



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

NON-AGENDA

April 12, 202

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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	CEO Bulletin: None.
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11	Memo from Marta Lugo, Deputy Administrative Officer, to Rachael Gibson, Chief of External Affairs, dated 04/09/24, providing a copy of letter sent by Director Beall to Campbell Mayor Susan Landry following mayor/city manager meeting.
	<u>INCOMING BOARD CORRESPONDENCE</u>
14	Board Correspondence Weekly Report:
22	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. C-24-0082
24	Email from Mike Michitaka to Director Hsueh, dated 04/04/24, regarding HBS Northern California Pro Bono NPO consulting project. C-24-0083
25	Email from Wendi Li to the Board, dated 04/06/24, regarding action plan and timeline for cleanup of Los Gatos Unsheltered along trail. C-24-0084
30	Email from Brigitte Rince to the board, dated 04/07/24, regarding effect of unsheltered on sale of home on Chynoweth Avenue, San Jose. C-24-0085
31	Email from Peter Drekmeier to the board, dated 04/08/24, providing information on a Modesto Bee 2015 news article, "SSJID Explores Remaking Entire Delivery System." C-24-0086
33	Email from Connie De La Cruz, to the board, dated 04/09/24, regarding alleged inconveniences during unsheltered cleanup. C-24-0087

		<u>OUTGOING BOARD CORRESPONDENCE</u>
36		Email from Director Beall to Rea Freedom, dated 04/04/24, regarding the draining of Vasona Reservoir during the current nesting season.
38		Email from Chair Hsueh to Serena Gu, dated 04/08/24, regarding request for support of Clean Coalition's sponsored bill SB 1148 (Blakespear) Electrical Service for Multifamily Dwelling and Local Government Buildings.

Outlook as of April 1, 2024

On March 22, 2024, the California Department of Water Resources announced an increase in State Water Project (SWP) allocation from 15% to 30% of contract amount for 2024. On the same day, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation announced an increase to the 2024 south-of-delta Central Valley Project (CVP) allocation from 65% to 75% of historic Municipal and Industrial (M&I) use and from 15% to 35% of agricultural allocation. On June 13, 2023, the Board of Directors adopted a resolution to support water conservation as a way of life and an ordinance with a set of permanent water waste prohibitions for Santa Clara County.

Weather

- Rainfall in San José:
 - » Month of March, City of San José = 3.1 inches
- Rainfall year total = 13.78 inches or 109% of average to date (rainfall year is July 1 to June 30)
- April 1 Northern Sierra snowpack was 124% of normal for this date

Local Reservoirs

- Total April 1 storage = 61,893 acre-feet

Reservoir Storage	All Ten Valley Water Reservoirs	All Reservoirs Except Anderson
Storage as % of unrestricted capacity	37%	75%
Storage as % of restricted capacity (1)	99%	97%
Storage as % of the 20-year average for April 1	62%	117%

(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

- No imported water was delivered into Calero Reservoir during March 2024
- Total estimated releases to streams (local and imported water) during March were 34,770 acre-feet (based on preliminary hydrologic data)

Treated Water

- Below average demands of 3,380 acre-feet were delivered in March
- This total is 61% of the five-year average for the month of March
- Year-to-date deliveries are 10,300 acre-feet or 64% of the five-year average

Groundwater

- Groundwater levels in all regional monitoring wells are higher than last month due to recent rainfall and seasonal recovery. Most water levels are higher relative to March 2023, and all are higher than the prior five-year average for March. The end of 2024 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 2024 managed recharge estimate	7,200	1,400	1,200
YTD managed recharge estimate	18,800	3,400	3,600
YTD managed recharge as % of five-year average	146%	111%	86%
February 2024 pumping estimate	5,100	800	1,400
YTD pumping estimate	10,300	1,600	2,900
YTD pumping as % of five-year average	129%	110%	94%
Current index well groundwater levels compared to March 2023	3 Feet Higher	5 Feet Lower	3 Feet Higher

All volumes are in acre-feet. All data is for 2024 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 3,768 acre-feet, resulting in a total export of 116,814 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 5,302 acre-feet, resulting in a total export of 164,350 acre-feet from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta for the month
- Multiple fish protection thresholds were triggered at the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta export facilities this winter/spring. The most limiting export restriction remained in effect for both the SWP and CVP through March 31st

WY 2024 Imported Water Allocations	Allocation	Allocation (acre-feet)	Details
SWP	30%	30,000	Allocation increased on 3/22/24
CVP	35% Ag 75% M&I	Approximately 110,000	Allocation increased on 3/22/24
State-wide Reservoir Storage	Capacity	Current Storage (acre-feet)	Average for Date (as of 4/2/24)
Shasta Reservoir	93%	4,212,436	117%
Oroville Reservoir	88%	3,114,948	124%
San Luis Reservoir	73%	1,488,792	84%
Semitropic Groundwater Bank	Capacity	Current Storage (acre-feet)	Date of Data
	82%	286,084	2/29/24
Estimated SFPUC Deliveries	February 2024 (acre-feet)	2024 Total to Date (acre-feet)	Five-Year Annual Average (acre-feet)
	2,683	5,547	47,000

Conserved Water

- Saved 80,078 acre-feet in FY22 through Valley Water’s long-term conservation program (baseline year is 1992)
- Long-term program goal is to save nearly 100,000 acre-feet by 2030 and 110,000 acre-feet by 2040
- On June 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 2024 production = 915 acre-feet
- Estimated year-to-date through March = 2,380 acre-feet or 96% of the five-year average
- Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center produced an estimated 1.5 billion gallons (4,493 acre-feet) of purified water in 2023. Since the beginning of 2024, about 746 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 or use our **Access Valley Water** customer request system at <https://deliver.com/2yukx>.



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BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS and Informational Items

Report Name: Board Member Requests

Request	Request Date	Director	BAO/Chief	Staff	Description	20 Days Due Date	Expected Completion Date	Disposition
I-24-0002	04/10/24	Santos	Hakes	Bourgeois Collins	Director Santos requests the following regarding Soap Lake: Who owns Soap Lake? What is the history of the lake? Can the water from Soap Lake be used for recycling or flood prevention? What are the environmental issues with Soap Lake? Does it contribute to flooding and if Pacheco Dam were in operation, would the water be stored at Soap Lake?	05/01/24		
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		



MEMORANDUM

FC 14 (01-25-23)

TO: Director Barbara F. Keegan


FROM: Tony Ndah, Deputy
General Services

SUBJECT: Provide complete list of agreements,
associated dollar amounts, and the selection
process that was used for consultant AECOM
Technical Services Inc. - Responding to BMR
No. R-24-0007

DATE: April 4, 2024

In response to Board Member request regarding AECOM Technical Services Inc., staff have compiled the attached table containing the active contracts with AECOM Technical Services Inc., including associated dollar amounts, amendments and the selection process utilized.

For further information, please contact Tony Ndah at (408) 630-2208.

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Tony Ndah, Deputy Administrative Officer
General Services

cc: Tina Yoke

Attachment:

1. BMR Response - Keegan (R-24-0007)

Agreement No.	Firm Name ¹	Description	Effective Date	Original Expiration Date	Revised Expiration Date	Solicitation Type	Original Agmt NTE	No. Amendments Issued	Revised Agmt NTE
A3639A	URS CORP (AECOM)	Planning and Environmental Services-Almaden Dam Improvement Project	5/29/2013	5/31/2016	12/31/2024	RFP	\$1,654,000	4	\$9,419,000
A3676A	URS CORP (AECOM)	Design Services for Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit	8/27/2013	2/29/2016	12/31/2025	RFP	\$11,384,761	9	\$67,958,772
A3778A	URS CORP (AECOM)	Dam Safety Evaluations for Chesbro, Coyote, and Uvas	9/9/2014	12/31/2022	12/31/2025	RFP	\$7,800,359	4	\$8,600,359
A4215A	AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC	Plan/Design/Env'l Doc Support for Pacheco Resv Expansion Project:	11/20/2018	11/30/2025	11/30/2028	RFP	\$104,723,000	1	\$104,723,000
A4464A	AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC	Design Services for Coyote Creek	5/25/2021	6/30/2023	12/31/2026	RFP	\$9,985,313	3	\$12,761,920
A4428A	AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC	Engineering & Environmental Planning Srvs-DSMPI	5/24/2022	5/24/2025	5/24/2025	RFP	\$5,992,234	1	\$5,992,234
A4770A	AECOM Technical Services, Inc.	On-Call Pipeline Engineering Services (***Aggregate Contract NTE shared amongst 4 Firms***)	6/13/2023	6/13/2028	6/13/2028	RFP	\$5,000,000	N/A	\$5,000,000
TOTAL							\$146,539,667²		\$214,455,285²

Notes

¹ URS Corp awarded original contract - subsequently acquired by AECOM

² Grand total includes a \$5,000,000 contract shared amongst 4 firms



MEMORANDUM

FC 14 (01-25-23)

TO: Christopher Hakes, Chief of Watersheds

FROM: Bhavani Yerrapotu, Deputy Operating Officer
Watershed Design & Construction Division

SUBJECT: Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Timothy Shebesta, US Army Corps of Engineers to CEO Rick Callender Regarding Conclusion of the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Phase II Feasibility Study

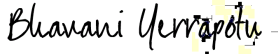
DATE: April 9, 2024

Attached to this Memorandum is correspondence from Lieutenant Colonel Timothy Shebesta, US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) San Francisco District Commander to CEO Rick Callender regarding the conclusion of the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Phase II Feasibility Study (Study).

Valley Water has been working with the USACE on the Study since September, 2019. In October 2022, the USACE communicated to Valley Water that there is no federal interest in a project at this time. The study area is not predicted to experience flood damages significant enough to justify federal investment in a shoreline project until approximately 2060 when sea levels are higher.

For the last year and a half, Valley Water has been working with the USACE to understand the Study assumptions, resolve open comments, and document the findings in a Summary Report. The Summary Report and attached letter confirm the conclusion of the Study.

Although there is no federal interest in investing in a USACE coastal flood protection project at this time, there is a possibility of future federal interest as sea levels and consequent potential flood damages increase. In the interim, Valley Water will continue to work with local partners to identify near- and long-term solutions for potential high-risk coastal flooding and sea level rise.

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Bhavani Yerrapotu
Deputy Operating Officer
Watersheds Design & Construction Division



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April 5, 2024

Rick Callender
Chief Executive Officer
Valley Water
5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA 95118

Dear Mr. Callender:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the initial feasibility study to explore a Federal interest in the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Phase II (Palo Alto) Study has concluded.

As previously communicated, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has determined that there is no federal interest at this time for the alternatives evaluated.

We will balance the financial cost share for the study and return any remaining non-federal funds to Valley Water.

The study authorization remains active and a new study could potentially be conducted in the future.

If you have questions, contact my Deputy for Programs and Project Management, Tommy Williams, at (415) 503-6560 or e-mail to thomas.r.williams@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

Timothy W. Shebesta
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army
Commanding

cc:

U.S. Senator Alex Padilla (CA)
U.S. Senator Laphonza Butler (CA)
U.S. Representative Anna Eshoo (CA-16)
U.S. Representative Ro Khanna (CA-17)
U.S. Representative Zoe Lofgren (CA-18)
U.S. Representative Jimmy Panetta (CA-19)
Dina El-Tawansy, District Director, CA Department of Transportation District 4
Ed Shikada, City Manager, City of Palo Alto
Kimbra McCarthy, City Manager, City of Mountain View



MEMORANDUM

FC 14 (08-21-19)

TO: Rachael Gibson, Chief of External Affairs

FROM: Marta Lugo, Deputy
Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: Letter from Director Jim Beall to Campbell
Mayor Susan Landry

DATE: April 9, 2024

Attached to this memorandum is the letter from Director Jim Beall to Campbell Mayor Susan Landry as a follow up to the Mayor/City Manager meeting held on March 7, 2024. The letter was sent out on April 9, 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Marta M. Lugo".

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



April 9, 2024

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

Dear Mayor Landry,

On behalf of Valley Water, we wish to express our thanks for the recent meeting with you and the City’s executive leadership team to discuss water supply, key Valley Water projects, legislative policy priorities, and other water-related issues impacting the City of Campbell (City) and our entire region. The City has been a strong partner with Valley Water, and we greatly value our productive working relationship.

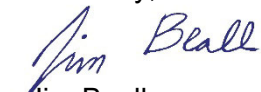
We appreciated the opportunity to share the latest developments on our Water Supply Master Plan and Purified Water Project, and we would like to especially thank you for all of Campbell’s work with Valley Water to expand water reuse. We also wanted to express our appreciation for the productive discussion on Valley Water’s legislative policy priorities, including AB 2409 (Papan) State Permitting Transparency Dashboard. The PFAS testing at Sunnyoaks Fire Station is critically important. While we still need to fully evaluate the presence of PFAS, our staff will work closely with the City and County Fire on next steps to ensure that the groundwater is protected. Once onsite sampling is completed and results are available, we will share that information with City staff.

We are delighted to have your support for the Model Water Efficient New Development Ordinance (MWENDO) and thank you for the City’s continued efforts on water conservation. The City’s efforts to continue to conserve water, especially as we work towards making water conservation a way of life in Santa Clara County, are commendable. Our staff is available to provide support to City staff on the updated ordinance that was revised for this upcoming building code update cycle.

Regarding the Los Gatos Creek drop structures, our staff followed up with the City’s Public Works staff to connect on the next steps. Valley Water staff is committed to reviewing your outfall repair plans and encroachment permit application in a timely manner, and will work to expedite the permit as soon as we receive the application and design drawings from City staff.

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.

Sincerely,


Jim Beall
Director, District 4

cc: Board of Directors (7), Rick Callender, Brian Loventhal, Angelique Gaeta
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INCOMING BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

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C-24-0087	04/09/24	04/10/24	All	CONNIE DE LA CRUZ	Email from Connie De La Cruz to the board, dated 04/09/24, requesting additional payment for alleged inconveniences during unsheltered cleanup.	Refer to Staff	Orellana	Dennis	04/18/24	-	n/a	04/24/24
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	Baker	Gin Williams	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-	Refer to Staff	Baker	Williams	04/12/24	-	n/a	04/18/24

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					Stanford Area.							
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
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	Refer to Staff	Yoke	Mccarter	03/19/24	03/19/24	n/a	03/25/24

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					about Pacheco.							
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 regarding Almaden - Guadalupe Creek Homeless Encampment .	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Bilski Codianne	03/20/24	03/20/24	n/a	03/26/24
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-24-0055	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 carpets lining the bank of the salt pond.	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Codianne	03/13/24	03/07/24	n/a	03/19/24
C-24-0054	03/03/24	03/04/24	All	BRIGITTE RINCE	Email from Mark Bolger and Brigitte Rince to the	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Bilski Codianne	03/12/24	03/11/24	n/a	03/18/24

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					board, dated 03/03/24, regarding unshelterd near their home at 967 Chynoweth Avenue, San Jose.							
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 reconsideration 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 the board, dated 01/13/24, regarding the unhouse in the creek behind her	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Codianne	01/24/24	01/22/24	n/a	01/30/24

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C-24-0007	01/11/24	01/11/24	Beall	ROGER CASTILLO	home. 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 GUISLIN	Email from John Guislin to the board, dated 10/31/23, expressing concern for Creek	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Yerrapotu	11/08/23	11/06/23	n/a	11/14/23

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					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 unhouud 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 Director Santos, dated 8/24/23, regarding unhouused individual	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Codianne	09/01/23	08/30/23	n/a	09/07/23

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

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April 4, 2024

Nai Hsueh, Chair
Board of Directors
Santa Clara Valley Water District
5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA 95118-3686

Subject: Wasting of Water Resources in Palo Alto-Stanford Area

Dear Valley Water Directors,

We write to formally complain about the collective failure of the relevant government agencies to address the waste of excess groundwater in the Palo Alto-Stanford area, and adjacent areas ("PA-S Area"). Over the past few decades, the City of Palo Alto, County of Santa Clara and Valley Water ("Local Government Agencies") have ignored the squandering of the overabundant supply of groundwater in the PA-S Area. *Even in drought years*, excess groundwater in the PA-S Area has, in plain sight of Palo Alto residents, been pumped into the storm drains. A senior Valley Water official has in public referred to the overabundant supply of groundwater in the PA-S Area as "nuisance water." For the self-evident reasons stated below, we object strenuously to this mismanagement of water resources by the Local Government Agencies in Santa Clara County, and respectfully request that this mismanagement be promptly and effectively redressed.

The history of groundwater use in the PA-S Area tracks the history of the decimation of farming in the PA-S Area: In the 1960s, the City of Palo Alto ceased pumping groundwater and started importing water from Hetch Hetchy through one or more water pipes that traverse Santa Clara County. As a consequence, through many cycles of wet years, the groundwater levels in the PA-S Area have remained *at ultra-high levels even during drought years*. Meanwhile the hills around Stanford and the 280-corridor have remained barren and subject to erosion because of *land mismanagement and because our Local Government Agencies have misinformed the public about the availability of local water supplies by staying silent on the overabundant groundwater supplies in PA-S Area*. The erosion of the bare hillsides on the 280 corridor near Stanford contributes to the periodic flash flooding of the San Francisquito Creek, and can be mitigated through planting of orchards, forest farming, sod and other measures such as the upstream flooding of the Stanford Golf Course.

There is an overabundance of groundwater in the PA-S Area -- and this fact is not subject to reasonable debate. *The City of Palo Alto's minimize-water-use-for-*

landscaping policies are based on a false premise of local water scarcity. The City of Palo Alto *has chosen* to not pump and pipe groundwater into Palo Alto homes, and has reserved groundwater use, including consumption (drinking), only for an emergency. This groundwater hoarding is counterproductive because (i) the groundwater has to be pumped into storm drains to build basements and keep them from flooding; (ii) the saturation levels of the groundwater retard percolation and flood control; and (iii) the groundwater should be used to plant orchards and sequoias, for landscaping including sod and consumption (with treatment if needed).

Trees such as orchard trees and sequoias should be planted and maintained on all barren lands and hillsides in PA-S/280 corridor because this area has an overabundance of groundwater and the trees play an important role in cleansing the air of carbon dioxide and carbon sequestration. Fake, manufactured synthetic grass (derived in part or in whole from fossil fuels) should not be permitted on the sports fields in the PA-S Area, and the use of sod should be encouraged to help cool the planet, reduce runoff and increase percolation. Since the City of Palo Alto and the County of Santa Clara have continued to squander groundwater in the PA-S Area, Valley Water should pump this groundwater for the City of Palo Alto and trade this water for water in the Hetch Hetchy pipes that traverse Santa Clara County or pipe this water to farms in Santa Clara County. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dhruv Khanna', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Dhruv Khanna
President

Michele King

Subject: FW: HBS Northern California Pro Bono NPO consulting project

From: Sachihiko Michitaka [REDACTED]
Date: April 4, 2024 at 1:27:46 PM PDT
To: Nai Hsueh <nHsueh@sbcglobal.net>, Sachihiko Michitaka [REDACTED]
Subject: HBS Northern California Pro Bono NPO consulting project

Hi Nai,

I am one of the 6 volunteer members of HBS Alumni of Northern California. 4 months of effort project for free.

The NPO we are undertaking to advise is CaliforniaDataCollaborative (CaDC) (<https://www.californiadatacollaborative.org/>).

They sponsor Water Summit and also provide the platform to create the reporting to the State and MWD.

This segment seems have started after the resolution of California Assembly bill 1755 (2016 year)

(Open & Transparent Water Data Act)

My questions to SCVWD is,

- 1) Can I talk to someone in charge of this data standardization within SCVWD?
- 2) How does SCVWD respond to this Assembly Bill 1755?
- 3) This NPO has membership programs and not only the water suppliers but also wholesalers like MWD are joining this membership ?
Is SCVWD a member?
- 4) There is another larger NPO created by several Water Districts by the name of CA Water Data Consortium (www.cawaterdata.org)
Is SCVWD a member of this NPO?
- 5) Basic approach strategy of SCVWD to respond to Assembly Bill 1755.

Thank you for your help, in advance.

Mike Michitaka

Michele King

From: Wendy [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 06, 2024 1:53 PM
To: Board of Directors
Cc: Rebecca Eisenberg; Jim Beall; Barbara Keegan; Jennifer Codianne
Subject: Re: Inquiry into action plan and timeline for clean up of Los Gatos Homeless Trail and relocation

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Hi Ms.Keegan,

It's been a month and I never received a response back. Since then a new camp has popped up next to the bridge of Leigh and is continuously throwing garbage down into the creek.

If you visit in person, you can see it layering the entire hill area and streaming into the creek. It's extremely disheartening to see how much a single person can pollute and damage the environment when not kept in check. This is just one of many new tents that are appearing because no one is doing anything to enforce rules or regulations on the trail.

I have also filed a complaint for this stretch of the creek with the EPA and am waiting to hear back from them after their initial investigation.

My neighbors and I are seeing more RVs parking next to the bike trail entrance and cars parking next to and people entering the trail late at night. Given the open drug and alcohol use in the area, it's not a stretch to think drugs are being sold by these late night visitors. We are trying to work with the police on this, but again, the root source of all these issues are the encampments on the creek being allowed to stay without any recourse.

Are there any updates on if further funding was approved to provide housing or even just to clean up the creek. Has Valley Water established any action items for relocating the encampment?

Best,
Wendy

On Thu, Mar 7, 2024 at 11:28 AM Wendy [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Ms. Keegan,

I saw recently on the news that the waterboard is planning to penalize the city of San Jose for not keeping the creeks clean and has a hard deadline of June 2025.

<https://www.mercurynews.com/2024/03/01/san-jose-to-clear-1000-homeless-people-from-creeks-and-waterways/>

Is Valley Water also under the same penalty and deadline? Are you moving forward with working with the city to relocate the encampments?

Jennifer mentioned in the last board meeting that they need funding from the City to build alternative housing, now that there is a financial motivation for the city to clear out the creeks, are any plans being made to build alternative housing?

Best,
Wendy

On Wed, Mar 6, 2024 at 12:10 PM Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org> wrote:

Sent on Behalf of Director Keegan:

Dear Wendy Li,

Thank you for reaching out to Valley Water and sharing your continued frustrations related to the encampments of unsheltered people located near your home along Los Gatos Creek. We are sympathetic to your concerns and are dismayed to hear of your recent experience involving harassment and racial profiling.

Valley Water is committed to using the power we have as an environmental stewardship agency to protect our waterways in collaboration with the cities and the County as they fulfill their public safety and social service roles. However, as with all public agencies, Valley Water must adhere to applicable case law, which has significantly affected how we can respond to encampments of unsheltered persons. There is a requirement that shelter be offered before unsheltered people may be relocated from public lands; however, given the unprecedented need for transitional and long-term housing in Santa Clara County, there is currently only shelter capacity for approximately one quarter of the unsheltered population. For this reason, there is often little that Valley Water can do to relocate encampments until there are sufficient housing alternatives.

As you mentioned in your message, the Valley Water-sponsored State Assembly bill, AB 1469 (Kalra) *Valley Water Assisting Unsheltered People*, took effect on January 1st of this year. Although AB 1469 did not provide Valley Water with any new funding, this legislation amends the District Act to authorize Valley Water to assist unsheltered people living along streams, in riparian corridors, or otherwise in the district's jurisdiction, in consultation with a city or the County of Santa Clara, to provide solutions or improve outcomes for the unsheltered individuals. AB 1469 is intended help Valley Water comply with the federal case law that requires a legitimate offer of shelter before relocating an unsheltered person from public land. In February, Valley Water staff provided a presentation to the Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee and received feedback on what Valley Water's efforts under AB 1469 should look like. The next step is for our full Board to work through the annual budget-setting process to determine an amount of funding to devote to these efforts. Once a funding level is established, staff will bring back specific proposals to develop housing for unsheltered individuals residing on Valley Water property, which may include partnerships with developers of tiny homes and other interim and permanent housing communities.

We appreciate your comments and understand your concerns. As always, you may continue to contact Deputy Operating Officer Jennifer Codianne (icodianne@valleywater.org) or Assistant Operating Officer Mark Bilski (mbilski@valleywater.org) with any follow-up information. Thanks again for your message.

Sincerely,



Barbara Keegan

Director, District 2

C-24-0046

From: Wendy [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2024 6:29 PM
To: Barbara Keegan <BKeegan@valleywater.org>; Jennifer Codianne <JCodianne@valleywater.org>; Rebecca Eisenberg <Reisenberg@valleywater.org>; Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>; Jim Beall <JBeall@valleywater.org>
Subject: Inquiry into action plan and timeline for clean up of Los Gatos Homeless Trail and relocation

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Hi Valley Water board members + Jennifer,

It was great to hear from the last meeting that the members of the encampment committee recognize how frustrating it's been that there's been no change in the camping situation on many of the creeks including Los Gatos creek for over a year even though initial plans were started for a relocation set up for it.

In the last encampment meeting (set around August), Jim Bealle mentioned that he wanted to set up a timeline and action items for how to use the newly allocated funds for assisting the homeless that opened up in January. In the last meeting, he again expressed his desire for action items and to see results. Rebecca Eisenberg also expressed her desire to see action being taken and suggested working with a tiny home non-profit and providing funding for tiny

homes to be built for relocation. **I wanted to check in with the council and ask if action plans were written up and a timeline established six months ago. I also wanted to check in with you guys and see if action items were planned from the last meeting and a time line established for the development of tiny homes.**

I am also writing this as I'm waiting on the police to arrive so I can file a police report. A homeless man just tried to hit me with his bike, screamed profanities at me and called me a fucking Korean (I am not ethnically Korean and am a US citizen). I just wanted to walk my dog quietly on the creek before the sun went down and it was still safe to do so. I was not expecting to be harassed and racially profiled and am sick and tired of these experiences becoming a common occurrence.

Like Ms.Eisenberg emphasized, people are dying outside from exposure and the rain, the creek is being severely eroded (which will then contribute to future risk of flooding) and the residents around the creeks are suffering. **Please treat this like the urgent matter that it is.**



Best,

Wendy

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Michele King

From: brigitte rince [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, April 07, 2024 10:00 AM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Home still not selling because of homeless on Water District property

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Hi,
Our home at [REDACTED], San Jose CA 95136 which is adjacent to the Valley Water District property near percolation pond 3 has now been on the market for 51 days. This is longer than any home in Erikson as well as within a 2.5 mile radius of homes that have sold in under 14 days in the same time frame, similar floor plan and square footage.
Our agent tells us that if the prospective buyers make it past the driveway, they all make the comment about the homeless literally next door as our 160 foot back yard is along the unpaved path that the homeless frequent due to the fact that they are living along the river, percolation pond 3 and in full view from the street to our back yard.
Would you please let us know what plans you have in place to remove them, as we are aware that you have created a new division for the homeless which we hope will be addressed soon so that we can sell our home and the new owners will not have the same burden that we had for the many years that you have allowed the homeless to overtake the area between Branham Lane and Blossom Hill.
I have also reached out to Caltrans, the City, the property management for Almaden Ranch with no assistance in this matter.
Because you own the majority of the property, we feel that you should be working with all of these entities to resolve this ongoing long term issue.
Please reply with action to be taken in the immediate future.
Our anxiety will not be relieved until we can sell our home and bring the area back to its original beauty when the Water District enforced the no trespassing signs posted and maintained the water ways which allowed the wildlife to thrive.
Thank you,
Brigitte Rince
[REDACTED], San Jose, CA 95136

Michele King

From: Peter Drekmeier <peter@tuolumne.org>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2024 4:53 PM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Partnership with Irrigation District
Attachments: SSJID explores remaking entire delivery system Modesto Bee.pdf [copyrighted material removed]

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To: Valley Water Board of Directors
From: Peter Drekmeier, Tuolumne River Trust
Re: Collaboration with Irrigation Districts

Dear Board Members:

I wanted to draw your attention to the attached article — "SSJID explores remaking entire delivery system" — also found [here](#), published in the Modesto Bee on September 8, 2015. It addresses the potential for much greater efficiency in the delivery of agricultural irrigation water in the South San Joaquin Valley Irrigation District (SSJID).

Prior to this article, SSJID initiated a pressurized water system pilot project that found crop yields increased by 30% while water use decreased by 30%.

The attached article includes the following details:

"...the project, which would conserve about a quarter of the Stanislaus River supply, would make sense if the saved water were sold to outside buyers for an average of at least \$350 per acre-foot."

"These improvements would cut down on water that evaporates, seeps into the ground or flows out the ends of canals. They have been in place since 2012 on about 3,800 acres in the southwest part of the district, which is looking at expanding them to all 56,000 acres."

"The project would conserve up to 73,110 acre-feet of water per year, consultants said."

I don't think anything ever happened with this proposal, so the opportunity might still exist. I encourage Valley Water to look into it as an alternative to the Pacheco Reservoir project..

-Peter

Peter Drekmeier
Policy Director
Tuolumne River Trust
peter@tuolumne.org

Michele King

From: Dorothy Dora [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2024 1:37 PM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Urgent matter from Connie de la Cruz

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I am reaching out to the board concerning my case which David cahan whom I was dealing with completed my settlement. I'm reaching out to you committee because it was an unjust unfair unethical proposal given to me when I was down and out the creek with so much pain so much mental stress, and I did not make the right decision to just sign but I was pressured I was and I have it all on tape that is what I have to do. Now I'm trying to be polite and I'm trying to be good because that is what I am and that's what I do I think I've given ample opportunity for valley water to please behave to please do your job and do it right correctly.

I understand that no one would think that a homeless individual might take the steps take the time to film to show that crap that goes on when valley water employees go out to the homeless individuals. I would like you to know that they steal everything they trash everything they ridicule individuals by taking out their under clothes and making fun of them I know because I haven't I it's witnesses this video I just want to do the right thing which is why can't you have somebody that goes out and just checks that they did indeed do the proper cleaning instead of cleaning out the people who are homeless and we'll have to what!? Replenish that's not a good thing whatever!

I am that do-gooder as they call me but now I feel very offended and I want what's mine and I also want to meet with you in another level so I can suggest a few things. I understand and you will if you see my footage that an officer who I gave a freebie to as well it's not to have him lose his pension and things like that whom I have to babysit in a sense and look into if he's doing the right thing or not which is so far. I'm a very simple person, hell! I'll go out there and check to make sure things I cleaned up the right way so your company does not get ridiculed poster children for what for what should not happen. I don't charge what I suppose people get paid I will need that much I just wanted to be right because I have proof of four or five years of the same things there at the creek which we're not created by the homeless people that were there when the offenses happened. Why sugar coated they always do it but when the officer was telling them to enter my tent into my tent your employees did it they looked at him and okay it was on they did whatever he said now when I spoke with Jennifer she said no, our employees know what to do and what not to do the officers only there to keep the peace no absolutely no that's not what happens and I believe the board the committee can't be so naive to think that that's how it happened. I stand corrected committee true it's true, of course you would not know because you're not from that type of life just like I was not just a few years ago I understand but not knowing not being aware because you don't live that life aware of what goes on out there does not excuse ignorance which someone reports to you that everything was clean don't you want to know don't you want to know? My apologies because I'm somewhat rude but I have put up with a lot of s*** okay. I want the rest of my money which I requested which comes to \$8,000 I also don't just want that I don't want you to think that it doesn't dollars is going to keep me from continuing to video tape and follow your employees of what they're doing and The Creeks a long long way. I'm a good person and employing you to just do the right thing and take care of this and I hope that you received Mr Nala with guns because it needs to be done I mean don't pass the buc to an insurance agent to deal with your problems I would really appreciate it if you looked into this yourself it'll be fine I promise you'll be fine but there's no way I'm going to eat it on this. You shouldn't meet me incognito because if it's not incognito or in the private sector then it'll be all over the news you don't want that I don't want that but I don't mind if you don't mind because I've had it. Thank you very much once again Connie De La Cruz one of you give me a call or I don't know how else to do this just take care of it I mean those home Depot cards please. Thank you Connie De La Cruz

Michele King

From: Dorothy Dora [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2024 1:44 PM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Re: Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors Auto Reply

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Connie delacruz here, I forgot to give you my address of where I live it is [REDACTED]. Aptos ca 95003
Phone# [REDACTED]
Phone# [REDACTED]
Connie De La Cruz

On Tue, Apr 9, 2024, 1:37 PM Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org> wrote:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District!

Please be assured that any and all emails addressed to the Board are distributed promptly. If your email necessitates a response, the Board will make every effort to do so within 14 calendar days. The Board appreciates hearing from their constituents, and thanks you for your time.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors

Santa Clara Valley Water District

OUTGOING BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Michele King

Subject: FW: Vasona

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

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 11:57 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Vasona

Sent on Behalf of Director Beall:

Dear Rea Freedom,

Thank you for your e-mail dated March 23, 2024, regarding the draining of Vasona reservoir during the current nesting season. I appreciate your concern for the various wildlife and habitat that the reservoir supports.

During a routine inspection with state dam regulators, minor leakage in some of the dam's concrete construction joints was detected, making repairs to those joints necessary. To access the joints and make the repairs, we had to lower the reservoir. I'm pleased to inform you that Valley Water maintenance staff are in the midst of completing those repairs as well as other routine maintenance tasks at the reservoir, and Vasona is on track to be refilled late next week once these repairs are finished.

I want to assure you that the well-being of our local wildlife is a top priority, and all necessary precautions have been taken to mitigate any potential adverse effects during this process. In fact, environmental considerations are paramount in our approach to such projects. Springtime repairs at Vasona are chosen strategically to minimize disruption to habitat and wildlife, as opposed to conducting shutdowns during the summer months. Additionally, as part of our standard procedures, Valley Water biologists conduct thorough pre-activity surveys and maintain on-site monitoring as the water level is drawn down. I'm happy to report that no instances of fish or amphibian stranding were observed during these surveys and monitoring efforts. Furthermore, ample dispersal habitat for amphibians is available both upstream and downstream of the reservoir. Finally, there are nearby open water habitats for birds, including those at the nearby Los Gatos Percolation Pond Complex and the ponds in Los Gatos Creek County Park, which are currently brimming with water.

Thank you once again for bringing this matter to my attention and for your continued advocacy for our environment.

If you have any further questions or need additional information, please contact Greg Williams, Deputy Operating Officer, at (408) 630-2867 or at gwilliams@valleywater.org.

Sincerley,

Jim Beall

Jim Beall
Director, District 4
C-24-0076

From: Rea Freedom [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 23, 2024 3:54:22 PM
To: Jim Beall <JBeall@valleywater.org>
Subject: Vasona

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Mr. Beall,
I'm contacting you because I trust you.
You were supportive when I was working with NAI
to stop San Jose Water from logging the mountains.
Can you tell me why they are draining Vasona during
Nesting season and putting at risk nesting birds, turtles
and wildlife? I seems so very wrong and heartbreaking.
Thank you,
Rea Freedom
[REDACTED]

Michele King

Subject: FW: Seeking Santa Clara Valley Water District's support for SB 1148 (empowering resilient multi-meter housing/government facilities/places of worship)

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

Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 1:40 PM

To: serena@clean-coalition.org

Cc: ben@clean-coalition.org

Subject: Re: Seeking Santa Clara Valley Water District's support for SB 1148 (empowering resilient multi-meter housing/government facilities/places of worship)

Sent on Behalf of Chair Hsueh:

Dear Serena Gu,

Thank you for reaching out to request Valley Water's support for Clean Coalition's sponsored bill, SB 1148 (Blakespear) Electrical Service for Multifamily Dwellings and Local Government Buildings.

Valley Water staff have reviewed the bill and will be recommending that the Valley Water Board of Directors adopt a position of "support." The Board will consider this recommendation during their meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, and will vote on the recommendation. If the Board accepts the recommendation to support SB 1148, Valley Water may sign the coalition letter or will directly communicate the position to the appropriate committees of the State Legislature via our own letters.

Please contact Bart Broome, Assistant Officer for State Government Relations, at 916-448-8497 or bbroome@valleywater.org, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Nai Hsueh
Chair, Valley Water Board of Directors

C-24-0077

From: Serena Gu <serena@clean-coalition.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 9:30 AM

To: Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>

Cc: Ben Schwartz <ben@clean-coalition.org>

Subject: Re: Seeking Santa Clara Valley Water District's support for SB 1148 (empowering resilient multi-meter housing/government facilities/places of worship)

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Hello Kate,

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 on SB 1148

Please see the emails below for information on SB 1148. 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.

We have changed the deadline and are requesting sign ons by next Monday, April 8, so that we can prepare materials in advance for the first bill hearing on April 16th.

Best regards,

Serena Gu

On Mon, Apr 1, 2024 at 10:48 AM Serena Gu <serena@clean-coalition.org> wrote:

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.

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Best regards,

Serena Gu

On Thu, Mar 28, 2024 at 12:54 PM Serena Gu <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.

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Best regards,

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