



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

# NON-AGENDA

**April 11, 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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A monthly assessment of trends in water supply and use for Santa Clara County, California

## Outlook as of April 1, 2025

On March 25, 2025, the California Department of Water Resources announced an increase in State Water Project (SWP) allocation from 35% to 40% of contract amount for 2025. On February 25, 2025, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation announced an initial 2025 south-of-delta Central Valley Project (CVP) allocation of 75% of historic Municipal and Industrial (M&I) use and increased the agricultural allocation from 35% to 40% on March 27, 2025.

### Weather

- Rainfall in San José:
  - » Month of March, City of San José = 1.93 inches
  - » Rainfall year total = 9.25 inches or 73% of average to date (rainfall year is July 1 to June 30)
- April 1, 2025, Northern Sierra snowpack was 118% of normal for this date

### Local Reservoirs

- Total April 1 storage = 55,608 acre-feet

| Reservoir Storage                               | All Ten Valley Water Reservoirs | All Reservoirs Except Anderson |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Storage as % of unrestricted capacity           | 33%                             | 68%                            |
| Storage as % of restricted capacity (1)         | 89%                             | 88%                            |
| Storage as % of the 20-year average for April 1 | 57%                             | 105%                           |

(1) Per the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's order, the capacity of Anderson Reservoir was restricted to the deadpool storage as of October 1, 2020

- 0 acre-feet of imported water was delivered into Calero Reservoir during March 2025
- Total estimated releases to streams (local and imported water) during March were 8,830 acre-feet (based on preliminary hydrologic data)

### Treated Water

- Below average demands of 4,459 acre-feet were delivered in March
- This total is 84% of the five-year average for the month of March
- Year-to-date deliveries are 12,679 acre-feet or 84% of the five-year average

### Groundwater

- Groundwater conditions remain healthy throughout the county. Groundwater levels in most of the regional monitoring wells are the same as, or higher than, last month due to normal, seasonal increases. While most of the water levels are lower relative to March 2024, all except one are higher than the prior five-year average for March. The end of 2025 groundwater storage is projected to be in Stage 1 (Normal) of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan

|  | Santa Clara Subbasin |               | Llagas Subbasin |
|--|----------------------|---------------|-----------------|
|  | Santa Clara Plain    | Coyote Valley |                 |
| March 2025 managed recharge estimate                         | 4,300                | 1,500         | 2,200           |
| YTD managed recharge estimate                                | 10,700               | 4,400         | 5,800           |
| YTD managed recharge as % of five-year average               | 72%                  | 154%          | 157%            |
| February 2025 pumping estimate                               | 4,500                | 800           | 1,500           |
| YTD pumping estimate   | 9,100                | 1,700         | 3,000           |
| YTD pumping as % of five-year average                        | 107%                 | 109%          | 98%             |
| Current index well groundwater levels compared to March 2024 | 15 Feet Lower        | 10 Feet Lower | 5 Feet Lower    |

All volumes are in acre-feet. All data is for 2025 except where noted. YTD = Year-to-date.

## Imported Water

- In March (through March 31st), the SWP operated Banks pumping plant with an average daily export of 3,989 acre-feet, resulting in a total export of 123,658 acre-feet from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta for the month
- In March (through March 31st), the CVP operated Jones pumping plant with an average daily export of 7,946 acre-feet, resulting in a total export of 246,324 acre-feet from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta for the month
- Multiple fish protection thresholds and outflow requirements were triggered at the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta export facilities this past month. Project facilities, including delta exports, were operated to maintain flow requirements and water quality standards in the delta for the month of March

| WY 2025 Imported Water Allocations | Allocation                | Allocation (acre-feet)         | Details                              |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| SWP                                | 40%                       | 40,000                         | Allocation increased on 3/25/25      |
| CVP                                | 40% Ag<br>75% M&I         | Approximately<br>105,000       | Allocation announced 3/27/25         |
| State-wide Reservoir Storage       | Capacity                  | Current Storage (acre-feet)    | Average for Date (as of 4/1/25)      |
| Shasta Reservoir                   | 89%                       | 4,067,356                      | 110%                                 |
| Oroville Reservoir                 | 88%                       | 3,023,419                      | 113%                                 |
| San Luis Reservoir                 | 89%                       | 1,817,698                      | 103%                                 |
| Semitropic Groundwater Bank        | Capacity                  | Current Storage (acre-feet)    | Date of Data                         |
|                                    | 87%                       | 304,084                        | 3/31/25                              |
| Estimated SFPUC Deliveries         | February 2025 (acre-feet) | 2025 Total to Date (acre-feet) | Five-Year Annual Average (acre-feet) |
|                                    | 2,882                     | 6,141                          | 46,000                               |

## Conserved Water

- Saved 85,204 acre-feet in FY24 through Valley Water's long-term conservation program (baseline year is 1992)
- Long-term program goal is to save nearly 100,000 acre-feet by 2030, 110,000 acre-feet by 2040, and 126,000 acre-feet by 2050
- On June 13, 2023, the Board of Directors adopted a resolution to support water conservation as a way of life in Santa Clara County and an ordinance with a set of permanent water waste prohibitions

## Recycled Water

- Estimated March 2025 production = 851 acre-feet
- Estimated year-to-date through March = 2,518 acre-feet or 100% of the five-year average
- Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center produced an estimated 1.6 billion gallons (4,950 acre-feet) of purified water in 2024. Since the beginning of 2025, about 663 acre-feet of purified water has been produced. The purified water is blended with existing tertiary recycled water for South Bay Water Recycling Program customers

## CONTACT US

To find out the latest information on Valley Water projects or to submit questions or comments, email [info@valleywater.org](mailto:info@valleywater.org) or use our **Access Valley Water** customer request system at <https://deliver.com/2yukx>.



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# **BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS and Informational Items**

**TO:** Rachael Gibson, Chief of External Affairs**FROM:** Marta Lugo, Deputy  
Administrative Officer**SUBJECT:** Letter from Vice Chair Richard Santos to  
Milpitas Mayor Carmen Montano  
regarding Recent Meeting**DATE:** April 4, 2025

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Attached to this memorandum is the letter from Vice Chair Richard Santos to Milpitas Mayor Carmen Montano regarding the Milpitas Mayor-City Manager meeting held on February 25, 2025. The letter was sent out on March 28, 2025.



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Marta M. Lugo  
Deputy Administrative Officer  
Offices of Government Relations and REDI

March 28, 2025

The Honorable Carmen Montano  
Mayor, City of Milpitas  
455 East Calaveras Boulevard  
Milpitas, CA 95035

Dear Mayor Montano,

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water), thank you for the recent meeting with you and the City's executive leadership team to discuss key Valley Water projects, legislative policy priorities, and other water-related issues impacting the City of Milpitas (City) and the entire region. The City has been a strong partner to Valley Water, and we value our productive working relationship.

We appreciate the opportunity to share the latest developments on projects in Milpitas and for the productive discussion on the Water Resources Protection Zones (WRPZ) Ordinance adopted by our Board last November to address the environmental, health, and safety impacts of encampments of unsheltered individuals living along our waterways. As discussed, the ordinance guides our agency's approach to encampment cleanup, removal, and enforcement related to violations of the regulations, and can be used as a tool for local municipalities. We appreciated the opportunity to share more information on the WRPZ Ordinance implementation plan, and thank you for the discussion on how we can work together as we implement this ordinance. Our staff will continue working with the City staff on coordination efforts.

Again, thank you for making the time to discuss these important issues, and we look forward to our continued partnership. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Ms. Marta Lugo, Deputy Administrative Officer for External Affairs, at (408) 630-2237 or by email at [mlugo@valleywater.org](mailto:mlugo@valleywater.org).

Sincerely,



Richard P. Santos  
Vice Chair, District 3

cc: Board of Directors (7), Melanie Richardson, Rita Chan, Ned Thomas  
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# **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                | 04/01/25                 | n/a              | 04/07/25                |
| C-25-0062     | 03/28/25          | 03/28/25     | Santos    | LISA GILLMORE CITY OF SANTA CLARA | Letter from Lisa Gillmore, Mayor of the City of Santa Clara, to Director Santos, dated 03/28/25, regarding the potential formation of a county-wide Joint Powers Authority. | Refer to Staff | Gibson     | Lugo   | 04/05/25                | 04/07/25                 | n/a              | 04/11/25                |
| C-25-0065     | 04/02/25          | 04/03/25     | All       | JERRY CHANG                       | Email from Jerry Chang to the board, dated 04/02/25, regarding the proposed water rate increase.  | Refer to Staff | Taylor     | -      | 04/11/25                | -                        | n/a              | 04/17/25                |

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| C-25-0066     | 04/04/25          | 04/04/25     | Varela    | ROCHELLE BEERLI | Email from Rochelle Beerli, Pacheco Storm Water District Advisory Board, to Director John Varela, dated 04/03/25, looking into grant opportunities and projects to enhance their creek and address their flooding issues. | Refer to Staff | Hakes      | O'Brien Mccarter | 04/12/25                | -                        | n/a              | 04/18/25                |
| C-25-0067     | 04/07/25          | 04/07/25     | All       | RYAN BOHLIM     | Email from Ryan Bohlin to the board, dated 04/06/25, regarding homeless encampments in Columbus Park.   | Refer to Staff | Hakes      | Bilski Codianne  | 04/15/25                | -                        | n/a              | 04/21/25                |

**From:** [Matos, Nancy@CDCR](mailto:Matos,Nancy@CDCR)  
**To:** [Jim Beall](#); [Board of Directors](#)  
**Cc:** [Morris, Herman@CDCR](mailto:Morris,Herman@CDCR)  
**Subject:** Invitation to Attend Peer Support Specialist Program Graduation  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 2, 2025 12:34:49 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[IP Pardo.pdf](#)

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Dear Mr. Jim Beall,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Nancy Matos, and I serve as one of the Peer Support Specialist Supervisors at California Medical Facility in Vacaville. I am reaching out to extend a special invitation to you for an upcoming event at our facility.

On April 30th at 10:00 a.m., we will be hosting the graduation ceremony for our inaugural cohort of Peer Support Specialists. This milestone event marks the culmination of their hard work and dedication, and we are incredibly proud of their accomplishments. It is with great respect and appreciation that we invite you to join us for this celebration, as your work as the founder of the Senate Bill that established this program has been instrumental in making this achievement possible.

Thanks to your efforts, our facility is now able to offer this transformative program, which has not only benefited our incarcerated workers but has also allowed them to help their peers become better individuals. Your support has been crucial in helping us reach this point, and it would be an honor for our staff and participants to have you attend.

If you can attend, please contact our Community Resource Manager, Sara Vasquez, who will assist with processing your request and granting you access to the facility. Below are her contact details:

Sara Vasquez  
Community Resource Manager  
Email: [sara.vazquez@cdcr.ca.gov](mailto:sara.vazquez@cdcr.ca.gov)  
Phone: 707-448-6841 ext. 6059

Additionally, I have attached a letter from one of the incarcerated individuals who suggested extending this invitation to you.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We sincerely hope you can join us for this meaningful occasion. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly.

Warm regards,

Nancy Matos  
ISUDT, AGPA & Peer Support Specialist Supervisor  
California Medical Facility  
Office: 707-448-6841 x4229  
[Nancy.Matos@cdcr.ca.gov](mailto:Nancy.Matos@cdcr.ca.gov)



**CALIFORNIA CORRECTIONAL  
HEALTH CARE SERVICES**



3-28-25

Hello Mr. Beall,

My name is Johnny Pardo, I am an incarcerated individual at California Medical Facility, Vacaville. I am writing you this brief letter to say thank you for your work as a senator and because of you, I am a Peer Support Specialist here at CMF.

As a senator, you introduced the Peer Support Specialist Certification Program Act of 2020. Senate Bill 803, is your baby and I am extremely grateful that the PSS program made it's way into the prison system in CA.

Mr. Beall, I am sending you this e-mail through one of my supervisor's, and we are extending an invitation for you to be part of our graduation here at CMF. We would be honored to have you as our guest, and give you an opportunity to see the fruits of your labor. We would love to have you here to celebrate our graduation with us, so if this is something you'd like to take part in, please reach out to my supervisor, Ms. Matos via e-mail so arrangements can be made.

We look forward to hearing back from you soon and hopefully with some wonderful news that you'll attend our ceremony on April 30, 2025.

Thank you for your time in this matter, have a great day.

Johnny Pardo  
Peer Support Specialist  
CMF, Vacaville, CA.

**From:** [Candice Kwok-Smith](#)  
**To:** [Board of Directors](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Regarding Notice of Valley Water Rate  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 2, 2025 1:56:54 PM

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**From:** Jerry Chang <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** April 2, 2025 at 1:19:25 PM PDT  
**To:** Nai Hsueh <[NHsueh@valleywater.org](mailto:NHsueh@valleywater.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: Regarding Notice of Valley Water Rate

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Oh another suggestion I forgot to mention.

- I couldnt find the rate history on the website. I think it would be very informative to make them available for everyone.

Thanks,

On Wed, Apr 2, 2025 at 10:30 AM Jerry Chang <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Mrs. Hsueh,

I live in West San Jose and recently found out the proposed water rate change this year on Valley Water website. Personally I think the proposed rate increase of 9.9% is way higher than inflation number especially it has been raised 10%, 15% for the past 2 years already if I remember correctly. This rate increase gets passed down to customer like us directly according SJWater (which has outrageous base meter rate increase compared to Santa Clara City, but that's another topics not sure if you have any influence on this)

Anyways, I have couple suggestions and questions:

- I never received a physical [mailer](#) regarding rate increase from Valley Water. Valley Water should mail the notice to everyone in the region. Not everyone signed up for the newsletter from Valley Water
- The mailer says that the protest needs to be written and physically sent to Valley Water. We are living in the digital world, Valley Water should make the protest process easier for everyone like having option to use email or online form etc. Current practice is unacceptable and hinder customers to protest.
- Why is North County residential rate way higher than South County? What's the major difference?

Looking forward hearing back from you,

Frustrated by all the utility rake hike, Jerry

**From:** [Candice Kwok-Smith](#)  
**To:** [Board of Directors](#)  
**Subject:** FW: grant on restoring fisheries/2025 Fisheries Restoration Grant Program (FRGP)  
**Date:** Friday, April 4, 2025 9:17:17 AM

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**From:** Rochelle Beerli  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 3, 2025 5:49 PM  
**To:** John Varela  
**Subject:** Fwd: grant on restoring fisheries/2025 Fisheries Restoration Grant Program (FRGP)

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John,

This is Rochelle Beerli from PSWD. I thought I'd reach out to you to see what your thoughts were on the below response from Fish and Game. We are currently seeking grant money/projects to improve our creek and flood situation. We feel that sediment removal would benefit us greatly with managing the floods, even perhaps greatly reducing. In reaching out to Fish and Game, they replied stating that since our creek is not in their their "focus" area, they would need a good reason, such as encouraging the return/migration for steelhead to even consider it. If I'm not mistaken, wasn't that one of the proponents to the proposed new dam (steelhead return) ? I'd like to see what your thoughts are on this program they discuss below. If you think it has potential and could be of some encouragement for your dam project, maybe we can talk further.

thank you.

Rochelle Beerli

Advisory Board

Pacheco Storm Water District

----- Forwarded Message -----

RE: grant on restoring fisheries/2025 Fisheries Restoration Grant

**Subject:** Program (FRGP)  
**Date:** Thu, 3 Apr 2025 23:35:34 +0000  
**From:** Shen, Chenchen@Wildlife <[Chenchen.Shen@Wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Chenchen.Shen@Wildlife.ca.gov)>  
**To:** [rochelle.beerl](mailto:rochelle.beerl), [REDACTED], [REDACTED]  
**CC:** Erickson, Matt@Wildlife <[Matt.Erickson@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Matt.Erickson@wildlife.ca.gov)>, Wildlife FRGP <[FRGP@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:FRGP@wildlife.ca.gov)>

Hi Rochelle,

Tim Chorey is currently acting in a different role for CDFW, and I'm temporarily filling in as the FRGP statewide coordinator, so he forwarded this thread for me to take over.

FRGP is focused on funding restoration projects that will benefit salmon and steelhead by using natural materials and enhancing natural processes to improve salmonid habitat. We have focus areas and like to see projects that are highlighted as key priorities/tasks in either federal or state recovery plans. Our solicitation page has more information:

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Grants/FRGP/Solicitation>. Pacheco Creek is not covered in our focus areas:

<https://cdfw.maps.arcgis.com/apps/mapviewer/index.html?webmap=784f6e4e2c3e4f20b60d15afd9690d0f>. This does not mean projects in Pacheco Creek are ineligible, but it does mean that justification for work in this location is necessary for a competitive proposal. For example, you might need to demonstrate that your project is likely to bring back steelhead.

If you are interested in applying for FRGP next year, I would encourage you to submit a concept proposal before a full application. While concept proposals are optional, they are ideal for first-time applicants to get feedback on their proposed project before deciding to invest the extra time and effort to submit a full application.

I hope this information has been helpful. Please let me know if you have additional questions.

Thank you,

Chenchen Shen

Acting FRGP Statewide Coordinator  
Watershed Restoration Grants Branch  
California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
1010 Riverside Parkway | West Sacramento, CA 95605  
Work Phone: (916) 902-9017

-----Original Message-----

From: Chorey, Timothy@Wildlife <[Timothy.Chorey@Wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Timothy.Chorey@Wildlife.ca.gov)> Sent:  
Thursday, April 3, 2025 12:02 PM  
To: Shen, Chenchen@Wildlife <[Chenchen.Shen@Wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Chenchen.Shen@Wildlife.ca.gov)>; Erickson,  
Matt@Wildlife <[Matt.Erickson@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Matt.Erickson@wildlife.ca.gov)>  
Subject: FW: grant on restoring fisheries/2025 Fisheries Restoration Grant  
Program (FRGP)

See below, I will let you take it from here.

Tim Chorey (he/him)  
Acting Inland Fisheries Program Manager  
<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Grants/FRGP>  
<https://watershedgrants.wildlife.ca.gov>  
Department of Fish and Wildlife  
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Mailing Address | P.O. Box 944209 | Sacramento, CA 94244-2090  
Cell: 916-838-0760

-----Original Message-----

From: Rochelle Beerli [REDACTED]  
Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2025 11:29 AM  
To: Chorey, Timothy@Wildlife <[Timothy.Chorey@Wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Timothy.Chorey@Wildlife.ca.gov)>  
Subject: Re: grant on restoring fisheries/2025 Fisheries Restoration Grant  
Program (FRGP)

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Well, that would certainly help our creek flow and would eliminate the fear of flooding every time it dumps large amounts of water in short time frames. We are in a 100 year flood plain, however, it's turned out to becoming a every 5 year flood plain. We've seen what Santa Clara County has done in their stream bed clean ups. It's turned around their frightful situation of regular flooding along the Bolsa. (gilroy).

I'd like to discuss if you think it's worthy.

thanks,

Rochelle

Pacheco Storm Water District

On 03.04.25 08:28, Chorey, Timothy@Wildlife wrote:

Not specifically, but FRGP could fund sediment removal if it improved river function and habitat.

Tim Chorey (he/him)  
Acting Inland Fisheries Program Manager  
<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Grants/FRGP>  
<https://watershedgrants.wildlife.ca.gov>

Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Physical Address | 1010 Riverside Parkway | West Sacramento,  
CA 95605 Mailing Address | P.O. Box 944209 | Sacramento, CA  
94244-2090  
Cell: 916-838-0760

-----Original Message-----

From: Rochelle Beerli [REDACTED]  
Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2025 7:04 AM  
To: Chorey, Timothy@Wildlife  
<[Timothy.Chorey@Wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Timothy.Chorey@Wildlife.ca.gov)>  
Subject: Re: grant on restoring fisheries/2025 Fisheries  
Restoration Grant Program (FRGP)

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We're considering any ideas. I had read that Fish and Wildlife was proposing a sediment removal grant? we have big sediment problems which have formed barge's, and we have an organic over-growth issue which happens every year. We need a maintenance plan and a removal plan.  
Anything ring a bell for what your agency is offering?

thanks,

Rochelle

On 02.04.25 10:19, Chorey, Timothy@Wildlife wrote:

The project location and what activity you are interested will determine how good a fit you are to FRGP. Do you have a specific project in mind?

Tim Chorey (he/him)  
Acting Inland Fisheries Program Manager  
<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Grants/FRGP>  
<https://watershedgrants.wildlife.ca.gov>

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944209 | Sacramento, CA 94244-2090  
Cell: 916-838-0760

-----Original Message-----

From: Rochelle Beerli <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2025 12:17 PM

To: Chorey, Timothy@Wildlife

[<Timothy.Chorey@Wildlife.ca.gov>](mailto:Timothy.Chorey@Wildlife.ca.gov)

Subject: grant on restoring fisheries/2025 Fisheries  
Restoration Grant Program (FRGP)

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Hello Timothy,

We are a local water district in San Benito County  
called Pacheco Storm Water District.

Our mission is to maintain and improve the water  
ways of Pacheco Creek, which have been neglected  
for over 4 decades.

We are aware that our creek has historical records of  
providing a portal for Steelhead Trout. Do you see any  
match for this grant in improving and encouraging  
this historic activity?

thank you.

Rochelle Beerli

Advisory Board Member

Pacheco Storm Water District

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**From:** [Ryan Bohlim](#)  
**To:** [district6@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district6@sanjoseca.gov); [mayor@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:mayor@sanjoseca.gov); [beautifysj](#); [District2@bos.sccgov.org](mailto:District2@bos.sccgov.org); [Board of Directors](#); [jrosen@dao.sccgov.org](mailto:jrosen@dao.sccgov.org)  
**Subject:** Columbus Park Homeless Encampment \*URGENT\*  
**Date:** Sunday, April 6, 2025 11:21:25 PM

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Dear Community Leaders,

My name is Ryan Bohlim.

I am a San Jose Resident, volunteer, grass roots organizer, a husband, Southwest Airlines employee, and I care deeply about residents and families within our city and county.

For 5 long years, the city and the county has ignored us. We cannot get answers from our elected officials, we can't get help, guidance, or direction from them. We can't even seem to get anyone to respond to our emails to which we have sent HUNDREDS of, to every elected official both old and new, since 2021.

I wanted to let ALL Representatives know that are in executive positions or county or city leadership roles that over the weekend, in addition to the 16 RV's that arrived in March, that 8 new RV's pulled onto the baseball Diamond at Columbus Park and are now lining our back gate at the garden. They have started full scale construction of on site dwellings, and this morning the owners of two RV's completely ripped apart and destroyed a barrier fence along Walnut at the corner of Taylor at our back entrance, ripping it out of the ground, cutting and rolling back portions of the fence, and driving their RV's onto a protected fenced area that the city promised us would be enforced, and can not be used by transient people or vehicles. We have already had to shut down an entire street and gate entrances to the community garden because of this. HOW MUCH LONGER IS THIS GOING TO BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE????

These recent events have created a violent environment this weekend with contentious back and forth conversations between garden members and homeless residents regarding trash, dangerous and violent dogs off leash, and loud music and generators that prevent both garden and community members from being able to hear while on site to care for their plots that they pay the city for, and should have reasonable accommodation to access.

We URGENTLY need to speak with city and county leaders to find a temporary solution before this escalates and we have a violent situation that takes place between community members and homeless residents. We now estimate the Columbus Park encampment to include 80-100 RV's and vehicles, and around 300-700 or more unhoused individuals. This has become a CRISIS overnight.

We were informed by homeless individuals on site today that they are planning to move all of their RV's into the baseball Diamond so they can effectively prevent law enforcement from removing them, creating an impenetrable compound where they can "fight back" if necessary. They are planning to use the media as leverage, and have stated that they will "die," and will "physically fight back," before leaving Columbus Park.

We have been dealing with violence, fires, rampant drug use, piles of feces and urine thrown into our garden beds, stolen cars, crime, prostitution, dozens upon dozens of dangerous animals that are roaming around freely, massive rodent infestations and more. Some days we can't get access to our plots because cars block our gates. Sometimes the smell is so bad, we can't hold meetings or train new gardeners because people get sick.

In just 6 weeks this site has grown 300% and the city has done NOTHING to prevent NEW vehicles and unhoused residents from setting up camp. We also have to call the fire department every day or every other day to shut off leaking fire hydrants that the unhoused use to get access to water, because they don't shut them off when they're done.

I cannot stress to all of you that this situation is escalating quickly, and is becoming chaotic VERY very fast. It has

become unmanageable for gardening members and managers, and community residents and the general public. Crime and violent acts are occurring daily at this location with nothing being done to address the situation. There are not enough police or fire or animal control officers to mitigate this site as it currently exists. We have become over run, with new people taking up residence every day.

Please call me urgently to discuss solutions or to help us get word to the city. Residents deserve better, and doing nothing is not a solution. We cannot wait another 6 months to a year nor do I expect residents to agree to that. We need to know that the mayor and our representatives mean business and can ACT to prevent violence and provide a safe San Jose for all. Enough is enough. We have got to get a handle on this thing because it is out of control. The RV sites that the mayor has closed, has shifted those vehicles to Columbus Park. Wasn't this anticipated??

We need HELP.

WHY WON'T ANYONE RESPOND TO US????

Thank you,  
Ryan Bohlim



**From:** [Candice Kwok-Smith](#) on behalf of [Board Correspondence](#)  
**To:** [Heather Williams](#); [John Bourgeois](#); [Lisa Bankosh](#); [Carlo Achdjian](#)  
**Cc:** [Board of Directors](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Land Donation  
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**From:** Shiloh Ballard <[SBallard@valleywater.org](mailto:SBallard@valleywater.org)>  
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**Subject:** Re: Land Donation

Dear George Szymkiewicz,

Thank you for your interest in a land dedication to Valley Water. I understand that you have received a response from Assistant Officer Lisa Bankosh describing our process to determine potential value of the land to Valley Water operations.

If you have any further questions, please contact Real Estate Manager Carlo Achdjian at [cachdjian@valleywater.org](mailto:cachdjian@valleywater.org).

Sincerely,

Shiloh Ballard  
Director, District 2

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