

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

ORDINANCE NO. 22-01

**PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION OF
DIRECTORS OF SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 2, DIVISION 10, CALIFORNIA WATER CODE**

The Board of Directors of Santa Clara Valley Water District does ORDAIN as follows:

FIRST, this ordinance is adopted pursuant to Chapter 2, Division 10, Section 20200, and following of the California Water Code, and Section 33(c) of the District Act; and

SECOND, at the February 8, 2022, Board meeting, the Board made findings based on substantial evidence that there is an operational need to compensate Directors for up to 15 days per calendar month, for calendar year 2022, effective April 14, 2022; and

THIRD, the findings made by the Board were:

1. Many of the Santa Clara Valley Water District's (Valley Water) responsibilities such as water supply, flood protection, and environmental stewardship, are in other jurisdictions spread across separate governmental entities. These functions require numerous meetings to set courses of action based on input from the community and other stakeholders.
2. The number and scope of Board and committee meetings, public hearings, community meetings, and other meetings Directors must attend to accomplish Valley Water's business are extensive. The Board has 23 internal and/or joint policy committees/working groups, and the Directors serve on a total of 20 external boards and committees for other intergovernmental, regional, or public policy entities.
3. Valley Water is the only water agency in California that is both a state and federal water contractor through the State Water Project and the Central Valley Project, putting Valley Water at the heart of complex water policy debates in both Sacramento and Washington. This greatly expands the number of meetings necessary to ensure reliable water supplies for Santa Clara County as compared to other regions.
4. In 2021, the maximum meeting days per month that Directors could be compensated was 15, per Ordinance 21-01. During 2021, the Valley Water Board of Directors reported 1,196 meeting days that were paid, and 170 that were unpaid, because they exceeded the maximum number of meeting days allowed for the stated month; and

FOURTH, for each year following the effective date of this ordinance, the current compensation of three hundred thirty-one dollars and eighty-six cents (\$331.86) per day provided to each Valley Water Board member for each day's attendance at Board meetings, or for each day's service rendered as a member of the Board by request of the Board as described in Board Policy GP-10.6.1, is increased to \$348.45 effective on April 14, 2022; and

The increase is in accordance with the Board of Directors' direction to ensure that Valley Water's services are carried out in a cost-effective and efficient method; and

FIFTH, this ordinance shall not be deemed to authorize compensation for more than a total of 15 days in any calendar month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District by the following vote on February 8, 2022:

AYES: Directors Santos, Estremera, Hsueh, Keegan, LeZotte, Varela, Kremen

NOES: Directors

ABSENT: Directors

ABSTAIN: Directors

SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

By: 

GARY KREMEN
Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST: MICHELE L. KING, CMC


Clerk, Board of Directors