



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

NON-AGENDA

March 28, 2025

Board Policy EL-7 Communication and Support to the Board
The BAOs shall inform and support the Board in its work.

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3	Board Correspondence Weekly Report: 03/26/25
4	Email from Shaunn Cartwright to the board and Mark Bilski, Assistant Officer, dated 03/22/25, requesting accommodations for service providers to access Cherry Camp. C-25-0058
5	Email from G.Diane Matthews-Marcelin, to the board, dated 03/22/25, urging Valley Water not to allocate any additional funds to the proposed Delta Conveyance Project and vote no on Agenda Item 3.5. C-25-0059
6	Letter from Taran Nathan to Director Eisenberg, received 03/24/25, Expressing their concern regarding the passage of the Water Resources Protection Zones Ordinance. C-25-0060
8	Note from Morgan Hill Leadership Class of 2025 to Director John Varela, received on 03/24/25, Thank him for taking the time to discuss Valley Water and its local projects with them. C-25-0061
	<u>OUTGOING BOARD CORRESPONDENCE</u>
10	Letter from Director Eisenberg to Taran Nathan, dated 03/25/25, thanking them for their letter regarding the Water Resources Protection Zones Ordinance.

INCOMING BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board Correspondence (open)

Correspond No	Rec'd By District	Rec'd By COB	Letter To	Letter From	Description	Disposition	BAO/ Chief	Staff	Draft Response Due Date	Draft Response Submitted	Writer Ack. Sent	Final Response Due Date
C-25-0058	03/22/25	03/24/25	All	SHAUNN CARTWRIG HT	Email from Shaunn Cartwright to the board and Mark Bilski, Assistant Officer, dated 03/22/25, requesting accommodations for service providers to access Cherry Camp.	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Bilski	04/01/25	-	n/a	04/07/25

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Board of Directors; Mark Bilski](#)
Subject: Cherry Avenue
Date: Saturday, March 22, 2025 7:06:15 AM

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Hello All,

I again request that accommodations be made for service providers working with the Cherry Camp to be able to access the camp by vehicle without impediment or fear of trespass ticket.

It has come to my attention that ValleyWater is about to make it even harder for service providers to access the camp, as if having to hop a curb, drive titled downhill to get around poles, then under a low tree isn't challenging enough. The camp is an approved camp, this is where people are supposed to live until Cherry Ave. is built, so why does ValleyWater insist on making it so hard to bring them food and survival supplies?

For providers, it is not safe for us to walk into the camp because of so many dogs, it is impossible for us to drag the food and survival supplies on a cart, and for those of us who are disabled, we are unable to walk in. I don't see why there can't be a lock with a combination that providers can use to access the camp. Security knows who we all are and they can monitor if someone is abusing lock privileges.

I have seen the county drive in, HomeFirst and others, so it is not just an URG issue, we all need access to serve this camp. Please create an equitable way for us all to continue to serve this camp.

Additionally, I am very interested in working on creating sweep guides in relation to weather, which is obvious as I'm the one who raised the issue. I worked on this with the city and county and find these guidelines to be crucial and lifesaving.

Regards,
Shaunn Cartwright
URG
Unhoused Response Group

From: [G.Diane Matthews-Marcelin](#) [REDACTED] [Sent You a Personal Message](#)
To: [Board of Directors](#)
Subject: Please Vote NO on Delta Tunnel Funding
Date: Saturday, March 22, 2025 4:10:30 PM

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Dear Valley Water Board of Directors,

Dear Chair Estremera and the Board of Directors,

I am writing to urge Valley Water not to allocate any additional funds to the proposed Delta Conveyance Project and vote no on Agenda Item 3.5.

The Delta tunnel project is a proposal to construct a single underground tunnel to divert millions of acre-feet of freshwater that would otherwise flow naturally through the Bay-Delta, diverting up to 6,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) from the Sacramento River without preserving sufficient flows for salmon species and Delta smelt.

For years, the Bay-Delta ecosystem has been severely depleted of its essential freshwater flows, causing the destruction of natural habitat for endemic species and worsening the livelihood of residents in Delta communities. This project will absolutely hasten the decline of the Delta.

Ratepayers will face increased water bills and property taxes, with no assurance of a sustainable water supply if Valley Water continues to spend millions of dollars - nearly \$650 million by the final construction vote - on this project! Remember that the board is ultimately accountable to their ratepayers who do not want their bills to rise amid an era of constant inflation and an affordability crisis.

The Delta tunnel project is an expensive and environmentally harmful project - failing to ensure new water resources in a time of climate change. Valley Water must prioritize limited public funds for projects that will deliver tangible improvements in water security and the overall health of the Delta.

I urge you to make a responsible and informed decision by rejecting this funding, and voting NO on Agenda Item 3.5.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,

G.Diane Matthews-Marcelin
[REDACTED]

This message was sent by KnowWho, as a service provider, on behalf of an individual associated with Sierra Club. If you need more information, please contact Member Care at Sierra Club at member.care@sierraclub.org or (415) 977-5673.

February 26, 2025

Board Member Rebecca Eisenberg
Santa Clara Valley Water District
5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA 95118-3686

Dear Ms. Eisenberg:

Recently, I have been learning about the struggles of impoverished and homeless individuals as part of a high school English project. Through my research, I have become increasingly aware of the neglect and disregard these underserved people face on a daily basis. Instead of receiving support and resources, many are met with punishment simply for trying to survive. This has led me to reach out to you, as the board member for my district in Los Gatos, as I believe that real change can only happen through thoughtful and compassionate policy reform.

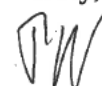
I am deeply concerned about Valley Water's recent passing of The Water Resources Protection Zones Ordinance to ban encampments along creeks and rivers in Santa Clara County. While I understand the environmental and safety concerns surrounding these encampments, enforcing a blanket ban without providing viable alternatives only displaces unhoused individuals, forcing them into even more precarious situations.

Homelessness is a growing crisis in our community. According to the 2023 Santa Clara County Homeless Census, over 9,900 people are experiencing homelessness on any given night, with more than 75% of them unsheltered. Many unhoused individuals turn to creekside areas as a last resort because shelters are often full or inaccessible. Simply displacing them does not address the core issue—it only moves the problem elsewhere. Instead of offering solutions, these policies perpetuate a cycle of hardship, making it more difficult for people to secure housing, employment, or assistance. Criminal records for sleeping outside can disqualify individuals from jobs or housing programs, further trapping them in poverty.

Instead of banning encampments without alternatives, I urge the Valley Water Board to work with local governments and organizations to implement real solutions: expanding access to affordable housing, increasing funding for shelters and mental health services, and providing long-term transitional programs. This will do far more to address the crisis than punitive measures. Additionally, I ask you to delay enforcement of this ordinance until these adequate resources for the homeless are available to them.

Thank you for your time and commitment to serving our community. I hope you will take action to support policies that address homelessness with dignity and real solutions rather than displacement and punishment. I appreciate your leadership and look forward to seeing meaningful change.

Sincerely,



Taran Nathan
Los Gatos High School

Taran Nathan



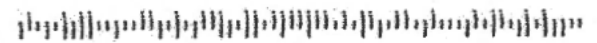
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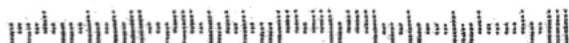
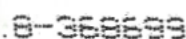
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Valley Water: John Varela
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San Jose, CA 95118



Dear John,

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to speak with our class about Vally Water. We enjoyed learning more about the local projects and are excited to tour some of the facilities

Regards,
LMH Class of 2025

OUTGOING BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

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Rick L. Callender, Esq.

INTERIM CLERK OF THE BOARD

Candice Kwok-Smith

March 25, 2025

Dear Mr. Nathan,

I greatly appreciate your letter. I agree with you, which is why I voted against the Water Resources Protection Zones Ordinance. I also agree with you that unhoused people deserve to be treated with dignity, which is why I worked so hard to connect Valley Water with the exceptional organization Dignity Moves, which will be providing thousands of transitional housing units throughout Santa Clara County.

I welcome an opportunity to hear more of your ideas. I also would be happy to meet with you and any of your classmates at your convenience. Please feel free to reach out to me at reisenberg@valleywater.org or else by phone or text at 415-235-8078.

I look forward to working together to address these extremely important and growing problems.

With warm and sincere regards,



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C-25-0060