



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

NON-AGENDA

June 10, 2022

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The BAOs shall inform and support the Board in its work.

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CEO BULLETIN

CEO BULLETIN



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

Weeks of May 20 – June 9, 2022

Board Executive Limitation Policy EL-7:

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

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1. Delta Conveyance Projects Updates

New informational materials on the Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) are now available.

Story Map: The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has published an online tool that lays out key aspects of the DCP in a visual manner. Users of the story map can take a tour of the State Water Project (SWP), learn why the SWP needs to be protected, and explore how DCP operations would aid in this need.

Climate Video: DWR has published a new video titled Meeting California's New Climate Realities with the Delta Conveyance Project. The video provides an explanation of the DCP's climate resilience in just over one minute.

News Interview: The Delta Conveyance Office Executive Director, Tony Meyers, was recently interviewed alongside other Delta experts in a KCRA 3 segment about the impact of sea level rise on California. The segment features how the DCP could help mitigate impacts.

Community Benefits Program Framework: A draft Community Benefits Program Framework is now available. It provides information on the steps DWR will take to plan and implement a Community Benefits Program separate from, and in addition to, the mitigation required under environmental regulation. This document will also be an appendix to the upcoming Public Draft Environmental Impact Report.

The above materials may be found at these sites:

- Story Map: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/52dc0a1a3ded44c9b6d33a804fdd260f>
- Climate Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vgC2FQyLCcY>
- News Interview: <https://www.kcra.com/article/sea-level-rise-threat-all-californians-whether-they-live-near-coast-not/39799526>
- Community Benefits Program Framework: https://water.ca.gov/-/media/DWR-Website/Web-Pages/Programs/Delta-Conveyance/Public-Information/DCP_Draft_Community_Benefits_Program_Framework_May-2022.pdf

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

2. Municipal Regional Permit for Stormwater Adopted May 11th.

On May 11, 2022, the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) adopted the third iteration of the Municipal Regional NPDES Permit for Stormwater (MRP 3). Valley Water participated in the development of MRP 3 through multiple meetings with the Water Board, submitted written comments on the draft and revised order, collaborated on a coalition letter with flood protection agencies across the state, and presented verbal testimony at the public hearing on the permit. MRP 3 takes effect July 1, 2022 and is effective for 5 years.

MRP 3 includes several new and amended provisions that may present challenges for Valley Water. These include increased requirements for stormwater treatment; requirements regarding unsheltered homeless populations; cost and asset management reporting; and abandonment of creek status monitoring in favor of trash and stormwater treatment monitoring. New green infrastructure provisions may be the most challenging, potentially adding significant costs to flood protection projects that create or replace impervious surface, including unpaved maintenance roads. The permit also defines levee roads and other unpaved maintenance roads as surfaces requiring stormwater treatment, whereas they were not explicitly regulated previously. Valley Water will need to design projects to avoid runoff, minimize impervious surface, and employ construction standards to infiltrate water wherever possible.

As an MRP co-permittee and chair of the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program, Valley Water is working with Santa Clara County and other municipal partners to find the best ways to achieve effective and cost-efficient compliance.

For further information, please contact John Bourgeois at (408) 630-2990.

3. Safe, Clean Water Mini-Grant Closeout: Living Classroom's Castlemont School Native Habitat Garden

In Fiscal Year 2018, Valley Water awarded Living Classroom a \$5,000 Safe, Clean Water Program D3 Mini-Grant for their Castlemont School Native Habitat Garden (Project). Living Classroom completed the Project in June 2021 and submitted the final invoice items on March 30, 2022, allowing for grant closeout.

Living Classroom provides garden-based educational programs through a native ecology curriculum for classrooms. The Project allowed the installation of a 1,446 square foot native garden at Castlemont Elementary School in Campbell. As the largest garden space for the Campbell Union School District, the Project creates a unique space dedicated to bringing ecological awareness to kindergarten to third grade students. The preparation work on the native garden began in 2019-2020. But in March 2020, the project was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and shelter-in-place orders from Santa Clara County. Once in-person classes resumed, Living Classroom continued its lessons, encouraging students to interact with nature and learn more about native plants and wildlife. Living Classroom plans to host several lessons for Castlemont Elementary teachers in the 2022-2023 academic year.

Key Outcomes:

- Created 1,446 square foot native garden at Castlemont Elementary School.
- Planted over 60 California native plants.
- Provided eight ecology-focused lessons that incorporated native plant species, wildlife habitats, and garden exploration. The lessons allowed students to learn about the positive impact of planting native plant species on local wildlife, habitat creation and watershed stewardship.

For further information, please contact Marta Lugo at (408) 630-2237.

4. SVAWPC Laboratory designated as a Satellite Lab

The Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center's (SVAWPC) small water quality laboratory, which is accredited with the California Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP) to perform critical daily bacteriological monitoring, has now received a satellite lab designation. This satellite lab designation, which was approved by ELAP in May 2022, will allow both the Water Quality Lab and the SVAWPC Satellite Lab to perform testing and quality assurance activities under the same quality management system.

In 2021, ELAP adopted National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Conference's (NELAC) rigorous quality management system, The NELAC Institute (TNI) Standard, that will go into effect in 2024. This new regulation has more rigorous record keeping, auditing, and training requirements. In performing a thorough review of the changes, staff identified an opportunity that would allow both the Water Quality Lab and the SVAWPC Lab to perform testing and quality assurance activities under the same quality management system. Staff applied application in October 2021 for ELAP to consider changing SVAWPC Lab's designation from independent to a satellite lab and the request was approved in May 2022.

This change is expected to eliminate redundancies and streamline lab operations in three major areas: accreditation renewal application process, external audits coordination, and quality system documentation. Under ELAP's 2021 regulations change, the SVAWPC lab is held to the same rigorous quality management system requirements as the Water Quality Lab. The satellite lab designation allows both laboratories to operate under one system with the same procedures, eliminating the need for duplicate documentation and processes, all of which require significant control and maintenance. Accreditation for both labs can now be handled with the same application which is expected to bring cost savings in fees and staff time. A combined bi-annual on-site assessment also brings potential cost savings in reduced assessor fees, coordination time, scheduling, and staff time.

Valley Water has been closely following the new regulations and regularly performs gap analysis and internal audits to identify areas that need to be updated by 2024 to maintain our accreditations in good standing and provide uninterrupted service to all Valley Water projects.

For further information, please contact Sam Bogale at (408) 630-3505.

5. Third Quarter Fiscal Year 2021-22 Financial Status Update

Valley Water's third quarter Fiscal Year 2021-22 closed on March 31, 2022. The third quarter financial status update presentation summarizes cash and investment balances, the debt portfolio and includes a detailed comparison, and analysis, of the budget to actual status of revenues and expenditures for all funds as of March 31, 2022.

The presentation was provided to the Board Audit Committee on May 23, 2022 and has been submitted separately to the Clerk of the Board as a Non-Agenda item for your reference.

For further information, please contact Darin Taylor at (408) 630-3068.

6. Valley Water Highlights Shoreline Construction Progress for U.S. Rep. Ro Khanna

On May 31, 2022, Valley Water hosted U.S. Representative Ro Khanna (CA-17) at Alviso Marina County Park to show him the construction progress for the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Phase I Project (Phase I Project). He was joined by his district office staff, as well as the Chief of Staff to San Jose Councilmember David Cohen. Valley Water provided a brief project overview and explained the current funding challenges, as the Phase I Project still has a federal funding shortfall of at least \$100 million. Valley Water has been vigorously advocating with the Biden Administration, Congress, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) that the federal government must live up to its original commitment to fund much of this critical flood protection and environmental justice project, or else it risks being delayed for many years. Rep. Khanna has been very engaged in helping to move the project forward, including pressuring USACE to fulfill its funding commitment and keep the project on schedule. Rep. Khanna continues to offer his assistance every step of the way, and Valley Water is working with his staff on several follow-up action items.

Rep. Khanna was in Alviso to visit two projects for which he submitted Community Project Funding requests (known as earmarks in past years) for Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23), and the Phase I Project is one of those projects. Rep. Khanna submitted Valley Water's request for \$10 million for the Reaches 4-5 levee as part of the FY23 appropriations process. The request will now be considered by the full House Appropriations Committee.

For further information, please contact Marta Lugo at (408) 630-2237.

7. Valley Water Hosts Two Coyote Creek Flood Management Measures Open House Events

On May 25 and 26, 2022, Valley Water hosted two in-person open house events to update neighbors on the Coyote Creek Flood Management Measures Project (CCFMMP). Director Santos provided opening remarks at the May 25 open house held at the Golden Wheel Mobile Home Park. This community meeting was also live streamed on Facebook Live. Director Keegan gave opening remarks at the May 26 open house held at Selma Olinder Park. The reaches that are part of the CCFMMP are in both directors' districts.

Thirty-five neighbors attended both in-person events, and ten participated via Facebook Live. Information on the project's design details was shared via informational posterboards, with staff available to answer questions in one-on-one conversations. Staff from the City of San Jose's Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services also attended.

The next project update will be scheduled before the start of construction, anticipated in Fall 2022, and public meetings on the Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project will occur in 2023. A recording of the public meeting is available on the project's webpage: www.valleywater.org/coyote-creek.

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

8. Valley Water Presents at Cal Water Efficiency Partnership (WEP) Peer to Peer Conference

Valley Water conservation staff are presenting at the California Water Efficiency Partnership 2022 Peer to Peer conference in Sacramento on June 2 and 3, 2022. Peer to Peer is an annual event to bring water conservation professionals across Northern California to collaborate and share ideas.

Senior Water Conservation Specialist Justin Burks will participate on a panel focusing on Valley Water's partnership with the Bay Area Water Supply Conservation Association and the California Water Efficiency Partnership to develop a leak detection and repair training certification for irrigation and plumbing professionals, ultimately generating a regional referral list for customers. The panel session titled, "So Your Customer Has a Leak . . . Now What?" will cover the insights obtained from focus groups with plumbers and irrigations professionals to better understand motivations and barriers to mitigating residential leaks; suggested frameworks for indoor and outdoor training programs; as well as agency efforts targeting customer-side leaks. Justin will be supported by Water Conservation Specialist Mary Samar for this session.

Water Conservation Specialist Nick Simard will be presenting on a panel focusing on Valley Water's Landscape Rebate Program and specifically the lawn removal aspect of the program. The panel session is titled "Lawn Replacement Programs: Three Agency Case Studies" and will cover the challenges these programs were presented with as the drought has escalated and how public enthusiasm for participating in these programs has surged. Nick will be supported by Senior Water Conservation Specialist Ashley Shannon for this session.

The conservation staff is eager to attend this event and present Valley Water's successful efforts in these programs along with gaining knowledge on other agencies' water conservation tools and programs. The team hopes by sharing their experiences that they may be able to assist other agencies and organizations in reaching their water conservation goals.

For further information, please contact Kirsten Struve at (408) 630-3138.

9. Water Management Agreements Executed in May 2022

Pursuant to EL-5.1.6 and EL-5.3.3, the CEO is required to inform the Board on a timely basis when imported water management agreements are executed. The imported water management agreement executed in May 2022 is listed below:

- May 6, 2022 - Purchase Agreement (#A4631W) for 2022 water transfer between Butte Water District and Valley Water: Provides for the transfer of up to 5,500 acre-feet of water from Butte to Valley Water in 2022.

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

Outlook as of June 1, 2022

Based on continued drought conditions, the imported water allocations are low. The State Water Project allocation is at 5% of contract amount and the Central Valley Project allocation is zero. Both the State Water Project and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation have allocated Valley Water with emergency public health and safety water supplies. Santa Clara County continues to be in a water shortage emergency. Due to severe drought and increased reliance on imported water in the next 10 years while Anderson Reservoir storage is unavailable, meeting the Board of Directors call for 15% water use reduction relative to 2019 is essential. On May 24, 2022, the Valley Water Board of Directors approved an ordinance to enforce water waste restrictions.

Weather

- Rainfall in San José:
 - » Month of May, City of San José = 0 inches
 - » Rainfall year total = 8.35 inches or 59% of average to date (rainfall year is July 1 to June 30)
- Snowfall in the Northern Sierra:
 - » May 31 snowpack was 17% of normal for this date

Local Reservoirs

- Total June 1 storage = 38,576 acre-feet

Reservoir Storage	All Ten Valley Water Reservoirs	All Reservoirs Except Anderson
Current storage as % of unrestricted capacity	23%	46%
Current storage as % of restricted capacity (1)	62%	59%
Current storage as % of the 20-year average for June 1	40%	77%

(1) Per the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's order, the capacity of Anderson Reservoir was restricted to the deadpool storage of about 3,050 acre-feet. The total restricted capacity for all ten reservoirs is 62,592 acre-feet.

- Approximately 221 acre-feet of imported water delivered into Calero Reservoir during May 2022
- Total estimated releases to streams (local and imported water) during May were 3,000 acre-feet (based on preliminary hydrologic data)

Groundwater

- Groundwater levels in May have continued the seasonal decline, which typically occurs in spring and summer due to higher temperatures, increased water demand, and associated increased pumping. Greater than average declines in groundwater levels are expected this year because of the drought. Water levels in most wells are lower than May 2021 and are expected to end this year lower than last year. The end of 2022 groundwater storage is projected to be in Stage 2 (Alert) of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan. Valley Water continues to plan for dry and rapidly evolving conditions

	Santa Clara Subbasin		Llagas Subbasin
	Santa Clara Plain	Coyote Valley	
May 2022 managed recharge estimate	2,200	700	1,800
YTD managed recharge estimate	15,800	4,300	8,500
YTD managed recharge as % of 5-year average	83%	70%	131%
April 2022 pumping estimate	5,600	800	2,300
YTD pumping estimate	20,200	3,200	7,400
YTD pumping as % of 5-year average	112%	101%	100%
Current index well groundwater levels compared to May 2021	10 Feet Higher	2 Feet Lower	2 Feet Lower

All volumes are in acre-feet. All data is for 2022 except where noted. YTD = Year-to-Date

Imported Water

2022 Imported Water Allocations	Allocation	Allocation (acre-feet)	Details
State Water Project	5%	5,000	Additional human health and safety water provided
Central Valley Project	-	-	Public health and safety water
State-wide Reservoir Storage	Capacity	Current Storage (acre-feet)	Average for Date (as of 5/31/22)
Shasta Reservoir	39%	1,815,129	48%
Oroville Reservoir	54%	1,915,194	68%
San Luis Reservoir	46%	920,488	65%
Semitropic Groundwater Bank	Capacity	Current Storage (acre-feet)	Date of Data
	81%	284,055	4/30/22
Estimated SFPUC Deliveries	April (acre-feet)	2022 Total to Date (acre-feet)	Five-year annual average (acre-feet)
	3,551	13,151	48,700

- No imported water agreements executed under EL-5.3.3 since the last Water Tracker

Treated Water

- Below average demands of 8,390 acre-feet delivered in May
- This total is 84% of the five-year average for the month of May
- Year-to-date deliveries are 32,452 acre-feet or 98% of the five-year average

Conserved Water

- Saved 76,584 acre-feet in FY21 through Valley Water's long-term conservation program (baseline year is 1992)
- Long-term program goal is to save nearly 100,000 acre-feet by 2030 and 110,000 acre-feet by 2040
- On June 9, 2021, the Board called for a 15% reduction in water use compared to 2019 and for retailers, cities, and the County to implement local water restrictions. On May 24, 2022, the Board approved an ordinance to enforce outdoor water waste restrictions including no runoff, midday watering, watering after rainfall, or watering of non-functional turf more than two days a week
- The cumulative water savings since the water use reduction call in June 2021 through April 2022 is 3%

Recycled Water

- Estimated May 2022 production = 1,311 acre-feet
- Estimated year-to-date through May = 5,238 acre-feet or 103% of the five-year average
- Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center produced an estimated 1.7 billion gallons (5,150 acre-feet) of purified water in 2021. Since the beginning of 2022, about 1,627 acre-feet of purified water has been produced. The purified water is blended with existing tertiary recycled water for South Bay Water Recycling Program customers

Alternative Sources

- As of December 10, 2019, Valley Water's wastewater contract right from Palo Alto/ Mountain View remains at 11,200 acre-feet/year

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BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS and Informational Items

Report Name: Board Member Requests

Request	Request Date	Director	BAO/Chief	Staff	Description	20 Days Due Date	Expected Completion Date	Disposition
I-22-0003	06/07/22	Lezotte	Gibson	Tran	At the April 2022 WCaDMC meeting, Director LeZotte requested staff to present the Youth Commission Drought Awareness Toolkit to the full Board.	06/27/22		

TO: Rachael Gibson, Chief of External Affairs**FROM:** Bart Broome, Assistant
Officer for State
Government Relations**SUBJECT:** Congratulations Letters for Governor
Newsom Appointees**DATE:** June 7, 2022

Attached to this memorandum are copies of three congratulatory letters sent to recent Governor Newsom appointees by Chair Pro Tem Varela.

The appointees are:

1. Senator John Laird on his appointment to the State Coastal Conservancy.
2. James McGrath on his re-appointment to the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board.
3. Alice Reynolds on her appointment as President to the California Public Utilities Commission.



Bart Broome
Assistant Officer for State Government Relations

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June 6, 2022

The Honorable John Laird
California State Coastal Conservancy
1515 Clay Street, 10th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-1401

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

Dear Senator Laird:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water), I would like to congratulate you on your appointment to the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC). We look forward to continuing to work with you on water supply, flood protection, environmental protection and restoration, and climate change adaptation issues, all of which are central to Valley Water's mission.

As you know, Valley Water serves nearly 2 million residents and thousands of job-creating Silicon Valley businesses, managing a 359-square mile area that includes nearly 800 miles of creeks, 10 reservoirs and dams, 3 water treatment plants, the largest advanced purified water facility in Northern California, 400 acres of groundwater recharge ponds, and 2 large groundwater basins.

Valley Water has a primary interest in the issues impacting Santa Clara County's water supply, groundwater management, environmental stewardship, flood protection, and adaptation to climate change, including sea level rise, drought response, and intensified storm response. We are committed to protecting our air, water, wildlife, and other natural resources in carrying out our mission.

For the past 20 years, Valley Water has worked in partnership with the SCC to advance the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project (Shoreline Project) to restore over 2900 acres of former salt evaporation ponds and build a levee system to protect our communities from sea level rise, while also providing increased opportunities for coastal recreation. Phase I of the Shoreline Project is currently under construction, with Phase II and III to follow over the next 20 years. The Shoreline Project faces many challenges, including the most critical elements, funding and permitting. We look forward to working with you in partnership to navigate the challenges to the success of this critical project.

If you have any questions about Valley Water programs, projects, or current issues, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Bart Broome, Assistant Officer for State Government Relations, at (916) 448-8497, or via email at bbroome@valleywater.org.

Sincerely,



John L. Varela
Chair Pro Tem, Board of Directors

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June 6, 2022

Mr. James McGrath, Chair
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. McGrath:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water), I would like to congratulate you on your recent re-appointment to the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board). We look forward to continuing to work with you on water supply, environmental stewardship, flood protection, and climate change adaptation issues.

As you know, Valley Water is unique in our broad responsibilities of wholesale water supply, groundwater management, flood protection, and environmental stewardship. Our agency serves nearly 2 million residents in Santa Clara County and thousands of job-creating Silicon Valley businesses, managing a 359-square mile area that includes nearly 800 miles of creeks, 10 reservoirs and dams, 3 water treatment plants, the largest advanced purified water facility in Northern California, 400 acres of groundwater recharge ponds, and 2 large groundwater basins.

Valley Water has a primary interest in water supply, groundwater management, flood protection, and environmental issues impacting Santa Clara County. We interface with the Regional Board on a regular basis regarding the permitting of our projects and our substantial environmental work. Bay restoration, responding to the threats of climate change, trash removal from waterways, fish passage enhancements, and our studies of local fish migration are just a few examples of our efforts that may be of interest to you and your Regional Board colleagues. We look forward to continuing to work with you on these and other critical issues in your capacity with the Regional Board.

If you have any questions about Valley Water programs, projects, or current issues, please do not hesitate to contact Don Rocha, Deputy Administrative Officer, Office of Government Relations, at (408) 630-2338, or via email at drocha@valleywater.org. If I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



John L. Varela
Chair Pro Tem, Board of Directors

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June 6, 2022

Ms. Alice Reynolds, President
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear President Reynolds:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water), I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as President to the California Public Utilities Commission. We look forward to working with you on the issues affecting Valley Water's mission to provide water supply, environmental stewardship, and flood protection.

Valley Water is unique in our broad responsibilities of wholesale water supply, groundwater management, flood protection, and environmental stewardship. Our agency serves nearly 2 million residents in Santa Clara County and thousands of job-creating Silicon Valley businesses, managing a 359-square mile area that includes nearly 800 miles of creeks, 10 reservoirs and dams, 3 water treatment plants, the largest advanced purified water facility in Northern California, 400 acres of groundwater recharge ponds, and 2 large groundwater basins.

Valley Water has a primary interest in the issues impacting Santa Clara County's investor-owned water retailers and their response to water supply issues such as the current drought. We interface with the California Public Utilities Commission through our work to supply treated drinking water, recycled water, groundwater, and raw imported water to Santa Clara County. We look forward to working with you on important issues in your capacity with the California Public Utilities Commission.

If you have any questions about Valley Water programs, projects, or current issues, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Bart Broome, Assistant Officer for State Government Relations, at (916) 448-8497, or via email at bbroome@valleywater.org. If I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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TO: Rachael Gibson, Chief of External Affairs**FROM:** Marta Lugo, Assistant
Officer for External Affairs**SUBJECT:** Letters to Mayors on Mandatory Outdoor
Water Conservation and Enforcement
Measures**DATE:** June 7, 2022

Attached to this memorandum are copies of letters sent to nine Santa Clara County Mayors by Chair Pro Tem Varela regarding Valley Water's recent mandatory outdoor water conservation and enforcement measures.

The recipients are:

1. Paul Resnikoff, Mayor of the City of Campbell
2. Darcy Paul, Mayor of the City of Cupertino
3. Marie Blankley, Mayor of the City of Gilroy
4. Rich Tran, Mayor of the City of Milpitas
5. Rich Constantine, Mayor of the City of Morgan Hill
6. Sam Liccardo, Mayor of the City of San José
7. Lisa M. Gillmor, Mayor of the City of Santa Clara
8. Tina Walia, Mayor of the City of Saratoga
9. Larry Klein, Mayor of the City of Sunnyvale



Marta Lugo
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June 7, 2022

The Honorable Paul Resnikoff
Mayor of the City of Campbell
70 North 1st Street
Campbell, CA 95008

Dear Mayor Resnikoff and City Council:

On May 24, 2022, the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Board of Directors adopted an ordinance to enforce mandatory outdoor water conservation and enforcement measures during water shortages, including penalties for violations. The ordinance applies to those who receive potable water supplied or managed by Valley Water.

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Sincerely,



John L. Varela

Chair Pro Tem, Board of Directors

cc: Campbell City Council (5), City Manager Brian Loventhal, Valley Water Board of Directors (7),
R. Callender

rb:jh

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June 7, 2022

The Honorable Darcy Paul
Mayor of the City of Cupertino
10300 Torre Avenue
Cupertino, CA 95014

Dear Mayor Paul and City Council:

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Chair Pro Tem, Board of Directors

cc: Cupertino City Council (5), City Manager Jim Throop, Valley Water Board of Directors (7),
R. Callender

rb:jh

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June 7, 2022

The Honorable Marie Blankley
Mayor of the City of Gilroy
7351 Rosanna Street
Gilroy, CA 95020

Dear Mayor Blankley and City Council:

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Chair Pro Tem, Board of Directors

cc: Gilroy City Council (7), City Administrator Jimmy Forbis, Valley Water Board of Directors (7),
R. Callender

rb:jh

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June 7, 2022

The Honorable Rich Tran
Mayor of the City of Milpitas
455 East Calaveras Boulevard
Milpitas, CA 95035

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

Dear Mayor Tran and City Council:

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cc: Milpitas City Council (5), City Manager Steven G. McHarris, Valley Water Board of Directors (7),
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rb:jh

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June 7, 2022

The Honorable Rich Constantine
Mayor of the City of Morgan Hill
17575 Peak Avenue
Morgan Hill, CA 95037

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

Dear Mayor Constantine and City Council:

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Chair Pro Tem, Board of Directors

cc: Morgan Hill City Council (5), City Manager Christina Turner, Valley Water Board of Directors (7),
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rb:jh

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June 7, 2022

The Honorable Sam Liccardo
Mayor of the City of San José
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

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cc: San José City Council (11), City Manager Jennifer Maguire, Valley Water Board of Directors (7),
R. Callender

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June 7, 2022

The Honorable Lisa M. Gillmor
Mayor of the City of Santa Clara
1500 Warburton Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95050

Dear Mayor Gillmor and City Council:

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Chair Pro Tem, Board of Directors

cc: Santa Clara City Council (7), City Manager Rajeev Batra, Valley Water Board of Directors (7),
R. Callender

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June 7, 2022

The Honorable Tina Walia
Mayor of the City of Saratoga
13777 Fruitvale Avenue
Saratoga, CA 95070

Dear Mayor Walia and City Council:

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Chair Pro Tem, Board of Directors

cc: Saratoga City Council (5), City Manager James Lindsay, Valley Water Board of Directors (7),
R. Callender

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June 7, 2022

The Honorable Larry Klein
Mayor of the City of Sunnyvale
456 West Olive Avenue
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Dear Mayor Klein and City Council:

On May 24, 2022, the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Board of Directors adopted an ordinance to enforce mandatory outdoor water conservation and enforcement measures during water shortages, including penalties for violations. The ordinance applies to those who receive potable water supplied or managed by Valley Water.

As you know, the Valley Water Board adopted a resolution last June to declare a water shortage emergency condition and established a countywide 15% water use reduction goal. This resolution was amended on April 12, 2022, calling for no more than 2 days of irrigation in a week for lawns and ornamental landscapes, and outlining additional water conservation measures that correspond to Stage 3 of Valley Water's Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

While Santa Clara County has made progress in reducing water use since the water shortage declaration, there was an alarming increasing trend in water use in the first three months of 2022 and the cumulative water savings is currently only 3%, compared to 2019 usage levels. Additional action is needed to ensure sufficient water supply for our communities and enforcement will help increase awareness of the drought emergency, conserve scarce supplies, and help our county prepare for a possible fourth year of drought.

As such, effective on June 1, 2022, all property owners in Santa Clara County who receive potable water supplied or managed by Valley Water, which includes groundwater and treated water, shall **not** do any of the following:

- Water ornamental lawns more than two days a week.
- Water any outdoor landscape between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Water in a manner that results in excessive runoff.
- Water outdoors during and within 48 hours of significant rainfall.

The attached ordinance outlines all of Valley Water's outdoor drought water waste prohibitions and the process for enforcement actions, including written notification of reported violations and increased financial penalties up to \$10,000 per violation in extraordinary circumstances. We are also including an information sheet that can be shared with your constituencies with details on how to report water waste as well as helpful tips to save water.

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June 7, 2022

We greatly appreciate the initiative your city has already taken to underscore the ongoing drought emergency and your leadership in encouraging residents to “say ‘YES’ to saving water.” Valley Water stands ready to provide you with the educational resources and outreach materials needed to highlight these water waste restrictions in your city. Valley Water provides drought and conservation information in multiple languages, answers questions and accepts feedback through our [BeHeard](#) webpage, offers water conservation [rebates and programs](#), and conducts public outreach presentations. Additionally, we offer free water conservation devices to all eligible properties in Santa Clara County through our online [Shopping Cart](#).

The Valley Water Board commends you for your continued leadership and greatly appreciates your support and partnership in our efforts to reduce water waste and provide safe, clean water to our communities. To ensure you have all the information you need to help save water during the drought, Roseryn Bhudsabourg, Supervising Program Administrator for Local Government Relations, will work with your staff to help support this coordinated countywide effort to conserve water. Your staff may also contact her directly at (408) 630-3099 or rbhudsabourg@valleywater.org. We look forward to answering any questions you may have, and we thank you for your consideration of these matters of critical importance.

Sincerely,



John L. Varela

Chair Pro Tem, Board of Directors

cc: Sunnyvale City Council (7), City Manager Kent Steffens, Valley Water Board of Directors (7),
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Attachments: Valley Water Ordinance No. 22-02, Valley Water Resolution No. 22-20,
Water Restrictions Enforcement Information Sheet