September 26, 2019

MEETING NOTICE & REQUEST FOR RSVP

TO: AGRICULTURAL WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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The regular meeting of the Agricultural Water Advisory Committee is scheduled to be held on Monday, October 7, 2019, at 1:30 p.m., in the Headquarters Building Boardroom located at the Santa Clara Valley Water District, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California. Refreshments will be served.

Enclosed are the meeting agenda and corresponding materials. Please bring this packet with you to the meeting. Additional copies of this meeting packet are available on our new website at https://www.valleywater.org/how-we-operate/committees/board-advisory-committees.

A majority of the appointed membership is required to constitute a quorum, which is fifty percent plus one. A quorum for this meeting must be confirmed at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting date or it will be canceled.

Further, a quorum must be present on the day of the scheduled meeting to call the meeting to order and take action on agenda items.

Members with two or more consecutive unexcused absences will be subject to rescinded membership.

Please confirm your attendance no later than 1:00 p.m., Thursday, October 3, 2019, by contacting Ms. Glenna Brambill at 1-408-630-2408, or gbrambill@valleywater.org.

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
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- Turn right (east) into the campus entrance
District Mission: Provide Silicon Valley safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment and economy.

Note: The finalized Board Agenda, exception items and supplemental items will be posted prior to the meeting in accordance with the Brown Act.
1. CALL TO ORDER:

   1.1. Roll Call.

2. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA.
Notice to the public: This item is reserved for persons desiring to address the Committee on any matter not on this agenda. Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on any item not listed on the agenda should complete a Speaker Form and present it to the Committee Clerk. The Committee Chair will call individuals in turn. Speakers comments should be limited to two minutes or as set by the Chair. The law does not permit Committee action on, or extended discussion of, any item not on the agenda except under special circumstances. If Committee action is requested, the matter may be placed on a future agenda. All comments that require a response will be referred to staff for a reply in writing. The Committee may take action on any item of business appearing on the posted agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3.1. Approval of Minutes.  

   Recommendation: Approve the July 1, 2019, Meeting Minutes.  
   Manager: Michele King, 408-630-2711  
   Attachments: Attachment 1: 070119 Ag Wtr DRAFT Mins  
   Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

4. STANDING ITEMS REPORT:

Recommendation:  

A. For the Agricultural Water Advisory Committee to receive verbal or written updates and discuss the Board’s Fiscal Year 2020 Work Plan Strategies. These items are generally informational; however, the Committee may request additional information and/or provide collective input to the assigned Board Committee on the following subjects:

1. Finalize the Fisheries and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort (FAHCE). (Assigned to FAHCE) Nothing to report at this time!

2. Actively Pursue Efforts to Increase Water Storage Opportunities. (Assigned to Water Storage Exploratory Committee) Nothing to report at this time!

3. Actively Participate in Decisions Regarding the California Delta Conveyance. (Assigned to California Delta Conveyance Working Group) Nothing to report at this time!

4. Lead Recycled and Purified Water Efforts with the City of San Jose and Other Agencies. (Assigned to Recycled Water Committee) Nothing to report at this time!

5. Engage and educate the community, local elected officials and staff on future water supply strategies in Santa Clara County. (Assigned to Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee) Nothing to report at this time!

6. Advance Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project. (Assigned to Capital Improvement Program Committee) Nothing to report at this time!

7. Provide for a Watershed-Wide Regulatory Planning and Permitting Effort. (Assigned to FAHCE) Nothing to report at this time!

8. Attain net positive impact on the environment when implementing Valley Water’s mission. Nothing to report at this time!

9. Promote the protection of creeks, bay, and other aquatic ecosystems from threats of pollution and degradation (E-4.1.3). (Assigned to Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee) See Attachment 1.

10. Advance Diversity and Inclusion Efforts. Carry forward to FY20. (Assigned to Diversity and Inclusion Ad Hoc Committee) Nothing to report at this time!
11. Understand if the level of services Valley Water provides to the public are reasonable and the costs of providing services are affordable and effective. (Assigned to Financial Sustainability Group). *Nothing to report at this time!*

B. This is informational only and no action is required.

Manager: Michele King, 408-630-2711
Attachments: Attachment 1: HEAHC Report
Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

5. **ACTION ITEMS:**

5.1. Update from Stakeholders on Efforts to Identify Sources of Revenue to Subsidize Agricultural Water Rates.  
**Recommendation:** This is a discussion item and no action is required. However, the Committee may make recommendations on the collaborative process and membership.

Manager: Michele King, 408-630-2711
Est. Staff Time: 30 Minutes

5.2. Review Agricultural Water Advisory Committee Work Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Committee Requests; and the Committee’s Next Meeting Agenda.  
**Recommendation:** Review the Committee work plan to guide the committee’s discussions regarding policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation.

Manager: Michele King, 408-630-2711
Attachments: Attachment 1: 2019 Ag Water Work Plan  
Attachment 2: 010620 Ag Wtr Draft Agenda
Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

6. **CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS.**

*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 the meeting.*

7. **REPORTS:**

7.1. Director's Report

7.2. Manager's Report

7.3. Committee Member Report
7.4.  Links to Informational Reports - None

8.  ADJOURN:

  8.1.  Adjourn to Regular Meeting at 1:30 p.m., on January 6, 2020, in the Santa Clara Valley Water District (HQ Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.
COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Agricultural Water Advisory Committee

SUBJECT:
Approval of Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION:
Approve the July 1, 2019, Meeting Minutes.

SUMMARY:
A summary of Committee discussions, and details of all actions taken by the Committee, during all open and public Committee meetings, is transcribed and submitted for review and approval.

Upon Committee approval, minutes transcripts are finalized and entered into the District’s historical records archives and serve as historical records of the Committee’s meetings.

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment 1: 070119 Draft Meeting Minutes.

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:
Michele King, 408-630-2711
A regularly scheduled meeting of the Agricultural Water Advisory Committee was held on
July 1, 2019, in the Headquarters Building Boardroom at the Santa Clara Valley Water
District, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
   Vice Chair Jan Garrod called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm.

   Members in attendance were:

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   Board members in attendance were: Director Nai Hsueh, Board Alternate,
   Director Richard P. Santos, and Director John L. Varela, Board Representatives.

   Staff members in attendance were: Glenna Brambill, Jerry De La Piedra, 
   Vanessa De La Piedra, Samantha Greene, Metra Richert, Ashley Shannon, 
   Darin Taylor and Sunny Williams.

   Guest in attendance was: Hon. Mike Flaugher from Open Space Authority Santa Clara Valley
2. **TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON AGENDA**
   There was no one present who wished to speak.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
   **3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
   It was moved by Mr. James Provenzano, seconded by Mr. Michael Miller and unanimously carried to approve the April 8, 2019, Agricultural Water Advisory Committee meeting minutes, as presented.

4. **STANDING ITEMS REPORT**
   Ms. Glenna Brambill and Director Nai Hsueh reviewed the new standing items report agenda item.

   The Committee took no action.

5. **ACTION ITEMS**
   **5.1 UPDATE ON WATER SUPPLY MASTER PLAN**
   Ms. Metra Richert reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda. The Draft June 2019 Water Master Supply Plan was distributed.

   Mr. Mitchell Mariani, Mr. George Fohner, Directors John L. Varela and Nai Hsueh spoke on the following: South County recharge/treatment plant possibility, raw water, Butterfield site-risk analysis-estimate yield, stormwater, expectation of water availability, State’s water projections and the Board’s standing items priorities.

   Mr. Jerry De La Piedra and Ms. Samantha Greene were available to answer questions.

   The Committee took no action.

   **5.2 DISCUSS PROPOSED COLLABORATIVE TO IDENTIFY SOURCES OF REVENUE TO SUBSIDIZE AGRICULTURAL WATER RATES**
   Director John L. Varela reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda. Mr. Dhruv Khanna’s email was distributed.

   Mr. Mike Flaugher, Director John L. Varela, Mr. George Fohner, Mr. Jan Garrod, Ms. Sandra Carrico and Director Richard P. Santos spoke on the following: Open Space Authority’s availability to assist with ag issues, Santa Clara County Agricultural Plan, solutions for sources of revenue, agricultural environmental benefits, flood protection and recharge, agricultural lands, urban agricultural paying the municipal and industrial rate charge, robotics and artificial intelligence (AI), funding needed to replace the open space credit and what the agricultural water rate could look like in two years.

   Mr. Jerry De La Piedra, Ms. Samantha Greene and Mr. Darin Taylor were available to answer questions.
The Committee took the following action:
It was moved by Mr. George Fohner, seconded by Mr. Mitchell Mariani and unanimously carried to approve the formation of a team of stakeholders, farm bureau, ag businesses and other interested parties to discuss the Agricultural Plan, potential open space credit funding, agricultural lands, subsidy concerns, environmental and financial impacts and research available source agencies.

5.3 DISCUSS AGRICULTURAL WATER BASELINE STUDY
Ms. Ashley Shannon reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda

Mr. George Fohner, Mr. Jan Garrod and Director Richard P. Santos spoke on the following: UC Extension Salinas, Ag Commission, switching irrigation methods, grants, data gathering, top researchers, partners and farming areas.

Mr. Jerry De La Piedra and Ms. Samantha Greene were available to answer questions.

The Committee took no action.

5.4 REVIEW AGRICULTURAL WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN, THE OUTCOMES OF BOARD ACTION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS; AND THE COMMITTEE’S NEXT MEETING AGENDA
Ms. Glenna Brambill Committee Liaison reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda.

The Committee took no action.

6. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS TO THE BOARD
Ms. Glenna Brambill reported there was one action item for Board information.

Agenda Item 5.2:
The Committee unanimously approved the formation of a team of stakeholders, farm bureau, ag businesses and other interested parties to discuss the Agricultural Plan, potential open space credit funding, agricultural lands, subsidy concerns, environmental and financial impacts and research of potential source agencies.

Note: Mr. Jan Garrod will take the lead and begin making contacts.

7. REPORTS
7.1 Director’s Report
None.

7.2 Manager’s Report
Ms. Vanessa De La Piedra reported on the following:
- Water Supply and groundwater basins are in great shape
- Benefit Zone Study Update
Mr. Michael Miller left at 2:47 p.m. and did not return.

7.3 Committee Member Reports
None

7.4 Committee Member Reports
- The Committee received link to the June Water Tracker report

8. ADJOURNMENT
Vice Chair Jan Garrod adjourned at 2:48 pm to the next regular meeting on Monday, October 7, 2019, at 1:30 pm, in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Building Boardroom.

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

Approved:
COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Agricultural Water Advisory Committee

SUBJECT:
Standing Items Report.

RECOMMENDATION:
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SUMMARY:
The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee was established to assist the Board with policy review and development, provide comment on activities in the implementation of the District mission, and to identify Board-related issues.

On March 12, 2019, the Board of Directors approved aligning the Board Advisory Committees’ agendas and work plans with the Board’s yearly work plan.

The new agenda format will allow regular reports on the Board’s priorities from the Board’s committees and/or Board committee representative and identify subjects where the committees could provide advice to the Board on pre-identified subjects in a timely manner to meet the Board’s schedule, and distribute information/reports that may be of interest to committee members.

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment 1: HEAHC Report

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:
Michele King, 408-630-2711
Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee

At the August 5, 2019 Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee meeting, the committee recommended that staff explore an operational approach to funding the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program's B4 Good Neighbor Program: Encampment Cleanup project in FY20 at a level appropriate to meet the anticipated community demand (an approximate budget of $1.5MM). The committee further recommended that subsequent budgets for this project should be assessed on an annual basis.

The Committee asked that staff investigate the potential for hosting a special Environmental Cleanup Day event. The event would consist of a collaboration of local agencies and volunteers working together to clean sites along Coyote Creek in advance of the winter rains and make a positive environmental impact in Santa Clara County. An analysis of this proposed event will be presented at the next Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee meeting.
COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee

SUBJECT:

RECOMMENDATION:
A. Receive one-year follow-up report to August 28, 2018, Board-approved operational approach of funding the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection (Safe, Clean Water) Program's B4 Good Neighbor Program: Encampment Cleanup Project.
B. Select one of the following operational approaches for the Encampment Cleanup Project for Fiscal Years 2021-28 (FYs 21-28) for recommendation to the Board, or provide other feedback as the Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee deems appropriate for Board consideration:

1. Reduce the number of cleanups each year to the B4 Key Performance Indicator (KPI) target of 52 annual cleanups for the duration of the Safe, Clean Water Program, funded by $175,000 a year from Safe, Clean Water (Fund 26) reserves; or

2. Continue with the current Board-approved operational approach to provide funding for 52 annual cleanups through Fund 26 reserves and supplement it with additional funding by utilizing 90 percent of the net rental income from properties purchased through Watersheds Stream Stewardship (Fund 12) reserves, resulting in an annual project budget of approximately $925,000; or
   2a. Continue current operational approach and monitor for an additional period; or

3. Supplement current Homeless Encampment Cleanup budget through additional funding from Fund 26 and Fund 12 reserves to meet the FY20 anticipated community demand and determine the budget on an annual basis.

SUMMARY:
Encampment Cleanup Project Background

The Safe, Clean Water Program’s Project B4 Good Neighbor Program: Encampment Cleanup (Encampment Cleanup Project) supports Santa Clara Valley Water District’s (Valley Water) ongoing coordination with local cities and agencies to clean up large creekside encampments that
contaminate waterways and damage Valley Water facilities. The KPI for the project is to perform 52 annual cleanups for the duration of the Safe, Clean Water Program.

In response to growing community demand for encampment cleanups, Valley Water has far exceeded the annual KPI by performing an average of 400 encampment cleanups a year during FYs 14-18, with the annual cost climbing to $1.5 million. As a result, the 15-year project funding was expended in the first five years of the program.

On August 28, 2018, the Board approved the Ad Hoc Committee’s recommended operational approach of funding for FYs 19-28. This approach, option #2 listed under recommendations above, was to limit the number of cleanups each fiscal year based on funding available and to monitor the approach for one year. This option includes funding for 52 cleanups through Fund 26 reserves supplemented with additional funding as a result of the Board’s prior direction to utilize 90 percent of the net rental income from properties purchased through Fund 12.

Per the Board-approved operational approach, the FY19 project budget was $925,000, anticipating Fund 12 net rental income of $750,000 in addition to $175,000 from Fund 26 reserves. The FY19 budget was a reduction from an adjusted budget of $1,500,000 in FY18.

To avoid exceeding available funding, staff reduced the frequency and number of cleanups in FY19.

**Encampment Cleanup Project Status after One Year of Monitoring**

Staff compared the cost, number of cleanups, and weight of trash removed annually in the first five years of the program (FYs 14-18) with the preliminary data for FY19. The results, shown in the table in Attachment 1, are inconclusive as to a trend in cost per encampment or cost per ton of trash. However, there is a general understanding that the greater the funding, the greater the amount of trash removed and thereby the greater the water quality benefits.

After a year of operating at a reduced level of service, fewer encampments were cleaned and less trash was removed overall. In FY19, Valley Water conducted 454 encampment cleanups, removing 820 tons of trash as compared with 582 encampment cleanups and over 1,209 tons of trash and debris removed in FY18.

The reduced funding in FY19 has had an impact on the level of customer service Valley Water provided to its agency partners and the community.

In prior years, Valley Water conducted cleanups varying from five to seven (5 to 7) days a week. As a result of reduced funding, Valley Water reduced cleanup days to about two to three (2 to 3) days per week. To minimize costs, Valley Water eliminated overtime by discontinuing weekend cleanup activities that were primarily carried out to support the City of Gilroy.

As a result of these reductions, the average response time to requests for cleanups has increased from an average of two (2) weeks to six (6) weeks. Slower response times result in repeated complaints. Access Valley Water requests regarding encampment cleanups rose to 566 in FY19.
compared with 388 in FY18. In FY17, this number stood at 296.

The program largely supports the cities of San José and Gilroy—the cities that have the largest number of creekside encampments in the county.

The City of San José has experienced the largest impact associated with reduced funding as they are our main contributing partner. Under the MOA with Valley Water, the city provides field crews via a contractor to accomplish sorting out of personal property, personal property documentation, bagging, transportation and storage; and removal of trash. The reduction in workdays has also made it difficult for the contractor to maintain a crew for which they have only part-time work.

The elimination of Valley Water staff overtime has also impacted the level of service, having the most significant impact on the City of Gilroy. Staff has eliminated alternate Friday (staff normal day off) and weekend work which was performed during the SMP work season to meet the demand and to accommodate work schedules for the City of Gilroy. The city has a relatively small police force and has historically used officers on Fridays and Saturdays for cleanups. Eliminating weekend cleanups has reduced the cleanup frequency. It has also pushed the Gilroy cleanups into the workweek coincident with the City of San José cleanups. Valley Water does not have adequate staff to conduct simultaneous cleanups while also performing other important maintenance work.

**Encampment Cleanup Project Anticipated Expenditures Required to Meet Community Demand**

Homelessness is growing as is evident from the 2019 Point-in-Time count, which showed that the County of Santa Clara’s overall homeless count was 9,706, an increase of 2,312 over 2017. In San José, the overall homeless count was 6,172, which is an increase of 1,822 over 2017.

Based on the increasing number of encampments along local waterways, Valley Water staff anticipates that an annual budget of approximately $925,000 during FYs 21-28, will not be sufficient to address the water quality impacts from encampments or meet the community’s demands for encampment cleanups. Encampment cleanup demand and costs have been rising over the last five years, reaching $1.5 million in 2018. With the rise in the homeless population, the demand for cleanups and the funding needs to satisfy the community demand can be expected to continue to increase.

**Operational Options to Meet Encampment Cleanup Project Expenses**

1. Reduce the number of cleanups each year to the B4 Key Performance Indicator (KPI) target of 52 annual cleanups for the duration of the Safe, Clean Water Program, funded by $175,000 a year from Safe, Clean Water (Fund 26) reserves.

This approach will allow Valley Water to meet the Safe, Clean Water Program’s commitment to the voters. However, the benefits of the project will be much reduced because of the significant reduction in service levels. While this approach continues to be an option, the Board rejected it in August 2018.
2. Continue with the current Board-approved operational approach to provide funding for 52 annual cleanups through Fund 26 reserves and supplement it with additional funding by utilizing 90 percent of the net rental income from properties purchased through Fund 12, resulting in an annual project budget of approximately $925,000.

This option is a continuation of the approach selected by the Board in August 2018.

Currently, 90 percent of the net rental income equates to approximately $750,000. The amount can vary depending on the rental market and the schedule for demolishing rental residences within the limits of the Upper Guadalupe River Flood Protection Project.

The combined encampment cleanup budget from the Fund 12 net rental income and the Fund 26 reserves would be $925,000 each year, adjusted annually based on fluctuations in the net rental income.

2a. Continue with current operational approach and monitor for another year.

Funding for FY20 has been approved and the project will operate at reduced service levels from prior years through this fiscal year. A variation on operational approach #2, under this course of action, monitoring would continue for an additional period of time while staff explore partnership and grant opportunities and seek mitigation credit for encampment cleanups to help offset the impact to Fund 12 and Fund 26. Staff is actively seeking mitigation credit from regulatory agencies with an outcome expected by the end of 2019 calendar year.

3. Supplement Homeless Encampment Cleanup budget through additional funding from Fund 26 and Fund 12 reserves to meet the FY20 anticipated community demand and determine the budget on an annual basis.

In FY18, to meet community demand, Valley Water expended $1.5 million on encampment cleanups. To provide a similar level of service in FY20 will require an additional $575,000, which could be funded by an additional $100,000 from Fund 26 reserve and $470,000 from Fund 12 reserve.

This option will best enable Valley Water to meet the current community demand and maintain the level of encampment cleanup service to deter re-encampments.

This option does, however, draw on Fund 26 and 12 reserves, which could impact other projects and programs and staff has yet to determine the long-term impacts of such an action. The Safe, Clean Water Program annual analysis of projects/programs with potential funding surplus and potential funding shortfall will be conducted and is currently scheduled to be presented to the Board’s Capital Improvement Program Committee in Fall 2019. However, staff has already identified numerous Safe, Clean Water capital projects with funding shortfalls. Staff will also analyze and identify long-term impacts on funds 26 and 12 reserves during the budget long-term forecast effort scheduled to be conducted in Fall 2019 as part of the FY21 annual budget development cycle.

Furthermore, with homelessness continuing to grow, the demand for additional funding may increase and it may be beneficial to evaluate and determine the encampment cleanup funding requirements.
and allocations on an annual basis as part of the annual budget development process.

In consideration of the funding limitations relating to ongoing efforts to perform Project B4 Good Neighbor Program: Encampment Cleanup, staff is requesting the Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee’s direction on the recommendation/s to be presented to the Board regarding the project’s operational approach for FYs 20-28.

**ATTACHMENTS:**
Attachment 1:  Good Neighbor Program Encampment Cleanup FY2014-19

**UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:**
Sue Tippets, 408-630-2253
Project B4  
Good Neighbor Program: Encampment Cleanup

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*FY19 Expenditures shown are preliminary pending closure of FY accounting.

In FY15, the number of Cleanups spiked as a result of trash and debris removed from combined cleanups in Coyote Creek in December 2014.
FILE NO.: 19-0892  
AGENDA DATE: 10/7/2019  
ITEM NO.: 5.1.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM

AGRICULTURAL WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT:
Update from Stakeholders on Efforts to Identify Sources of Revenue to Subsidize Agricultural Water Rates.

RECOMMENDATION:
This is a discussion item and no action is required. However, the Committee may make recommendations on the collaborative process and membership.

SUMMARY:
In response to the Board’s May 14, 2019, request to bring back a recommendation about how to proceed forward in finding a way to replace the discretionary portion of the Open Space Credit subsidy through a community drive effort, the Revenue Working Group (RWG), recommended to the Board on June 25, 2019, that they encourage a collaborative effort for the purpose of identifying and securing a permanent, and/or ongoing funding source to replace the discretionary portion of the Open Space Credit.

On June 25, 2019, the Board supported the Financial Sustainability Group’s recommendation to encourage a collaborative effort for the purpose of identifying and securing a permanent, and/or ongoing funding source to replace the discretionary portion of the Open Space Credit.

At the July 1, 2019, meeting, the Agricultural Water Advisory Committee (Committee) approved the formation of a team of stakeholders - farm bureau, ag businesses and other interested parties, to discuss the Agricultural Plan, potential open space credit funding, agricultural lands, subsidy concerns, environmental and financial impacts and research of potential source agencies.

This item provides an opportunity for the Committee and Stakeholder groups to provide updates on the collaborative efforts to date.

BACKGROUND

Collaborative Scope and Purpose: The scope and purpose of the Collaborative will be to identify, investigate and secure a permanent, and/or ongoing, funding source to replace the discretionary portion of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Open Space Credit which is currently being utilized to subsidize commercial agricultural water rates. This funding source shall be a new source of funding which is not part of the current Valley Water portfolio.
Collaborative Lead: Director John Varela for Valley Water, and Jan Garrod, Committee Vice Chair.

Progress Report: A public update on the progress of the Collaborative shall be provided to the Board of Directors approximately one year, (July 1, 2020), prior to the expiration of the Open Space subsidy.

ATTACHMENTS:
None.

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:
Michele King, 408-630-2711
COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Agricultural Water Advisory Committee

SUBJECT:
Review Agricultural Water Advisory Committee Work Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Committee Requests; and the Committee’s Next Meeting Agenda.

RECOMMENDATION:
Review the Committee work plan to guide the committee’s discussions regarding policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation.

SUMMARY:
The attached Work Plan outlines the Board-approved topics for discussion to be able to prepare policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation. The work plan is agendized at each meeting as accomplishments are updated and to review additional work plan assignments by the Board.

BACKGROUND:

Governance Process Policy-8:

The District Act provides for the creation of advisory boards, committees, or commissions by resolution to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

Accordingly, the Board has established Advisory Committees, which bring respective expertise and community interest, to advise the Board, when requested, in a capacity as defined: prepare Board policy alternatives and provide comment on activities in the implementation of the District’s mission for Board consideration. In keeping with the Board’s broader focus, Advisory Committees will not direct the implementation of District programs and projects, other than to receive information and provide comment.

Further, in accordance with Governance Process Policy-3, when requested by the Board, the Advisory Committees may help the Board produce the link between the District and the public through information sharing to the communities they represent.

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment 1: Agricultural Water Advisory Committee 2019 Work Plan
Attachment 2: Agricultural Water Advisory Committee October 7, 2019 Draft Agenda
UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:
Michele King, 408-630-2711
The annual work plan establishes a framework for committee discussion and action during the annual meeting schedule. The committee work plan is a dynamic document, subject to change as external and internal issues impacting the District occur and are recommended for committee discussion. Subsequently, an annual committee accomplishments report is developed based on the work plan and presented to the District Board of Directors.

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<td>1</td>
<td>Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2019</td>
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<td>January 7</td>
<td>• Committee Elects Chair and Vice Chair for 2019. <strong>(Action)</strong></td>
<td><strong>Accomplished January 7, 2019:</strong> The Committee elected Mr. David Vanni as 2019 Committee Chair and Mr. Jan Garrod as 2019 Committee Vice Chair.</td>
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<td>Annual Accomplishments Report</td>
<td></td>
<td>January 7</td>
<td>• Review and approve 2018 Accomplishments Report for presentation to the Board. <strong>(Action)</strong> • Submit requests to the Board, as appropriate.</td>
<td><strong>Accomplished January 7, 2019:</strong> The Committee reviewed and approved the 2018 Accomplishments Report for presentation to the Board. <em>The Board received the Committee’s presentation at its March 26, 2019, meeting.</em></td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Open Space Credit Policy</td>
<td></td>
<td>January 7, April 8</td>
<td>• Review the Open Space Credit Policy. <strong>(Action)</strong> • Provide comment to the Board in the implementation of the District’s mission as it applies to the Open Space Credit Policy.</td>
<td><strong>Accomplished January 7, 2019:</strong> The Committee reviewed and commented to the Board on the Open Space Credit Policy with the following action: • <em>The Committee approved not to support staff’s recommendation and would like to receive more analysis for them to make a more informed decision.</em> <strong>Accomplished April 8, 2019:</strong> The Committee reviewed and commented to the Board on the Open Space Credit Policy with the following action: The Committee approve submitting the following letter to the Board of Directors, April 8, 2019:</td>
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The AWAC opposes the proposed changes in the Open Space Credit policy at this time.

Members of the AWAC currently have the understanding that:
1) Valley Water apparently at this time does not have a precise, comprehensive valuation of the benefits that agricultural lands and open space provide in Santa Clara County with respect to mitigating flood risk,
2) Valley Water apparently at this time does not have precise estimates of the effect on flood risk that would result from various levels of urbanization of agricultural lands and open space in Santa Clara County,
3) Diverting funding from the Open Space Credit for the purpose of flood control may be counterproductive, and maintaining agricultural lands and open space may be among the most cost effective means of mitigating flood risk,
4) Agricultural land that is not under Williamson Act or conservation easement is the land that is most at risk for conversion to non-agricultural use.
5) At the moment when the County of Santa Clara has just launched a comprehensive Agricultural Plan with state and county funding to sustain agriculture and retain its many important benefits, this would be an unfortunate time to raise the cost of groundwater to most agricultural producers by almost 20%, and would undermine the hoped-for trust and collaborative spirit among diverse
## 2019 Work Plan: Agricultural Water Advisory Committee

**Update:** September 2019

### Work Plan:

**Agricultural Water Advisory Committee Update:**

### Update Since Last Meeting

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<td><strong>Review of Agricultural Water Advisory Committee Work Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Committee Requests and the Committee’s Next Meeting Agenda</strong></td>
<td>January 7, April 8, July 1, October 7</td>
<td>• Receive and review the 2018 Board-approved Committee work plan. <strong>(Action)</strong>&lt;br&gt;• Submit requests to the Board, as appropriate.</td>
<td><strong>Accomplished January 7, 2019:</strong> The Committee reviewed the 2019 work plan and took the following action:&lt;br&gt;<strong>The Committee agreed to add updates on:</strong>&lt;br&gt;Anderson Dam, CA WaterFix and One Water Plan. <strong>Accomplished April 8, 2019:</strong> The Committee reviewed the 2019 work plan and took no action.</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td><strong>Standing Items Reports/Fiscal Year 2019:</strong>&lt;br&gt;1. Finalize the Fisheries and Aquatic Habitat Collaboration Effort (FAHCE) (Report from the FAHCE Ad Hoc Committee)&lt;br&gt;2. Actively Pursue Efforts to Increase Water Storage Opportunities (Report from the Water Storage Exploratory Committee)&lt;br&gt;3. Actively Participate in Decisions Regarding the California WaterFix (Report from EWRC Board Representative)&lt;br&gt;4. Advance Recycled and Purified Water Efforts with the City of San Jose and Other</td>
<td>April 8</td>
<td>• Receive quarterly reports on standing items. <strong>(Information)</strong></td>
<td><strong>Accomplished April 8, 2019:</strong> The Committee received report on the new standing items reports for Fiscal 2019 and took no action.</td>
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## WORK PLAN ITEM

### BOARD POLICY

- Agencies (Report from the Recycled Water Committee)
- Advance Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project (Report from the Capital Improvement Program Committee)
- Provide for a Watershed-Wide Regulatory Planning and Permitting Effort (Report from the Capital Improvement Program Committee)
- Ensure Immediate Emergency Action Plans and Flood Protection are Provided for Coyote Creek (Report from the Coyote Creek Flood Risk Reduction Ad Hoc Committee)
- Foster a Coordinated Approach to Environmental Stewardship Effort (Report from EWRC Board Representative)
- Advance Diversity and Inclusion Efforts (Report from the Diversity and Inclusion Ad Hoc Committee)

### MEETING

- Review and comment to the Board on the Fiscal Year 2019 - 2020 Proposed Groundwater Production Charges.

### INTENDED OUTCOME(S)

#### (Action or Information Only)

- Review and comment to the Board on the Fiscal Year 2020 Proposed Groundwater Production Charges.
- Provide comments to the Board, as necessary.

### ACCOMPLISHMENT DATE AND OUTCOME

- Accomplished April 8, 2019:
The Committee reviewed and commented to the Board on the Fiscal Year 2020 Proposed Groundwater Production Charges as follows:
  - The motion failed: 3 Ayes, 5 Nays, 3 abstained.
## Standing Items Reports Fiscal Year 2020:

1. **Finalize the Fisheries and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort (FAHCE).** (Assigned to FAHCE)
2. **Actively Pursue Efforts to Increase Water Storage Opportunities.** (Assigned to Water Storage Exploratory Committee)
3. **Actively Participate in Decisions Regarding the California Delta Conveyance.** (Assigned to California Delta Conveyance Working Group)
4. **Lead Recycled and Purified Water Efforts with the City of San Jose and Other Agencies.** (Assigned to Recycled Water Committee)
5. **Engage and educate the community, local elected officials and staff on future water supply strategies in Santa Clara County.** (Assigned to Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee)
6. **Advance Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project.** (Assigned to Capital Improvement Program Committee)
7. **Provide for a Watershed-Wide Regulatory Planning and Permitting Effort.** (Assigned to FAHCE)
8. **Attain net positive impact on the environment when implementing Valley Water’s mission.**

### Update Since Last Meeting

- **July 1, 2019:** Receive quarterly reports on standing items. *(Information)*

**Accomplished July 1, 2019:**

The Committee received report on the new standing items reports for Fiscal 2020 and took no action.

### Action Taken by the Board of Directors

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**8 Water Supply Master Plan Update**  
See Board Priority Standing item #5

- Provide comments to the Board, as necessary.

Accomplished July 1, 2019:  
The Committee received an update on the Water Supply Master Plan and took no action.
## 2019 Work Plan: Agricultural Water Advisory Committee

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| 10   | Discuss Proposed Collaborative to Identify Sources of Revenue to Subsidize Agricultural Water Rates | July 1  | • Discuss Proposed Collaborative to Identify Sources of Revenue to Subsidize Agricultural Water Rates (Action)  
• Provide comments to the Board, as necessary | Accomplished July 1, 2019: The Committee discussed proposed collaborative to identify sources of revenue to subsidize agricultural water rates and took the following action: The Committee unanimously carried to approve the formation of a team of stakeholders, farm bureau, ag businesses and other interested parties to discuss the Agricultural Plan, potential open space credit funding, agricultural lands, subsidy concerns, environmental and financial impacts and research available source agencies. |
| 11   | Discuss Agricultural Water Use Baseline Study | July 1  | • Discuss Agricultural Water Use Baseline Study (Information)  
• Provide comments to the Board, as necessary | Accomplished July 1, 2019: The Committee discussed the agricultural water use baseline study and took no action. |
| 12   | Update from Stakeholders on Efforts to Identify Sources of Revenue to Subsidize Agricultural Water Rates | October 7 | • Receive update from Stakeholders on Efforts to Identify Sources of Revenue to Subsidize Agricultural Water Rates (Action)  
• Provide comments to the Board, as necessary | |

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| 13   | One Water Plan Update       | January 2020 | • Receive information on One Water Plan. (Information)  
• Provide comments to the Board, as necessary |                                  |
|      | See Board Priority Standing item #8 |         |                                                 |                                |
| 14   | California Delta Conveyance (formerly CA WaterFix) | See Board Priority Standing item #3 | • Receive information on California Delta Conveyance. (Information)  
• Provide comments to the Board, as necessary |                                  |
| 15   | Update on Anderson Dam      | See Board Priority Standing Item #6 | • Receive information on Anderson Dam. (Information)  
• Provide comments to the Board, as necessary |                                  |
| 16   | Climate Change Mitigation – Carbon Neutrality by 2020 Program Update, Climate Change and Sea Level Rise Adaptation – Water Supply, Flood Protection, Ecosystems Protection | Link to 1/22/19 Board Agenda | • Receive information on climate change mitigation – carbon neutrality by 2020 program update. (Action)  
• Provide comments to the Board, as necessary. | https://scvwd.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3834299&GUID=3DE58FF2-BB43-4305-81C4-916B18DBE118&Options=&Search= |

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DRAFT AGENDA

AGRICULTURAL WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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

Time Certain:
1:30 p.m. 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

2. Time Open for Public Comment on Any Item Not on Agenda
   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.

3. Approval of Minutes
   3.1 Approval of Minutes – October 7, 2019, meeting

Standing Items Reports
4. This item allows the Committee to receive verbal or written updates and discuss the
   Board’s Fiscal Year 2020 Work Plan Strategies. These items are generally informational,
   however, the Committee may request additional information and/or provide collective input
   to the assigned Board Committee.
   1. Finalize the Fisheries and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort (FAHCE) (Assigned to
      Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee)
   2. Actively Pursue Efforts to Increase Water Storage Opportunities. (Assigned to Water
      Conservation and Demand Management Committee)
   3. Actively Participate in Decisions Regarding the California Water Fix.
      (Assigned to California WaterFix Working Group)
   4. Lead Recycled and Purified Water Efforts with the City of San Jose and Other
      Agencies. (Assigned to Recycled Water Committee)
   5. Engage and educate the community, local elected officials and staff on future water
      supply strategies in Santa Clara County. (Assigned to Water Conservation and
      Demand Management Committee)
   6. Advance Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project. (Assigned to Capital Improvement
      Program Committee)
   7. Pursue opportunities to expedite regulatory permit processes and streamline permit
      reviews. (Assigned to FAHCE Ad Hoc Committee)
   8. Attain net positive impact on the environment when implementing flood protection and
      water supply projects. (Assigned to Capital Improvement Program Committee)
9. Promote the protection of creeks, bay, and other aquatic ecosystems from threats of pollution and degradation (E-4.1.3). (Assigned to Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee)

10. Advance Diversity and Inclusion Efforts. Carry forward to FY20 (Assigned to Diversity and Inclusion Ad Hoc Committee)

11. Understand if the level of services Valley Water provides to the public are reasonable and the costs of providing services are affordable and effective. (Assigned to Revenue Working Group)

5. **Action Items**

5.1  Update on the One Water Plan (Brian Mendenhall)

**Recommendation:** Receive an updated presentation on the Water Supply Master Plan and provide comment to the Board as necessary.

5.2  Review Agricultural Water Advisory Committee Work Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Committee Requests and the Committee’s Next Meeting Agenda (Committee Chair)

**Recommendation:** Review the Board-approved Committee work plan to guide the committee’s discussions regarding policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation.

6. **Clerk Review and Clarification of Committee Requests to the Board**

*This is a review of the Committee’s Requests, to the Board (from Item 5). The Committee may also request that the Board approve future agenda items for Committee discussion.*

7. **Reports**

*Directors, Managers, and Committee members may make brief reports and/or announcements on their activities. Unless a subject is specifically listed on the agenda, the Report is for information only and not discussion or decision. Questions for clarification are permitted.*

7.1  Director’s Report

7.2  Manager’s Report

7.3  Committee Member Reports

7.4  Links to Informational Reports

8. **Adjourn:** Adjourn to next regularly scheduled meeting at 1:30 p.m., **April 6, 2020**, in the Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118

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**Agricultural Water Advisory Committee Purpose and Duties**

The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) is established per the District Act to assist the District Board of Directors (Board) with policies pertaining to agricultural water supply and use.

The specific duties are:

- Providing input on policy alternatives for Board deliberation, when requested by the Board.
- Providing comment on activities in the implementation of the District’s mission that the Board will consider or refer to staff.
- Producing and presenting to the Board an Annual Accomplishments Report that provides a synopsis of the Committee’s discussions regarding specific topics and subsequent policy recommendations, comments, and requests that resulted from those discussions.

In carrying out these duties, the Board’s Committees bring to the District their respective expertise and the interests of the communities they represent. In addition, Board Committee members may bring information regarding District activities to the communities they represent.