



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

# NON-AGENDA

**April 5, 2024**

**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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<b>51</b>	Email from Dhruv Khanna to the board, dated 3/30/24, providing a link to a New York Times article and requesting consideration be given to flooding the Stanford Golf Course as a source of flood mitigation for the San Francisquito Creek. C-24-0081
	<b><u>OUTGOING BOARD CORRESPONDENCE</u></b>
<b>63</b>	Email from Director Beall to Mark Bolger, dated 03/27/24, regarding concerns for encampments of unsheltered people located near his home.

<b>65</b>		Email from Director Keegan to Albert Prunera, dated 03/29/24, regarding concerns for encampments of unsheltered people at Willow Street and Lelong Street.
<b>67</b>		Email from Vice Chair Santos to Ashok Aggarwal, dated 03/29/24, regarding frustrations related to the encampment located along Upper Penitencia Creek.
<b>70</b>		Email from Director Varela to Jacob Castro, dated 03/29/24, regarding concerns for the potential removal of personal property during a March cleanup.

# **CEO BULLETIN**

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

## Weeks of March 22 – April 4, 2024

**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.*

Item	IN THIS ISSUE
<u>1</u>	Palo Alto Purified Water Project Wind Down Activities

### 1. Palo Alto Purified Water Project Wind Down Activities

For the past five years Valley Water and the cities of Palo Alto and Mountain View have successfully collaborated on the expansion of potable reuse in Santa Clara County, starting with the execution of the 2019 Agreement. Valley Water and the City of Palo Alto drafted terms for an Operations and Maintenance Agreement, as well the terms for lease agreements of a site for the source water pump station at the Palo Alto Regional Water Quality Control Plant and the former Los Altos Treatment Plant site to place a new purification facility, as well as terms for needed easements to connect the pipelines.

Due to affordability issues related to Capital Improvement Program (CIP) cost increases and declining wastewater flows, Valley Water's Board decided on February 27, 2024, to move the Palo Alto Purified Water Project to the unfunded list. The efforts with our city partners as well as regulatory agencies will be helpful as Valley Water moves forward with a Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) project with the Cities of San Jose and Santa Clara.

Valley Water is conducting wind down activities as follows:

- Valley Water met with the shortlisted Public-Private Partnership (P3) teams to notify them of the Board's decision and will cancel the procurement.
- Put all agreement development on hold as a future project in Palo Alto may be a very different project, possibly DPR. The 2019 agreement allows Palo Alto's treated wastewater to also be used at other Valley Water facilities that may be constructed. Obligations under the 2019 agreement include paying for the wastewater option until 2032 and payments to support construction of Palo Alto's salt removal facility, which will enhance the non-potable supply, will continue.
- Valley Water has informed regulators, partner agencies, including cities along the pipeline route of the Board's decision and updated the project website and other outreach materials.
- Amend existing consultant agreements to focus resources and expedite the San Jose Purified Water Project.
- Archive all project information.

The Recycled Water Committee was provided an opportunity to provide feedback at their March 27, 2024 meeting as well as additional details that can be found in the Committee agenda memo. The Committee agreed with these wind down activities and noted the importance of maintaining good relationships with our partners and supporting their efforts on non-potable recycled water expansion.

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

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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
R-24-0007	03/26/24	Keegan	Yoke	Ndah	Regarding Item 7.2 at the March 26, 2024, Board meeting. Staff is requested to provide the Board with a complete list of agreements, associated dollar amounts, and the selection process that was used for consultant AECOM Technical Services Inc.	04/16/24		

**TO:** Marta Lugo, Acting Chief of External Affairs**FROM:** Bart Broome, Acting  
Deputy Administrative  
Officer**SUBJECT:** Congratulatory Letters to Newly Appointed  
Mayors**DATE:** March 18, 2024

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Attached to this memorandum are copies of congratulatory letters from Chair Nai Hsueh to local elected officials on their appointment as Mayor to their respective city councils. These letters were mailed out on March 18, 2024.



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Bart Broome  
Acting Deputy Administrative Officer, Office of Government Relations

March 15, 2024

The Honorable Susan Landry  
City of Campbell  
70 North First Street  
Campbell, CA 95008

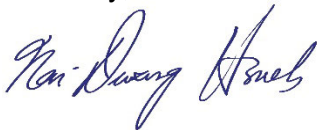
Dear Mayor Landry,

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Board of Directors, I would like to congratulate you on your appointment by the City Council as Mayor of the City of Campbell. We look forward to working with you on all water, environment, and flood-related issues relevant to our mutual constituents.

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Valley Water has a strong legislative interest in the issues impacting water supply, environmental stewardship, and flood protection efforts in Santa Clara County. Staff has contacted your office to schedule a briefing for you on Valley Water's current initiatives and priorities, so we look forward to meeting with you to discuss how we may be of assistance to you. In the interim, if you have any questions about Valley Water programs, projects, or current legislative issues that may pertain to Valley Water, please do not hesitate to contact Marta Lugo, Deputy Administrative Officer of External Affairs, at (408) 630-2237 or via email at [mlugo@valleywater.org](mailto:mlugo@valleywater.org).

Sincerely,



Nai Hsueh  
Chair, Board of Directors

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March 15, 2024

The Honorable Sheila Mohan  
City of Cupertino  
10300 Torre Avenue  
Cupertino, CA 95014

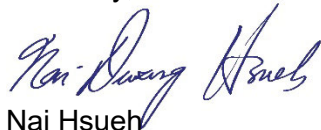
Dear Mayor Mohan,

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Board of Directors, I would like to congratulate you on your appointment by the City Council as Mayor of the City of Cupertino. We look forward to working with you on all water, environment, and flood-related issues relevant to our mutual constituents.

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The Honorable Stanley Mok  
Town of Los Altos Hills  
26379 Fremont Road  
Los Altos Hills, CA 94022

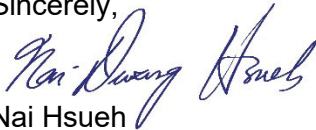
Dear Mayor Mok,

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Board of Directors, I would like to congratulate you on your appointment by the City Council as Mayor of the Town of Los Altos Hills. We look forward to working with you on all water, environment, and flood-related issues relevant to our mutual constituents.

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The Honorable Jonathan Weinberg  
Los Altos City Hall  
1 North San Antonio Road  
Los Altos, CA 94022  
Dear Mayor Weinberg,

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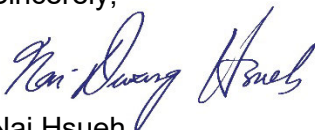
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On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Board of Directors, I would like to congratulate you on your appointment by the City Council as Mayor of the City of Los Altos. We look forward to working with you on all water, environment, and flood-related issues relevant to our mutual constituents.

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The Honorable Mary Badame  
Town of Los Gatos  
110 East Main Street  
Los Gatos, CA 95030

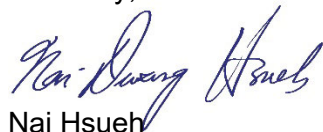
Dear Mayor Badame,

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Board of Directors, I would like to congratulate you on your appointment by the Town Council as Mayor of the Town of Los Gatos. We look forward to working with you on all water, environment, and flood protection-related issues relevant to our mutual constituents.

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The Honorable Evert Wolsheimer  
Monte Sereno City Hall  
18041 Saratoga-Los Gatos Road  
Monte Sereno, CA 95030

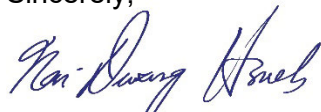
Dear Mayor Wolsheimer,

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Board of Directors, I would like to congratulate you on your appointment by the City Council as Mayor of the City of Monte Sereno. We look forward to working with you on all water, environment, and flood-related issues relevant to our mutual constituents.

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Mountain View City Hall  
500 Castro Street  
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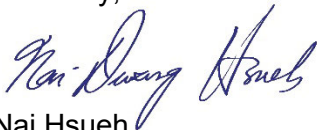
Dear Mayor Showalter,

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Board of Directors, I would like to congratulate you on your appointment by the City Council as Mayor of the City of Mountain View. We look forward to continuing to work with you on all water, environment, and flood-related issues relevant to our mutual constituents.

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March 15, 2024

The Honorable Greer Stone  
City of Palo Alto  
250 Hamilton Avenue  
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Dear Mayor Stone,

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Board of Directors, I would like to congratulate you on your appointment by the City Council as Mayor of the City of Palo Alto. We look forward to working with you on all water, environment, and flood-related issues relevant to our mutual constituents.

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The Honorable Yan Zhao  
Saratoga City Hall  
13777 Fruitvale Avenue  
Saratoga, CA 95070

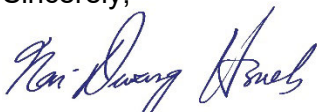
Dear Mayor Zhao,

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Board of Directors, I would like to congratulate you on your appointment by the City Council as Mayor of the City of Saratoga. We look forward to working with you on all water, environment, and flood-related issues relevant to our mutual constituents.

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**TO:** Marta Lugo, Acting Chief of External Affairs**FROM:** Bart Broome, Acting  
Deputy Administrative  
Officer**SUBJECT:** Anticipated Community Events in 2024**DATE:** March 25, 2024

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The Office of Government Relations has compiled a list of anticipated community events in 2024 for the Board's reference, which is attached to this memorandum. Please note that this reflects only anticipated events and is not an exhaustive list as additional events may come up throughout the year that are new, and event dates are subject to change at any time, or cancelled altogether.

These community events provide a valuable forum in which Valley Water can communicate with broad sectors of our diverse community on water-related issues, such as water conservation, water recycling and purification, flood preparedness, and Valley Water projects in specific communities, among many others. This community outreach effort also provides an opportunity to partner with our nonprofit community stakeholders during events that attract their unique constituencies and supporters. Many of the community events included are where we have hosted an informational booth in the past and have had a high level of visibility due to the number of attendees.

For any inquiries regarding community events, please contact the Office of Government Relations.



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Bart Broome  
Acting Deputy Administrative Officer, Office of Government Relations

Annual Community Events Planned for Calendar Year 2024		
Organization	Event Name	Date of Event
<b>January</b>		
Positive Alternative Recreation Teambuilding Impact (PARTI)	MLK Stop the Violence Event	1/23/2024
African American Community Service Agency (AACSA)	MLK Luncheon	1/15/2024
<b>February</b>		
Office of San Jose Council District 1	Black History Month Flag Raising	2/2/2024
Vietnamese American Roundtable (VAR)	Lunar New Year Festival	2/3-2/4/2024
San Jose State University	Science Extravaganza	2/10/2024
Việt Nam Bắc Cali Radio	Lunar New Year Celebration	2/10/2024
American Society of Civil Engineers	San Jose Younger Member Forum's Engineers Week-Middle School Day	2/16/2024
<b>March</b>		
United Negro College Fund (UNCF)	A Mind is Gala	3/3/2024
San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP)	State of the Estuary Conference	3/7/2024
Milpitas Chamber of Commerce	Annual Crab Feed	3/15/2024
Valley Health Foundation (VHF)	Women's Leadership and Policy Summit	3/23/2024
American Association of University Women (AAUW)	41st Annual Wildflower Run	3/24/2024
Salmonid Restoration Federation	Annual Conference	3/26-3/29/2024
Rotary Foundation	Gala Event	3/23/2024
<b>April</b>		
Bay Nature	Local Hero Awards	4/7/2024
Cupertino High School	Earth Day Festival	4/20/2024
<b>May</b>		
Silicon Valley Bike Coalition	Virtual Bike Workshop	5/16-5/18/2024
California Water Efficiency Partnership (CalWEP)	Peer to Peer	5/29-5/30/2024
Morgan Hill Community Foundation	South Valley Science and Engineering Fair	
Campbell Chamber of Commerce	Boogie Music Festival	5/18-5/19/2024
Valley Health Foundation	Bloom Energy Stars and Strides Run/Walk	6/29/2024
Morgan Hill Mushroom Mardi Gras Inc	Morgan Hill Mushroom Festival	5/25/2024
Society of Women Engineers	Santa Clara Valley Scholarship	
<b>June</b>		
Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce	Art and Wine Festival	
Guadalupe River Park Conservancy	Window on the River Park	
Silicon Valley Leadership Group	Energy and Sustainability Summit	
Portuguese Heritage Society of California	Dia de Portugal Festival	
African American Community Service Agency (AACSA)	Juneteenth Festival	
Bay Area Council	Pacific Summit	

Annual Community Events Planned for Calendar Year 2024		
Organization	Event Name	Date of Event
Asian Pacific American Leadership Institute (APALI)	APALI Anniversary Event	
<b>July</b>		
Mountain View Chamber	Technology Showcase	6/24-6/25/2024
Office of San Jose Council District 10	District 4 July 4th Celebration	7/4/2024
National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies (NAFSMA)	Annual Flood & Stormwater Management Conference	
<b>August</b>		
San Jose Chamber of Commerce	Annual BBQ	8/20/2024
Greenbelt Alliance	Hidden Heroes of the Greenbelt	
Silicon Valley Pride	Silicon Valley Pride Parade	
<b>September</b>		
Mountain View Chamber	Art and Wine Festival	9/7-9/8/2024
Santos Family Car Show	18th Annual Santos Family Car Show	
La Raza Historical Society of Santa Clara	La Raza Awards	
Cupertino Rotary Club	Fall Fest	
Happy Hollow Foundation	Hooray for Happy Hollow Event	
Green Foothills	Nature's Inspiration	
Friends of Stevens Creek Trail	Trailblazer Race	
African American Community Service Agency (AACSA)	AACSA FRC Anniversary Gala	
<b>October</b>		
San Jose/Silicon Valley NAACP	Freedom Funds Awards Gala	
Office of Santa Clara County District 3	Day on the Bay	
Cupertino Chamber of Commerce	Bay Area Diwali Festival of Lights	
Teatro Vision	Dia de Los Muertos Student Matinee	
California Invasive Plant Council	Cal-IPC Summit	
Office of San Jose Council District 8	D8 Family Fall Festival	
Silicon Valley Bike Coalition	Bike to the Future Event	
<b>November</b>		
People Acting in Community Together (PACT)	Annual Leadership Luncheon	
Latina Coalition	Sisterhood Brunch	
American Society of Civil Engineers	San Jose Chapter annual Student Scholarship Awards	
Catalyze Silicon Valley	2nd Annual Catalyzing Change Awards	
<b>December</b>		
Santa Visits Alviso		

**TO:** Marta Lugo, Acting Chief of External Affairs**FROM:** Bart Broome, Acting  
Deputy Administrative  
Officer**SUBJECT:** Letter from CEO Rick Callender to San Jose  
City Manager Jennifer Maguire regarding  
Collaboration on Encampments**DATE:** March 27, 2024

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Attached to this memorandum is the correspondence between CEO Rick Callender and San Jose City Manager Jennifer Maguire regarding the continued collaboration between our agency and the City of San Jose on addressing encampments of unsheltered people along our waterways, including CEO Callender's letter dated March 22, 2024, and City Manager Maguire's response letter dated March 26, 2024.



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Bart Broome  
Acting Deputy Administrative Officer, Office of Government Relations

March 22, 2024

Ms. Jennifer Maguire  
City Manager, City of San Jose  
200 E. Santa Clara St.  
San Jose, CA 95113

Dear Ms. Maguire,

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water), I would like to reiterate our agency's support for the continued collaboration between Valley Water and the City of San Jose (City) on addressing encampments of unsheltered people to ensure that all areas along waterways are protected. To effectively reduce the number of unsheltered people taking refuge along waterways, Valley Water would like to work with the City on a holistic and humane approach to relocating all encampments to protect water quality, riparian habitat, and the fish and wildlife that depend on both for survival.

Valley Water looks forward to working with the City on the Enhanced Neighborhoods and Waterways proposal detailed in the Mayor's March budget message for FY 2024-25 with the shared goal of assisting unsheltered residents to safely transition out of living along creeks and streams. We would like to work with the City on the development of the no camping ordinance and partner together on any efforts related to the establishment of no camping zones as these policies would have impacts to multi-jurisdictional properties, including those owned in fee title by Valley Water, as well as other agencies and private owners. Collaboration on these efforts between our two agencies is paramount to effectively reduce encampments of unsheltered people along our waterways.

Only 26 miles of the 140 miles of waterways within the City overlap with stormwater discharge areas, and of those, five miles are owned and managed by Valley Water. Without a comprehensive approach to address all waterway miles within San Jose, encampments will simply relocate to other remaining creek sections. As such, we strongly believe a holistic approach that includes all waterway miles within the City is necessary.

I look forward to continuing the partnership and ongoing discussions between our two agencies and working together on an encampment resolution strategy that will further bolster the protection of our creeks, streams, and environment, support water quality improvements and flood risk-reduction efforts and provide unsheltered residents with the resources they desperately need to transition to safe housing opportunities.

Sincerely,



Rick L. Callender, Esq.  
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Board of Directors  
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March 26, 2024

Mr. Rick L. Callender, Esq.  
Chief Executive Officer  
Santa Clara Valley Water District  
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San José, CA 95118-3686

Dear Mr. Callender,

Thank you for your letter on March 22, 2024, highlighting the importance of our continued partnership to address the challenges posed by encampments along our waterways. The City of San José shares Valley Water's commitment to protecting our waterways and offering meaningful support to our unsheltered population.

We view Valley Water as a key partner in developing and implementing our Enhanced Neighborhoods and Waterways approach. Valley Water's collaboration with the City is welcomed in the development of no-camping ordinances and the establishment of no-camping zones. We agree with the importance of developing a comprehensive strategy and taking a holistic approach. We will need Valley Water's expertise and resources to fully realize our joint vision.

As you know, Valley Water and the City are drafting a Letter of Intent that will memorialize this approach and provide a framework for our ongoing partnership.

The City looks forward to continued collaboration with Valley Water. Together, we can address the pressing issues of waterway protection and homeless support with practical, effective, and humane strategies.

Sincerely,



Jennifer A. Maguire  
City Manager

# **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-24-0083	04/04/24	04/04/24	Hsueh	SACHIHIKO MICHITAKA	Email from Sachihiko Michitaka to Chair Hsueh, dated 04/04/24, regarding HBS Northern California Pro Bono NPO consulting project.	Refer to Staff	Gibson	Baker Hakes	04/12/24	-	n/a	04/18/24
C-24-0082	04/04/24	04/04/24	Hsueh	DHRUV KHANNA Santa Clara County Farm Bureau	Letter from Dhruv Khanna, President, Santa Clara County Farm Bureau to Chair Hsueh, dated 04/04/24, regarding wasting of water resources in Palo Alto-Stanford Area.	Refer to Staff	Baker	Williams	04/12/24	-	n/a	04/18/24
C-24-0081	03/30/24	04/02/24	All	DHRUV KHANNA	Email from Dhruv Khanna to the board, dated 03/30/24, forward a New York Times article and suggesting	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Yerrapotu	04/10/24	-	n/a	04/16/24

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					that the Stanford Golf Course be used to help with flooding along San Francisquito Creek.							
C-24-0079	03/29/24	03/29/24	All	DHRUV KHANNA	Email from Dhruv Khanna to the board, dated 03/28/24 regarding Flooding the Stanford Golf Course if needed.	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Yerrapotu	04/06/24	04/04/24	n/a	04/12/24
C-24-0078	03/28/24	03/29/24	All	BRANTON CURT	Email from Branton Curt to the board, dated 3/28/24, regarding SJB Daycare Program.	Refer to Staff	Yoke	Ndah	04/06/24	-	n/a	04/12/24
C-24-0077	03/28/24	03/29/24	All	SERENA GU	Email from Serena Gu to the board dated 03/28/24, requesting support for SB 1148.	Refer to Staff	Lugo	Broome	04/06/24	-	n/a	04/12/24
C-24-0076	03/23/24	03/25/24	Beall	REA FREEDOM private citizen	Email from Rea Freedom to Director Beall, dated 03/23/24 regarding the emptying of Vasona.	Refer to Staff	Baker	Williams	04/02/24	03/29/24	n/a	04/08/24

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C-24-0072	03/19/24	03/19/24	All	MARK BOLGER	Email from Mark Bolger dated 3/19/24 requesting a fence near Blossom Valley Lake. This is similar to the email sent on 3/18/24.	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Bilski Codianne	03/27/24	03/26/24	n/a	04/02/24
C-24-0071	03/18/24	03/18/24	All	MARK BOLGER	Email from Mark Bolger dated 3/18/24 requesting a temporary fence near Blossom Valley Lake	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Bilski Codianne	03/26/24	03/26/24	n/a	04/01/24
C-24-0063	03/11/24	03/11/24	All	JIM KUHL	Email from Jim Kuhl to the Board, dated 03/11/24, requesting answers to his questions/comments made at the 2/13/24 Board meeting about Pacheco.	Refer to Staff	Yoke	Mccarter	03/19/24	03/19/24	n/a	03/25/24
C-24-0062	03/12/24	03/12/24	Beall	JAKOB JONES	Email from Jakob Jones to Director Beall, dated 03/12/24, with additional questions	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Bilski Codianne	03/20/24	03/20/24	n/a	03/26/24

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					regarding Almaden - Guadalupe Creek Homeless Encampment .							
C-24-0061	03/12/24	03/12/24	All	KARIN ALVAREZ	Email from Karin Alvarez to the board, dated 03/12/24, regarding unsheltered encampment at Lelong in San Jose.	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Bilski Codianne	03/20/24	03/20/24	n/a	03/26/24
C-24-0059	03/07/24	03/07/24	All	WENDY LI	Email from Wendy Li to the Board, dated 03/07/24, asking questions of potential penalties imposed on Valley Water by water board and possible coordinate with the City of San Jose.	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Bilski Codianne	03/15/24	03/11/24	n/a	03/21/24
C-24-0055	03/05/24	03/05/24	All	STEPHEN MEIER	Email for Stephen Meier to the Board, dated 03/05/24, regarding remediation of the plastic and fabric	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Codianne	03/13/24	03/07/24	n/a	03/19/24

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					carpets lining the bank of the salt pond.							
C-24-0054	03/03/24	03/04/24	All	BRIGITTE RINCE	Email from Mark Bolger and Brigitte Rince to the board, dated 03/03/24, regarding unshelterd near their home at 967 Chynoweth Avenue, San Jose.	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Bilski Codianne	03/12/24	03/11/24	n/a	03/18/24
C-24-0044	02/23/24	02/23/24	All	MEEKA MARTIN	Email from Meeka Martin to the board, dated 02/23/24, regarding trash along Sanchez Ponds near the Brookdale complex.	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Codianne	03/02/24	03/01/24	n/a	03/08/24
C-24-0017	01/25/24	01/26/24	Eisenberg	JOHN GUISLIN	Email from John Guislin to Director Eisenberg, dated 01/25/24, regarding SFCJPA reconsiderati on of 6 foot cement walls by creek.	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Yerrapotu	02/03/24	02/01/24	n/a	02/09/24
C-24-0011	01/13/24	01/16/24	All	TIFFANY HOWARD	Email from Tiffany Howard to	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Codianne	01/24/24	01/22/24	n/a	01/30/24

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					the board, dated 01/13/04, regarding the unhouse in the creek behind her home.							
C-24-0007	01/11/24	01/11/24	Beall	ROGER CASTILLO	Email from Roger Castillo to Director Beall, dated 1/12/23, conveying a copy of the "12-29-23 101 Bayshore Chinook killed" document.	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Codianne	01/19/24	01/16/24	n/a	01/25/24
C-23-0293	12/04/23	12/07/23	Beall	AFSHIN ROUHANI	Email from Afshin Rouhani to Director Beall, dated 12/04/23, regarding Anderson Dam options.	Refer to Staff	Richardson	Mccarter	12/15/23	12/18/23	n/a	12/21/23
C-23-0267	11/03/23	11/03/23	Varela	ROCHELLE BEERLI	Email from Rochelle Beerli to Chair Varela, dated 11/03/23, conveying questions about Pacheco Dam.	Refer to Staff	Richardson	Mccarter	11/11/23	11/16/23	n/a	11/17/23
C-23-0266	10/31/23	10/31/23	All	JOHN	Email from	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Yerrapotu	11/08/23	11/06/23	n/a	11/14/23

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				GUISLIN	John Guislin to the board, dated 10/31/23, expressing concern for Creek Flooding mitigation along San Francisquito Creek.							
C-23-0239	09/24/23	09/25/23	Beall	KATHLEEN O'CONNELL	Emal from Kathleen O'Connell to the Director Beall, dated 9/24/23, regarding Water Resource Protection Zone at the upcoming Cherry Avenue EIH project.	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Codianne	10/03/23	09/27/23	n/a	10/09/23
C-23-0235	09/21/23	09/22/23	All	JESSICA CALDERON	Email from Jessica Calderon to the Board, dated 9/21/22 regarding the unhoustd at Church st./Howson Creek Monterey Road/Howson Creek, Gilroy.	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Codianne	09/30/23	09/25/23	n/a	10/06/23
C-23-0212	08/24/23	08/24/23	Santos	ERIC HA	Email from Eric Ha to	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Codianne	09/01/23	08/30/23	n/a	09/07/23

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					Director Santos, dated 8/24/23, regarding unhoused individual setting fire behind property.							
C-23-0211	08/24/23	08/24/23	Varela	LUIS RAMIREZ	Email from Luis Ramirez to Chair Varela, dated 8/24/23, regarding homeless in Gilroy on Valley Water property.	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Codianne	09/01/23	08/30/23	n/a	09/07/23
C-23-0101	05/12/23	05/12/23	All	STEVE KELLY	Email from Steve Kelly, to the Board, dated 5/12/23, regarding concern for unhoused that may cause threats to residents living near the creeks in Santa Clara.	Refer to Staff	Blank Yerrapotu	Codianne	05/20/23	05/22/23	n/a	05/26/23
C-23-0076	03/31/23	04/03/23	All	H.K. WILLARD	Email from H.K. Willard to the Board dated 3/31/23 regarding misleading information in March Water News.	Refer to Staff	Gibson	Rocha	04/11/23	04/07/23	n/a	04/17/23

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C-23-0045	02/23/23	02/24/23	All	MELISSA MALLORY	EMail from Melissa Mallory regarding unhouse along Los Gatos Creek Trail.	Refer to Staff	Blank	Codianne Yerrapotu	03/04/23	03/03/23	n/a	03/10/23

## Michele King

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**From:** Serena Gu <serena@clean-coalition.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 28, 2024 12:55 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Cc:** Ben Schwartz  
**Subject:** Seeking Santa Clara Valley Water District's support for SB 1148 (empowering resilient multi-meter housing/government facilities/places of worship)  
**Attachments:** Explanation of SB 1148 - Clean Coalition Legislation to Enable Resilient Multi-Unit Housing+Government Facilities+Places of Worship.docx

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To whom this may concern,

The [Clean Coalition](#) (a non-profit) is sponsoring CA [SB 1148](#), a bill to empower resilient multi-unit housing and government facilities through the deployment of a master meter. We are actively seeking like minded organizations that support critical legislation needed to achieve the state-mandated housing, climate, energy goals in ways that are affordable and equitable for everyday Californians.

California's recent experiences with grid outages, wildfires, extreme weather events, and the COVID-19 pandemic have brought to light the critical need for energy resilient housing. More than just affordability, California urgently requires new accessible housing options that also ensure residents have a safe haven during emergencies. This is not just an urgent need, it can be a matter of life and death.

Unfortunately, current policy excludes multi-meter facilities, including schools and government facilities, from the same resilient energy options available to single-meter properties. When implemented, SB 1148 will create standardized/streamlined pathways across investor-owned utility service territories, empowering communities to provision their own resilience through local renewable energy solutions. Importantly, renewable energy projects deployed near to where the energy is consumed help preserve California's pristine lands by minimizing the need for large utility-scale installations. Additionally, the bill mandates resident savings (e.g., a lower cost of energy following the master meter deployment than the normal utility bill) and encourages the development of energy-efficient, electrified multi-unit housing projects, creating a more sustainable and healthy future for communities and the environment.

SB 1148 will bring clean energy and resilience to the 47% of California's residents who rent their housing, many of whom are socio-economically disadvantaged or live in a disadvantaged community. Furthermore, the legislation ensures critical community facilities can retain electricity and remain operational during grid outages, benefiting those who depend on them.

**Would the Santa Clara Valley Water District be interested in signing on in support?** The Google Form below will provide you with the opportunity to sign onto the official SB 1148 Bill Fact Sheet and the Coalition Support Letter, or to submit a position letter to the Senate Energy, Utilities, and Communications Committee.  
[Google Form: SB 1148 Sign On](#)

See the attached bill explanation for detailed background information. The Clean Coalition's Policy Manager, Ben Schwartz (copied here) is leading the campaign for SB 1148 and can answer any questions you might have.

Best regards,

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Explanation of SB 1148: Clean Coalition-Sponsored Legislation to Empower Resilient Multi-Unit Housing, Government Facilities (including schools), and Places of Worship Through Master Metering

Ben Schwartz – Policy Manager – [ben@clean-coalition.org](mailto:ben@clean-coalition.org) – (626) 232-7573

**The Issue:** Ensuring that all types of facilities serving low-income customers are able to deploy resilient and renewable energy systems in a streamlined manner.

**The Solution:** Enable residential master metering for multi-unit housing facilities through a legislative solution. If passed, multi-family housing and accessory dwelling units will be able to install a master meter with submetering as part of the process of deploying a clean and resilient energy system.

**The Solution:** This legislation would also create a commercial master metering exemption for local government buildings and schools, increasing the pace and affordability of deploying electrified and resilient energy systems.

**The Solution:** This legislation would also create a commercial master metering exemption for places of worship, increasing the pace and affordability of deploying electrified and resilient energy systems.

**Current Rules: [Type of facility] = [Type of Microgrid]**

Single-family (single meter) facility = Solar Microgrid

Multi-unit housing (multiple utility meters) facility = **House loads only with no tenant resilience or utility bill reduction**

Multiple properties (neighborhood) = Community Microgrid

**Background**

Due to a 1981 law that requires each residential unit to be individually metered for electrical service, it is **extremely difficult** to provide energy resilience for multi-unit housing (MUH) facilities. The impact of the individual meter rule is a barrier to how a site can manage the onsite energy generation and demand, in addition to the physical way that it can “island” from the grid (i.e. operate when the grid is down).

A microgrid is able to electrically disconnect from the broader distribution grid, allowing the area within the microgrid to continue functioning — via on-site solar, storage, and microgrid controls — even during grid outages. Microgrids are critical for enabling the potentially life-

saving energy resilience needed in MUH as weather events become more extreme and wildfires more commonly impact the grid.

Deploying a microgrid at a single facility, such as a house or business, is relatively simple because there is only one meter (one interface with the utility) and usually takes a year or less. In such a case, the Solar Microgrid islands on the customer side of the meter, usually referred to as behind-the-meter (BTM). On the other side of the spectrum, provisioning resilience for an entire neighborhood requires utility lines to transmit the energy via a complicated Community Microgrid with multiple isolation points on the utility side of the grid and will likely take 1-3 years to deploy if everything goes well. Use of the utility's distribution grid for a project comes with significant limitations and design requirements, increasing cost and planning schedule.

***We want the process for deploying a microgrid at MUH facilities to be streamlined and simple, as it is for Solar Microgrids, rather than extremely complicated, like it is for Community Microgrids.*** Allowing one master meter connected to the grid streamlines multi-unit connections so energy can be managed at a property-level with only one interface with the utility.

Master metering benefits both the residents of MUH facilities as well as the ratepayers. Residents will receive lower energy bills and on-going renewables-driven backup power for the most critical loads. For all ratepayers, fewer meters mean fewer grid connections, billing, and metering costs and a potential energy profile that benefits the grid, such as no grid imports during 4-9 p.m., will help reduce rates for all in the long-term. The result of this small legislative change is the potential to enable the deployment of microgrids at every MUH facility in California, with savings of millions for residents and ratepayers.

The legislation could also cover facilities owned by local municipalities or school districts. In both cases there is no possibility of a consumer protection violation or a billing arrangement that takes advantage of services provided by the electric utility company. Funds used to pay electricity bills are a tax transfer from one public agency to another (the utility acts on behalf of the ratepayers and is governed by the state as a regulated monopoly). For example, schools are funded by local property taxes, culminating in a scenario where school districts located in frontline/disadvantaged communities receive far less revenue than those located in wealthier communities.

For buildings with both commercial and housing units, commercial units above a certain demand threshold could have direct commercial grid connections, while the master meter arrangement could cover all housing and small commercial units. More likely is master metering using private submeters, to effectively incentivize conservation and energy efficiency while preserving accurate billing.

The argument in favor of individual tenant meters is often framed as a tenant protection measure to ensure fair billing for utilities. With a modernized approach to MUH metering, this critical requirement can still be achieved while also allowing for realization of the increasing benefits that come from utilizing onsite PV and battery storage. A new master meter option can keep

tenants protected yet also allow them to benefit from a shared microgrid resource to provide energy resilience and lower cost energy bills.

**Info on existing regulatory agencies/proceedings:**

The CPUC’s Microgrids proceeding will not take up this issue, nor will the Net Energy Metering (NEM) proceeding. The Clean Coalition has spoken with Energy Division numerous times, and they have only ever considered master metering in relation to mobilehome parks (which was last discussed in 2005). This bill is separate from the issue of individually metering mobilehome parks.

The Clean Coalition has met with the CPUC’s head of Governmental Affairs and the CEC’s Legislative Director to verify that SB 1148 does not conflict with any existing or proposed work, including how the bill would fit with the Title 24 Building Standards. Neither agency has raised any apparent conflict or outright reason to oppose the bill.

**Code to change: PUC Section 780.5**

**PUC § 780.5:** *The commission shall require every residential unit in an apartment house or similar multiunit residential structure, condominium, and mobilehome park for which a building permit has been obtained on or after July 1, 1982, other than a dormitory or other housing accommodation provided by any postsecondary educational institution for its students or employees and other than farmworker housing, to be individually metered for electrical and gas service, except that separate metering for gas service is not required for residential units which are not equipped with gas appliances requiring venting or are equipped with only vented decorative appliances or which receive the majority of energy used for water or space heating from a solar energy system or through cogeneration technology.*

**Solution:**

Change Public Utilities Code Section 780.5.

- Create specific exemptions for instances where resilience is being pursued (and the economic benefits are an additional benefit).
  - Add a requirement that all residents receive a reduction in monthly electricity bills.
  - Another potential requirement could be for construction using prevailing wages.
  - Consider a requirement for grid optimal performance (reducing demand from the grid to 0 kWh during the daily peak period from 4-9 pm) for large multi-unit housing facilities.
- Require billing through the use of private submeters:

- Deploying a master meter will enable full resilience. With private submeters (like are used for electric vehicle chargers), the energy for each resident can be measured and accurately billed, preserving incentives for conservation and energy efficiency.
- Private submetering also ensures that the utility will receive all appropriate revenue (on the proper rates). A site will deploy a sub-meter for each rate schedule (e.g., electrification for residential customers, CARE/FERA for low-income residential customers, and a commercial rate for common meters) and for each individual unit.
- Credits from behind the meter (NBT) solar will be distributed on a pro rata basis to each sub-metered rate schedule (e.g., if 30% of the demand comes from units on an electrification rate, 30% of the credits will be allocated to the electrification sub-meter). Once allocated to a sub-meter, credits will be distributed evenly between the unit-level submeters. This provides an equitable sharing of benefits from the onsite PV and battery systems.
- Private sub-meters shall not need to be utility-grade meters.
- Add a code section to allow master metering for schools and municipal-owned facilities.
- Add a code section to allow master metering for multi-meter places of worship (e.g., churches, congregations, synagogues, mosques).

## Michele King

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**From:** Serena Gu <serena@clean-coalition.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 01, 2024 10:48 AM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Cc:** Ben Schwartz  
**Subject:** Re: Seeking Santa Clara Valley Water District's support for SB 1148 (empowering resilient multi-meter housing/government facilities/places of worship)  
**Attachments:** Explanation of SB 1148 - Clean Coalition Legislation to Enable Resilient Multi-Unit Housing+Government Facilities+Places of Worship.docx

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Hello,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to follow up to our previous email regarding SB 1148 and our request for the Santa Clara Valley Water District's support.

SB 1148 will empower resilient multi-unit housing and government facilities through the deployment of a master meter. Additionally, SB 1148 ensures the need for clean energy and resilience to California's residents, many of whom are in disadvantaged or vulnerable communities, as well as ensuring critical community facilities can retain electricity and remain operational during grid outages, benefiting those who depend on them.

The Google Form below will provide you with the opportunity to sign onto the official SB 1148 Bill Fact Sheet and the Coalition Support Letter, or to submit a position letter to the Senate Energy, Utilities, and Communications Committee.

[Google Form: SB 1148 Sign On](#)

See the attached bill explanation below for detailed background information. If you require any additional information or have questions about the bill, please do not hesitate to reach out. The Clean Coalition's policy manager, Ben Schwartz is cc-ed here, and we are happy to provide resources or clarification.

Best regards,

Serena Gu

On Thu, Mar 28, 2024 at 12:54 PM Serena Gu <[serena@clean-coalition.org](mailto:serena@clean-coalition.org)> wrote:  
To whom this may concern,

The [Clean Coalition](#) (a non-profit) is sponsoring CA [SB 1148](#), a bill to empower resilient multi-unit housing and government facilities through the deployment of a master meter. We are actively seeking like minded

organizations that support critical legislation needed to achieve the state-mandated housing, climate, energy goals in ways that are affordable and equitable for everyday Californians.

California's recent experiences with grid outages, wildfires, extreme weather events, and the COVID-19 pandemic have brought to light the critical need for energy resilient housing. More than just affordability, California urgently requires new accessible housing options that also ensure residents have a safe haven during emergencies. This is not just an urgent need, it can be a matter of life and death.

Unfortunately, current policy excludes multi-meter facilities, including schools and government facilities, from the same resilient energy options available to single-meter properties. When implemented, SB 1148 will create standardized/streamlined pathways across investor-owned utility service territories, empowering communities to provision their own resilience through local renewable energy solutions. Importantly, renewable energy projects deployed near to where the energy is consumed help preserve California's pristine lands by minimizing the need for large utility-scale installations. Additionally, the bill mandates resident savings (e.g., a lower cost of energy following the master meter deployment than the normal utility bill) and encourages the development of energy-efficient, electrified multi-unit housing projects, creating a more sustainable and healthy future for communities and the environment.

SB 1148 will bring clean energy and resilience to the 47% of California's residents who rent their housing, many of whom are socio-economically disadvantaged or live in a disadvantaged community. Furthermore, the legislation ensures critical community facilities can retain electricity and remain operational during grid outages, benefiting those who depend on them.

**Would the Santa Clara Valley Water District be interested in signing on in support?** The Google Form below will provide you with the opportunity to sign onto the official SB 1148 Bill Fact Sheet and the Coalition Support Letter, or to submit a position letter to the Senate Energy, Utilities, and Communications Committee. [Google Form: SB 1148 Sign On](#)

See the attached bill explanation for detailed background information. The Clean Coalition's Policy Manager, Ben Schwartz (copied here) is leading the campaign for SB 1148 and can answer any questions you might have.

Best regards,

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## Michele King

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**From:** Branton Curt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 28, 2024 11:57 AM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** SJB Daycare Program

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Good Afternoon Board Members,

My name is Branton Curt and I am a Santa Clara County resident. I am writing to express my disappointment in Valley Water's decision to terminate the lease for the SJB daycare center and request that this decision be reconsidered.

My daughter has been attending the SJB daycare program since she was five months old, she is now two and a half and is attending SJB's young preschool classroom. Additionally, I have a newborn son who was scheduled to begin attending in June of this year, these arrangements were made months ago. After getting the news of the closure, I immediately began inquiring with other centers convenient to my daily routine and have learned that there is a waitlist until August and September of this year, SJB is scheduled to close by June 21.

I am not privy to what was considered by Valley Water when making this decision, however, what has been communicated to me by SJB and Valley Water staff is that this center is being turned into more office space for Valley Water. If this is correct, I wonder if other solutions were explored that would have had less of an impact on the community. Other parents currently taking their children to the SJB location at Valley Water are also distraught and are burdened with making last-minute arrangements to find care for their children.

It is my understanding that Valley Water's offices are no longer fully occupied at all times because of the flexible telecommuting schedule that's in place and that Valley Water has implemented a hiring freeze. Given those two facts, could a different solution be explored by Valley Water? I know that Valley Water staff have benefited from having this daycare center onsite and that Valley Water's workforce is relatively young and was perhaps counting on this center for their future families. Additionally, I would imagine the onsite daycare center is also a perk that prospective employees would consider when applying.

All I ask is that Valley Water reconsider this decision, engage with SJB if there is a possibility for a reversal, and be transparent with the community about the final decision.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Branton Curt

## Michele King

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**From:** Dhruv Khanna [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 28, 2024 8:35 PM  
**To:** mbruce; City Council; Board of Directors  
**Cc:** Kevin Fisher  
**Subject:** Flooding the Stanford Golf Course if needed

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Ms. Bruce (JPA Exec Director), Valley Water Board, and the Palo Alto City Council,

Please respond in writing and promptly to my suggestion that the San Francisquito Creek JPA negotiate a right to flood the Stanford Golf Course to mitigate downstream flooding at for example the choke point of the Pope-Chaucer Bridge.

I request that this option be analyzed and pursued if it is feasible. If it infeasible, please explain why. And if this option has not been analyzed, please explain why.

Thank you,

Dhruv Khanna, [REDACTED] Palo Alto, CA 94303

## Michele King

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**From:** Rae Knapp <rae@keepcoyotecreekbeautiful.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 29, 2024 5:41 AM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** KCCB Upcoming Events  
**Attachments:** 240428-BioBlitz-Flyer.jpg; 240505-Cleanup-Flyer.jpg; 240505-Cleanup-IG Post.png; 240428-BioBlitz-IG Post.png

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Hello!

Here are the details for KCCB's upcoming events. There will be a cleanup on 5/5, and a BioBlitz on 4/28 as well as 5/11. As always, thank you so much for helping KCCB get the word out, we hope to see you out there!

Thanks again!

### Rae Knapp

Event Assistant

Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful

408-931-1892

[www.keepcoyotecreekbeautiful.org](http://www.keepcoyotecreekbeautiful.org)

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### Almaden Quicksilver BioBlitz

Location: Almaden Quicksilver Park - Mockingbird entrance, 19535 Mockingbird Hill Ln, San Jose, CA 95120

Sun Apr 28th

9AM - 11:30AM

Join Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful, Bioblitz Club, Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, and Peninsula Open Space Trust for a City Nature Challenge BioBlitz during National Volunteer Week!

A BioBlitz is an event that focuses on finding and identifying as many species as possible in a specific area over a short period of time. At a BioBlitz, scientists, families, students, teachers, and other community members work together to get an overall count of the plants, animals, fungi, and other organisms that live in a place.

Docents will guide you and teach you to use the iNaturalist app on your smartphone to record all the living things you encounter. Flowers, trees, butterflies, dragonflies, and beetles, birds, and squirrels. We love them all - now let's go find them!

The best part? All you need to participate is a smart phone with the iNaturalist app!

So bring your family and prepare for an in-depth tour of this great trail.

\*Community service hours available\*

*Hosted by Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful , Bioblitz Club, Santa Clara Audubon Society and Peninsular Open Space Trust. Registrants will be added to the email contact lists of each organization to receive their monthly e-newsletter*

RSVP: <https://240428-bioblitz.eventbrite.com/?aff=vw>

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**National Volunteer Week Cleanup - Creek and Trail Cleanup**

Location: San Jose, CA

Sun May 5

9AM to 12PM

Come help us clean the Coyote Creek and Trail for National Volunteer Week!

Help us beautify Coyote Creek and surrounding trails through a community cleanup. Meet new people; improve a neighborhood park; watch the overwintering birds; build community around a shared sense of service.

Free litter kits!

Community service hours available.

Groups Welcome

RSVP: <https://240505-cleanup.eventbrite.com/?aff=vw>



# ALMADEN QUICKSILVER BIOBLITZ

APRIL 28: 9AM-1130AM





# COYOTE CREEK CLEANUP

MAY 5: 9-12PM

COYOTE CREEK CLEANUP LOCATION PROVIDED AT REGISTRATION

# NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK CLEANUP

MAY 5TH | 9AM-12PM



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# Almaden Quicksilver

# BioBlitz

Become a  
Community Scientist

April 28th | 9am-1130am



Join experts to explore nature  
& document what lives in this park!



## Michele King

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**From:** Dhruv Khanna [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 30, 2024 10:42 AM  
**To:** Office of Supervisor Sylvia Arenas; Office of Supervisor Otto Lee; Office of Supervisor Susan Ellenberg; County Supervisor Joe Simitian; Cindy Chavez; Board of Directors; City Council; mbruce  
**Cc:** Kevin Fisher  
**Subject:** Fw: Sponge areas for flood control

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Dear Honorable Supervisors of Santa Clara County, Directors of Valley Water, City Council Members of the City of Palo Alto and Exec Director of the San Francisquito Creek JPA:

Please see the forwarded article below from the New York Times.

For more than the past 25 years, our relevant government agencies have ignored the cheapest and most efficient and effective solution to the flash flooding of the San Francisquito Creek: flooding the creekside Stanford Golf Course with gates, trenches and walls that can be activated to deal with the flash flooding of the San Francisquito Creek.

It is an absolute scandal that the government agencies (including your agencies) have been seemingly endlessly churning this issue and are continuing to ignore the easiest, public interest solution -- with the invocation of eminent domain if Stanford University is recalcitrant. The Stanford Golf Course is creekside. It has acres that can be flooded temporarily to address the flash flooding problems of the creek with minimal cost and inconvenience.

It is far less expensive and a better solution than the ones the JPA has been wrestling with -- channel management etc -- with very little success. The existing Pope-Chaucer Bridge IS a choke point that has shifted flood risk upstream to residents of the Duveneck Elementary School neighborhood. Temporarily flooding the Stanford Golf Course is the most efficient solution that best serves the public interest.

Thank you for considering these simple points, and I request a response from each of your agencies within the next thirty calendar days. Thank you,

Dhruv Khanna, [REDACTED], Palo Alto, CA 94303

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**From:** Dhruv Khanna <dhruvkhanna2002@yahoo.com>  
**To:** Dhruv Khanna <dhruvkhanna2002@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 30, 2024 at 09:26:48 AM PDT  
**Subject:** Sponge areas for flood control

[https://www.nytimes.com/2024/03/28/climate/sponge-cities-kongjian-yu.html?unlocked\\_article\\_code=1.gk0.1nNe.J4axOVnD5Wmg&smid=url-share](https://www.nytimes.com/2024/03/28/climate/sponge-cities-kongjian-yu.html?unlocked_article_code=1.gk0.1nNe.J4axOVnD5Wmg&smid=url-share)

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# *He's Got a Plan for Cities That Flood: Stop Fighting the Water*

A landscape architect in China has a surprising strategy to help manage surges of water from storms supercharged by climate change.

**By Richard Schiffman**

March 28, 2024

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Cities around the world face a daunting challenge in the era of climate change: Supercharged rainstorms are turning streets into rivers, flooding subway systems and inundating residential neighborhoods, often with deadly consequences.

Kongjian Yu, a landscape architect and professor at Peking University, is developing what might seem like a counterintuitive response: Let the water in.

“You cannot fight water,” he said. “You have to adapt to it.”

Instead of putting in more drainage pipes, building flood walls and channeling rivers between concrete embankments, which is the usual approach to managing water, Mr. Yu wants to dissipate the destructive force of floodwaters by slowing them and giving them room to spread out.

Mr. Yu calls the concept “sponge city” and says it’s like “doing tai chi with water,” a reference to the Chinese martial art in which an opponent’s energy and moves are redirected, not resisted.

“It’s a whole philosophy, a new way of dealing with water,” he said.

Through his Beijing-based company, Turenscape, one of the world’s largest landscape architecture firms, Mr. Yu has overseen the development of hundreds of landscaped urban water parks in China where runoff from flash floods is diverted to soak into the ground or be absorbed into constructed wetlands.

Mr. Yu said growing up in a village in Zhejiang Province toward the end of the Cultural Revolution showed him how earlier generations in rural China had “made friends with water.” Farmers in his region built terraces, berms and ponds to direct and to store excess water during the rainy season.

That stood in sharp contrast to the urban landscapes in modern China. Traditionally, cities in China would set aside areas capable of absorbing floodwaters. But such nature-friendly urban design largely ended with the Industrial Revolution, Mr. Yu said. More recently, millions of acres have been paved over to build cities, some of them rising up virtually overnight.



Shanghai Houtan Park in 2006. Courtesy The Cultural Landscape Foundation



The same area in 2018. Courtesy The Cultural Landscape Foundation

“We’ve been using the conventional drainage infrastructure for 200 years and we haven’t solved the flooding problem,” he said, noting that much of China has a monsoon climate subject to extremely heavy bursts of rain that pose an increasing hazard as climate change advances. That’s because warm air can hold more moisture, resulting in heavier rainstorms.

Currently, 65 percent of urban areas in China experience some degree of flooding each year, according to Mr. Yu. The country is currently the world’s largest producer of greenhouse gases. The United States is the largest historical emitter

“The concrete drainage systems that came here from the West just can’t handle it,” Mr. Yu said. “We need a new solution.”

The sponge city program was formally inaugurated by President Xi Jinping in 2015 with pilot projects in 16 Chinese cities and has since expanded to more than 640 sites in 250 municipalities around the country.

You can see the concept in Houtan Park, a mile-long strip of greenery along the Huangpu River in Shanghai that Mr. Yu designed on a former industrial site.

Terraces planted with bamboo and native forbs and grasses are bisected by wooden walkways that zigzag between ponds and constructed wetlands. The wetlands filter water, slow the river's flow and provide habitat for waterfowl and spawning fish.

The goal, at least on paper, is that by 2030, 70 percent of the rain that falls on China's sponge cities during extreme weather events should be absorbed locally rather than accumulate in the streets.

Whether enough land can be converted is a key question.



Mr. Yu, who studied landscape architecture in China and at Harvard, with hand-drawn landscape designs. Mark Schiefelbein/Associated Press

Edmund Penning-Rowsell, a research associate at the University of Oxford who focuses on water security, said the scale of the sponge city projects would have to be huge to cope with flooding on their own. “Take New York City,” he said. “How many Central Parks would you need to absorb this kind of problem? You’d probably need half of Manhattan.”

Zhengzhou, in northeastern China on the banks of the Yellow River, was an enthusiastic early adopter of the sponge city concept, spending hundreds of millions of dollars building related projects from 2016 to 2021. But torrential rains inundated much of the city in July 2021, creating scenes of destruction and killing hundreds,

including at least 14 in a subway tunnel.

Why were the floods so disastrous in Zhengzhou? Mr. Yu said some of the money earmarked for sponge projects was diverted to other programs and that the land set aside for them was insufficient. If permeable surfaces or green spaces make up 20 to 40 percent of a city's area, he said, "you can virtually solve the problem of urban inundation."

Niall Kirkwood, a professor of landscape architecture at Harvard who has known Mr. Yu for years, acknowledged that it can be difficult, and sometimes impossible, to convert land in city centers that have already been densely built. Still, he said, Mr. Yu's impact as an innovator has been incalculable.

"He's created a clear and elegant idea of enhancing nature, of partnership with nature that everyone, the man on the street, the mayor of a city, an engineer, even a child, can understand," Professor Kirkwood said.

Where large tracts of land are not available, sponge city projects are replacing concrete and asphalt with permeable pavement, installing green roofs and creating trenches called bioswales that channel storm-water runoff and use vegetation to filter out debris and pollution.

The sponge city concept is not unique to China. One of Mr. Yu's projects abroad is the Benjakitti Forest Park, a maze of ponds, trees and miniature islands in Bangkok that was opened to the public in 2022 and occupies more than hundred acres on the site of a former tobacco factory.

Separately, in 2007 the Dutch government began a program called Room for the River that consists of more than 30 projects around four rivers, including the Rhine. The idea is to restore natural floodplains in key areas around sites that need protection. The Danish capital, Copenhagen, is using "floodable parks" that turn into temporary ponds during heavy rains. Philadelphia and Malmo, Sweden, also have projects.



The site of Benjakitti Forest Park in Bangkok in 2020. Courtesy The Cultural Landscape Foundation



The park, which was rehabilitated by Mr. Yu's firm, in 2022. Lauren DeCicca for The New York Times

In addition to flood control, these projects have the advantage of being an inexpensive way to recharge local aquifers and a low-tech adaptation to help overheated city neighborhoods, because evaporating water has a cooling effect.

John Beardsley, the curator of the Oberlander International Landscape Architecture Prize, which was awarded to Mr. Yu last year, echoed Professor Kirkwood, saying Mr. Yu's impact on policy in China, a country that has been more likely to imprison environmental activists than take their messages to heart, has been astonishing.

Mr. Beardsley attributes this to Mr. Yu's adroit political skills and infectious enthusiasm, as well as the Chinese government's powerful incentive to appear to be addressing the problem of urban flooding, which has grown alarmingly in recent years.

"Kongjian has managed to be very critical of the government's environmental policies while still maintaining his practice and his academic appointments," he said. "He's both brave and deft in this regard, threading a very narrow needle."

"Sponge cities isn't a total solution, but it makes a significant impact," Mr. Beardsley said. "I mean, we need to start doing something."



Courtesy The Cultural Landscape Foundation

A version of this article appears in print on , Section A, Page 9 of the New York edition with the headline: One Architect's Advice For Flood-Prone Cities: Act as a Sponge Would

# **OUTGOING BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

**Michele King**

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**Subject:** FW: Asking For Help

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**From:** Candice Kwok-Smith **On Behalf Of** Board of Directors

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 27, 2024 9:52 AM

**To:** 'mbolger@valleywater.org'; [REDACTED]

**Cc:** 'brig\_rca@valleywater.org'; 'gregg.fussell@valleywater.org'; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Asking For Help

**Sent on Behalf of Director Beall:**

Dear Mark Bolger,

Thank you for your emails dated March 18 and March 19 expressing concerns regarding the encampments of unsheltered people located near your home. As you mentioned, Valley Water and the City of San José are negotiating to allow the City to develop Emergency Interim Housing (EIH) on Valley Water's undeveloped lot adjacent to the Guadalupe River at Cherry Avenue. As part of its EIH site development, the City will erect fencing around the site perimeter in the area you described. Valley Water and City staff are working to conclude negotiations soon so that the site may be turned over to the City to begin development, which will include the desired fencing.

Alternatively, if you are considering upgrading your home's fencing for additional privacy, you may be interested in Valley Water's Good Neighbor Fence Cost Sharing program. Under this program, Valley Water will contribute toward the cost of replacing or installing wooden fencing between Valley Water land and adjoining properties. More information can be found here: <https://www.valleywater.org/contractors/doing-businesses-with-the-district/permits-working-district-land-or-easement/fence-cost-sharing>.

Thanks again for reaching out to Valley Water. You may contact Assistant Operating Officer Mark Bilski at [mbilski@valleywater.org](mailto:mbilski@valleywater.org) to provide any follow-up information.

Sincerely,



Jim Beall  
Director, District 4

C-24-0071, C-24-0072

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**From:** Mark Bolger [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024 7:55 AM

**To:** HomelessConcerns <[homelessconcerns@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:homelessconcerns@sanjoseca.gov)>; Board of Directors <[board@valleywater.org](mailto:board@valleywater.org)>; [omar.passons@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:omar.passons@sanjoseca.gov); [caltrans.d4@dot.ca.gov](mailto:caltrans.d4@dot.ca.gov); [angel.rios@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:angel.rios@sanjoseca.gov); [sandra2.murillo@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:sandra2.murillo@sanjoseca.gov); [pam.foley@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:pam.foley@sanjoseca.gov)

Cc: Brig [REDACTED] Gregg Fussell [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Asking For Help

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I am requesting that a fence be put up around the homeless at the location of the Emergency Interim Housing site which was supposed to be put in this spring.

When the gate was opened up, the homeless came and went along the unpaved path adjacent to our home causing us to make calls to the SJPD when illegal activities including a rape occurred.

The gate was closed and the traffic on Chynoweth was reduced. The bollards and boulders were added to prevent cars from going through as well.

Now the homeless are completely taking over the Water District property between Blossom Hill and Branham Lane and the disturbances from the homeless became too much for us to take.

We pleaded with the City of San Jose, the Water District and Pam Foley's office.

Nothing has reduced the pollution, noise and blight from the homeless that is experienced from our home.

Please do something to bring back beauty and sanity back to this location.

On Mon, Mar 18, 2024 at 1:46 PM Mark Bolger [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Santa Clara Valley Water District,

I'm writing to ask if a temporary fence to be installed at the north west end of percolation is labeled Blossom Valley Lake. The reason for this request is our home is for sale for a month now with no interest from prospective buyers. Our home is at [REDACTED] The home has line of sight from our driveway looking west and has an unobstructed view of a homeless camp on the Valley Water property.

When people come to view the open house most don't leave their cars when seeing the homeless encampment.

We have no intention to take advantage of a new home owner. Our agent has the homeless camp and the two burglaries of our home in the disclosures.

When Valley Water opened the gate at the end of Quadalupe trail allowing the neighbors of Erikson to enjoy a walk around the pond we all very much appreciated the gesture of goodwill.

I believe this solution is achievable.

Hope to hear from you soon,

Mark Bolger  
[REDACTED]

## Michele King

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**Subject:** FW: Encampment in Willow and Lelong - dumping into the river, minivan, dogs, fentanyl, trash, ilegal dumping,

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**From:** Candice Kwok-Smith **On Behalf Of** Board of Directors

**Sent:** Friday, March 29, 2024 5:53 PM

**To:** 'albertc[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Encampment in Willow and Lelong - dumping into the river, minivan, dogs, fentanyl, trash, ilegal dumping,

**Sent on Behalf of Director Keegan:**

Dear Albert Prunera,

Thank you for reporting your concerns regarding the encampments of unsheltered people at Willow Street and Lelong Street. Valley Water is coordinating with the City of San José to determine what steps can be taken to address this situation.

Please note that concerns relating to unwanted or illegal behaviors and fires are best handled by City resources. Because Valley Water is not a law enforcement agency, we must work in concert with cities and the County to address these types of activities. You should continue to contact the police department if you witness illegal activity or a threat to public health and safety, and file an official report if possible. Please contact the fire department if you observe smoke or fire.

Thanks again for your message. Our staff are available to meet with you either in person or via phone. I encourage you to contact them or provide a phone number in which they can reach out to you. Please contact Assistant Operating Officer Mark Bilski at [mbilski@valleywater.org](mailto:mbilski@valleywater.org) with any follow-up information

Sincerely,



Barbara Keegan  
Director, District 2

C-24-0074

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**From:** Albert Colas Prunera [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 22, 2024 3:29 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors <[board@valleywater.org](mailto:board@valleywater.org)>; John Varela <[jvarela@valleywater.org](mailto:jvarela@valleywater.org)>; Barbara Keegan <[BKeegan@valleywater.org](mailto:BKeegan@valleywater.org)>; Richard Santos

<[rsantos@valleywater.org](mailto:rsantos@valleywater.org)>; Jim Beall <[JBeall@valleywater.org](mailto:JBeall@valleywater.org)>; Nai Hsueh <[NHsueh@valleywater.org](mailto:NHsueh@valleywater.org)>; Tony Estremera <[TEstremera@valleywater.org](mailto:TEstremera@valleywater.org)>; Rebecca Eisenberg <[Reisenberg@valleywater.org](mailto:Reisenberg@valleywater.org)>; City of San Jose Mayor's Office <[mayor@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:mayor@sanjoseca.gov)>

**Subject:** Encampment in Willow and Lelong - dumping into the river, minivan, dogs, fentanyl, trash, ilegal dumping,

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Dear Valley Water and Mayor,

When are you fixing this? Repeated dumping into the river, fires, minivan and cars parked permanently with suspicious activities to say the least, quite a few dogs, fentanyl, trash out of control, daily illegal dumping, and more.

This should be priority #1 and you all work together to get rid of this.

Link:

<https://www.alpha.facebook.com/groups/51064045878/permalink/10161619353105879/?mibextid=K35XfP>

-Albert

**Michele King**

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**Subject:** FW: Homeless Encampment along Cape Horn Drive

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**From:** Candice Kwok-Smith On Behalf Of Board of Directors

**Sent:** Friday, March 29, 2024 8:42 AM

**To:** [ashokhome](#) [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Homeless Encampment along Cape Horn Drive

**Sent on Behalf of Vice Chair Santos:**

Dear Ashok Aggarwal,

Thank you for sharing your frustrations related to the encampment located along Upper Penitencia Creek near your home. Valley Water field staff conducted an inspection the week of March 18<sup>th</sup> and determined that the encampments in this area are located on City of San José property. Valley Water staff contacted City staff to inform them of your concerns. You may also report encampments to the City directly through its BeautifySJ Encampment Management Program: <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/departments-offices/parks-recreation-neighborhood-services/beautifysj/encampment-management-program>.

While applicable case law has significantly affected how Valley Water can respond to encampments of unsheltered people on our property, we are actively working in concert with our agency partners and the community to find solutions to address unsheltered homelessness. Valley Water is not a law enforcement agency, nor do we provide direct homelessness/housing services, but we are committed to using the power we have as an environmental stewardship agency to protect our waterways in collaboration with cities and the County as they fulfill their public safety and social service roles.

Thank you again for your message. Please contact Assistant Operating Officer Mark Bilski at [mbilski@valleywater.org](mailto:mbilski@valleywater.org) with any follow-up information. You can also report concerns to Valley Water via our online system at <https://access.valleywater.org/s/>.

Sincerely,



Richard Santos  
Vice Chair, District 3

C-24-0068

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**From:** ASHOK AGGARWAL [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Sunday, March 17, 2024 4:40 PM

**To:** District4 <[district4@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district4@sanjoseca.gov)>; Board of Directors <[board@valleywater.org](mailto:board@valleywater.org)>; [mayor@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:mayor@sanjoseca.gov)

**Subject:** Homeless Encampment along Cape Horn Drive

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We live on Cape Horn Dr between Cape Colony and Cape Diamond. I am begging you to abate the homeless encampment across [REDACTED] and down the street.

While the housing market is hot, we are having a hard time selling our house due to homeless encampments which are highly visible as you walk or drive along the street.

They were not visible earlier but the recent storms changed the landscape. Please look at the two photos below which I took today.

I have reached out to Council member Cohen in the past several times. He was helpful to abate the encampment across Cape Colony. All those homeless folks moved to encampment across from [REDACTED], and down the street with chickens and rooster walking around.

The encampment has grown in size with high tents. Encampment is highly visible. It's looking more and more depressing. Boulders along the street are ugly and have added to the clutter and do nothing to abate the homeless issue.

Please abate the encampment across from [REDACTED] ASAP and down the street and remove the boulders.

Thanks

Ashok Aggarwal

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** ASHOK AGGARWAL [REDACTED]  
**Date:** March 17, 2024 at 4:09:11 PM PDT  
**To:** Aggarwal Ashok [REDACTED]





Sent from my iPhone

**Michele King**

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**Subject:** FW: Removal of personal property

**From:** Candice Kwok-Smith **On Behalf Of** Board of Directors

**Sent:** Friday, March 29, 2024 12:23 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Removal of personal property

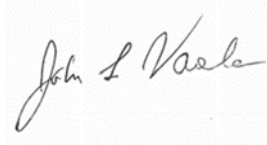
**Sent on Behalf of Director Varela:**

Dear Jacob Castro,

Thank you for contacting Valley Water to share your experiences. We take your concerns very seriously. I reached out to our cleanup staff to discuss their field experiences on the date you cited. Staff informed me that they did not encounter anyone named Jake or Jacob during the cleanup work they performed on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 (nor on March 3, which was a Sunday), and they do not recall an interaction such as the one you have described. I attempted to contact you to obtain additional details that might help us to investigate your allegation, but I have not yet heard back.

Please contact Assistant Operating Officer Mark Bilski at [mbilski@valleywater.org](mailto:mbilski@valleywater.org) to provide any other information about your claim that could help us assist you. Thanks again for your message.

Sincerely,



John Varela  
Director, District 1

C-24-0073

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Jake Castro [REDACTED]  
**Date:** March 20, 2024 at 1:57:21 PM PDT  
**To:** John Varela <[jvarela@valleywater.org](mailto:jvarela@valleywater.org)>  
**Subject:** Removal of personal property

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Hello, Mr. Varela I hope this email reaches you in good health, my name is Jake, and I am writing you today hoping to explain my situation and my problem. I am currently homeless (transient), I am the owner of multiple bicycles, approximately 15 or so, on 3/20/2024 wed, March 3rd, a clean up crew

from the valley water district removed all of my bicycles, after being asked respectfully not to, now I understand that I have very little rights being homeless and all , but the little bit of property that I do own, bought and payed for means a great deal to me. I don't want to make a great deal about this and would rather not upset anyone including yourself.if you could Please inform me, about what I can do to receive some kind of assistance, or financial compensation. I don't want to sound rude or money hungry, because I am not that type of person. Thank you for your time and consideration. Have a blessed day. - jacob Castro