discuss our portfolio of projects including South San Francisco Bay Shoreline, Coyote/Berryessa, Upper Guadalupe, Upper Penitencia and San Francisquito Creek. We recognize that the timing for Fiscal Year 2017 work plan funding is uncertain. However, as the non-federal sponsor, we appreciate your past support on these projects as they are a benefit to the nation and we look forward to working with you as the FY17 work plan process moves forward. As well, the recent passage of Measure AA by nine Bay Area counties further strengthens our role as a funding partner and we are thrilled that our community continues to support and value efforts to provide coastal resiliency and reduce flood risks.

Please do not hesitate to call on us for any reason; especially if you find yourself in Silicon Valley. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rick Callender, Government Relations and Communications Manager, at (408) 630-2017 or by e-mail at rcallender@valleywater.org.

Sincerely,

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Director, District 5

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Mr. Eric Hansen
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Management and Budget)
Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works
108 Army Pentagon
Room 3E441
Washington, D.C. 20310

Dear Mr. Hansen:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, thank you once again for making time to meet during our recent trip to Washington, D.C. We appreciated the opportunity to discuss our portfolio of projects including South San Francisco Bay Shoreline, Coyote/Berryessa Creek, Upper Guadalupe Creek and San Francisquito Creek. We recognize that the timing for Fiscal Year 2017 work plan funding is uncertain. However, as the non-federal sponsor, we have a proven track record for being able to quickly execute on contracts and we stand ready to do the same whenever Congress gives you a green light to proceed. As well, the recent passage of Measure AA by nine Bay Area counties further strengthens our role as a funding partner and we are thrilled that our community continues to support and value efforts to provide coastal resiliency and reduce flood risks.

Please do not hesitate to call on us for any reason; especially if you find yourself in Silicon Valley. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rick Callender, Government Relations and Communications Manager, at (408) 630-2017 or by e-mail at rcallender@valleywater.org.

Sincerely,

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Nai Hsueh
Director, District 5

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Mr. Whit Remer  
Senior Manager, Federal Government Relations  
American Society of Civil Engineers  
101 Constitution Avenue, NW, Suite 375 East  
Washington, D.C. 20001  

Dear Mr. Remer:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, thank you for making the time to meet with us. We appreciated the opportunity to learn more about the American Society of Civil Engineers’ efforts at the federal level and to share with you some of our innovative approaches to flood risk reduction, ecosystem restoration and water purification. We are interested in learning more about the workshop that ASCE is planning for the Bay Area so as those arrangements come together, please keep us in mind.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rick Callender, Government Relations and Communications Manager, at (408) 630-2017 or by e-mail at rcallender@valleywater.org.

And congratulations again on the new addition to your family.

Sincerely,

Nai Hsueh  
Director, District 5

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

Dear Mr. Olson:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District), thank you for making the time to speak with us. We always appreciate your insights and guidance and it was very helpful for us to hear your views on the Section 7 consultation process. We will keep an eye out for further guidance from your agency in the spring. I know we have said this many times before, but we cannot thank you enough for all of the assistance that you have provided the District.

Please let us know if you will be in the Bay Area; we would welcome the opportunity to show you the portfolio of projects that your work has been instrumental in achieving. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rick Callender, Government Relations and Communications Manager, at (408) 630-2017 or by e-mail at rcallender@valleywater.org.

Sincerely,

Nai Hsueh
Director, District 5

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Ms. Cindy Barger  
Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works  
441 G Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20314

Dear Ms. Barger:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District), thank you for meeting with us during our recent trip to Washington, DC. We appreciate your thoughts and insights into our portfolio of projects including the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline project and Coyote/Berryessa Creek Flood Protection Project. We also sincerely appreciate the ongoing assistance we have received from your office over the years. We recognize the close coordination that your office has with the South Pacific Division of the US Army Corps of Engineers, but should the District be able to assist, please do not hesitate to call on us. We value our role as the non-federal sponsor in helping to delivery this worthy federal investment and as well as our partnership with the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works.

If you have any questions about District programs or projects, please contact Mr. Rick Callender, Government Relations and Communications Manager, at (408) 630-2017 or by e-mail at rcallender@valleywater.org.

Sincerely,

Nai Hsueh  
Director, District 5

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

Dear Mr. Schwichtenberg:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District), thank you for meeting with us. We appreciate the time you spent to talk through some critical issues for our portfolio of projects including the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline project, Coyote/Berryessa Creek Flood Protection Project, and San Francisquito Creek Flood Protection Project. Based on our conversation, we have lots of follow-up to do at the District and Division levels and we are moving quickly on those recommended actions. You are truly invested in our projects and we appreciate the close collaboration and partnership that your leadership provides.

If you have any questions about District programs or projects, please contact Mr. Rick Callender, Government Relations and Communications Manager, at (408) 630-2017 or by e-mail at rcallender@valleywater.org.

Sincerely,

Nai Hsueh
Director, District 5

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Attached is a copy of the January 17, 2017 letter submitted by William Baron during public comment of item 2.3 – Collaboration in the Coyote Valley.
BRANDENBURG PROPERTIES & THE SOBRATO ORGANIZATION

January 17, 2017

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Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors
Santa Clara County Open Space Authority Board of Directors
5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA

RE: Joint SCVWD & OSA Board Meeting Agenda Item 2.3
—North Coyote Valley

Dear SCVWD & OSA Board Members:

On behalf of The Sobearto Organization and Brandenburg Properties, I offer a few initial thoughts relative to the works underway by the Santa Clara Valley Water District and the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority—with specific emphasis regarding North Coyote Valley.

The entire Coyote Valley is estimated at 7,400 acres. The North Coyote Valley Industrial Park (NCVIP) portion, however, consists of 1,444 acres within it, or about 19.5%. NCVIP, the job center, is all within the city limits of San Jose and within the city’s Urban Service Area, unlike any other portion of the Coyote Valley. The NCVIP jobs center has had a consistent land use for more than 32 years—and 3 general plans, including the most recent GP Envision 2040 4-year Update have affirmed it time and time again. The same can’t be said for the balance of the Coyote Valley—the vast majority of which is not in the city limits or within the city’s Urban Service Area.

It’s important to know that within the 1,444 acre NCVIP, greater San Jose-based Sobearto and Brandenburg own 950 +/- acres, or nearly 66%. Covering the 950 acres, nearly 9,000,000 SF of approved zoning entitlement has been secured and is in place. Moreover, this is the largest assemblage of jobs-producing land now available within any major city in the Bay Area—something the Capital of Silicon Valley rightfully appreciates.

And, in reliance on that consistent public policy, a documented $116 million of both public and private dollars (nearly 60% taxpayer/public funds) have been spent in the building of public improvements such as significant San Jose Municipal Water works, a Freeway Interchange, a railroad overcrossing, major sewer and storm utility systems, and other improvements (see attached Exhibit “A”). This expense excludes the tens of millions in land acquisition expended by private parties, including our respective organizations.
Santa Clara Valley Water District  
Santa Clara County Open Space Authority  
Joint Board Meeting, 1/17/17
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It's also important to recall that flood control is not a new issue for the Coyote Valley. In fact, a great deal of engineering and design work was completed and nearly 16 years ago, the “Land Transfer and Maintenance Agreement” was entered into by and between our predecessor in title, the District and the City of San Jose—to which we inherited. The Land Transfer and Maintenance Agreement was, indeed, all about Coyote Valley flood control and in reliance on the Agreement, millions were spent 10 years ago to construct the first phase of the works located in the North Coyote Valley, now in place. A completion of the works is on the horizon. The relationship between the parties under the Agreement remains in place today, as it did when it was entered.

Brandenburg and Sobotro intend to utilize the existing infrastructure, existing entitlements and long standing land use policy to assist in bringing quality, sustainable, LEED-certified, jobs-producing development to the NCVIP—in a focused and sensitive way respecting the larger environmental setting, and will do so in a collaborative way—which is the hallmark of our respective firms and principals leading them. The NCVIP is envisioned over time to be developed with a variety of uses—R&D, office, and distribution warehouses serving today’s driving economy. There are significant environmental benefits of the reverse commute and the grander significance of reverse commute trips underpinning the broader environmental review of GP Envision 2040.

The opportunities that our lands within the NCVIP offer to jobs-driving industry are unique and special— unlike any other opportunity in the entire Silicon Valley. While we reserve the opportunity to comment more robustly at another time on a variety of matters identified in the joint meeting materials, for now we wanted you to be aware of our presence in the NCVIP, the prior extensive engineering and designed flood control work—some of which now constructed—and to tell you that we look forward to working together to make good things happen in a thoughtful way.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 408-282-4101 and/or Tim Steele at 408-832-4200.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

William B. Baron
EXHIBIT “A”
SUMMARY OF NORTH COYOTE VALLEY INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

As known or estimated by HMH Engineers

Initial Street Upgrades to Santa Teresa & Bailey Avenue: $13,800,000
  Landowner Funded

101/Bailey Interchange: $30,065,000
  State of California--$14.4M
  VTA--$4.5M
  City of San Jose--$3.530M
  Landowner Funded

Bailey Grade Separation over RR and Monterey Highway: $10,000,000
  Publicly Funded (State & CPUC)-(50%)
  Landowner Funded-(45%)
  Railroad-(5%)

San Jose Municipal Water System (wells, pumps, pipes, tank, roads): $7,000,000
  City of San Jose Funded

Initial NCV Flood Control Improvements (w/s of Santa Teresa): $15,000,000
  Landowner Funded

Recycled Water Service to MEC: $12,500,000
  City of San Jose and Other Publicly Funded

Sanitary Sewer works/upgrades within Bailey and Santa Teresa: $17,500,000
  City of San Jose Funded

Soft Costs (engineering, inspections, etc): $10,000,000
  City of San Jose & Other Publicly Funded (50%)
  Landowner Funded (50%)

Sub-Total: $115,865,000*

* Approximately $69,430,000 publicly funded or 60%
* 1985 through 2002 dollars. Adjusted to 2016 dollars, amount would approach $200M.