



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

NON-AGENDA

April 25, 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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	CEO Bulletin: None
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5	Board Correspondence Weekly Report: 04/23/25
6	Email from Raymond White to the board, dated 04/19/25, regarding the resolution for Sara Cody. C-25-0069
7	Email from Nicole Stanfield, Director at Santa Margarita Water District to the board, dated 04/21/25, requesting copies of our General Manager's reports and the staff responsible for preparing them. C-25-0070
8	Email from Carol Stern to Director Varela, dated 04/21/25, reporting overgrown weeds in the waterways that require maintenance near Paradise Park in Morgan Hill. C-25-0071
9	Email from Rita Norton to the board, dated 04/22/24, Providing feedback on the draft Environmental Impact Report for the Pacheco project. C-25-0072
	<u>OUTGOING BOARD CORRESPONDENCE:</u> None

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-25-0004	04/22/25	Beall	Chan	Penilla	Staff to Provide a Report on Funding for Phases of the Upper Llagas Creek Flood Protection Project	05/12/25		
I-25-0005	03/17/25	Beall	Chan	Penilla	Staff to provide Director Beall information relating to how the three master plans interconnect, policy context within those master plans, and contextual information relating to regional, state, and federal regulations.	05/04/25		

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-25-0071	04/21/25	04/21/25	All	CAROL STERN	Email from Carol Stern to Director Varela, dated 04/21/25, reporting overgrown weeds in the waterways that require maintenance near Paradise Park in Morgan Hill.	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Codianne	04/29/25	-	n/a	05/05/25
C-25-0072	04/22/25	04/22/25	All	RITA NORTON	Email from Rita Norton to the board, dated 04/22/24, Providing feedback on the draft Environmental Impact Report for the Pacheco project.	Refer to Staff	Chan	Mccarter	04/30/25	-	n/a	05/06/25

From: [Raymond White](#)
To: [Board of Directors](#)
Subject: Coddling Cody
Date: Saturday, April 19, 2025 4:47:51 PM

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Dear Board members:

I see you have a resolution up to praise Sara Cody for her years of service.

1. Be sure to mention that you are especially grateful for her ignorance and lack of action regarding the risks posed to baby's brains by Valley Water's addition of fluoride to its public water supplies.

A few IQ points: who needs 'em?

2. And her violation of First Amendment rights of the religious to meet during COVID.

3. And her summary of COVID actions without any reflection.

Raymond R. White

From: [Stanfield, Nicole](#)
To: [Board of Directors](#)
Subject: General Manager Report
Date: Monday, April 21, 2025 1:01:33 PM

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Hi Kelly,

My name is Nicole Stanfield from the Santa Margarita Water District. I am doing research on how other agencies prepare their general managers' reports. Can you assist me with locating a few of your General Managers' reports? Who leads your GM report?

I greatly appreciate your time and effort.



Nicole Stanfield
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From: [Candice Kwok-Smith](#)
To: [Board of Directors](#)
Subject: FW: MORGAN HILL: Paradise Park Weed abatement
Date: Monday, April 21, 2025 4:31:06 PM

From: Carol Stern <[REDACTED]>

Date: April 21, 2025 at 1:41:23 PM PDT

To: John Varela <jvarela@valleywater.org>

Subject: MORGAN HILL: Paradise Park Weed abatement

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Hello,

I've attached images of overgrown weeds in the water ways under Santa Clara Valley Water District control. These areas are massively out of control with 4-5ft weed growths and action should be taken.

This pathway is adjacent to Paradise Park Morgan Hill and serves Southbay Morgan Hill residents and it needs maintenance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Carol Stern

Morgan Hill CA



From: [Rita Norton](#)
To: [Board of Directors](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board](#)
Subject: Letter on draft EIR Pacheco
Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 12:09:39 PM
Attachments: [R Norton letter on draft EIR Pacheco .docx](#)

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Please route this letter to the staff responsible for the draft EIR for the Pacheco project.

Thank you.

Rita Norton
Los Gatos

Comments on Pacheco draft EIR to Valley Water, April 22,2025

Dear Valley Water Board Directors and staff-

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in your hearing on next steps for the possible approval of Pacheco Reservoir and the review of the EIR for this project.

The investigations under review were previously reviewed in a Mitigated Negative Declaration, which has since been abandoned. The disregard by Valley Water for basic concerns evidenced by even assuming a mitigated negative declaration reveals a lack of disclosure which is concerning.

In addition to preparing an EIR for the geotechnical investigations, the District has already said it needs to completely re-do the 2021 Draft Environmental Impact Report. The federal National Environmental Policy Act review has not even started.

Water has demonstrated a lack of cost control, as evidenced at the June 2024 Board meeting, where estimated project costs were reported to have ballooned to over \$5 billion (with interest), with more than \$80 million already spent.

With approval to raise the San Luis Reservoir Dam by 10 feet, adding 130,000 acre-feet of water per year, there is less urgency for the Pacheco project. The addition will be enough to serve roughly 650,000 people annually, helping California and Santa Clara County better prepare for more extreme weather patterns due to climate change. I recommend that the Board direct staff to begin discussions with the operators of San Luis reservoir to evaluate option to increase water supplies from this source.

Under the current agreement, the federal government will contribute 30% of the funding to raise the San Luis Dam and will receive that same percentage of the water. As you know, Santa Clara County will absorb about half the cost — \$435 million — and add 60,000 acre-feet of water, while seven other Northern California water agencies will add smaller amounts.

For Santa Clara, this would reduce the water shortage in a six-year drought period by about 66%, according to your staff. This additional water can be stored underground and accessed as needed to supplement supplies

With this new information, it becomes increasingly clear the cost of Pacheco makes going forward irresponsible. Valley Water's [FY 2024 Capital Improvement Project report](#) shows poor cost control, with construction costs rising to \$2.2 billion. Without partners and factoring in interest, total costs could reach \$5.5 billion, burdening Santa Clara ratepayers with minimal and uncertain water supply benefits.

Santa Clara households are finding the cost of living in our communities rapidly rising forcing more into poverty and living month to month. Rising wholesale water costs

contribute to driving these increases. The Pacheco Dam project would add further financial strain on residents with higher fees.

Lastly, the environmental impacts on fragile lands and species impacts the region in ways that cannot be abated.

I urge the District to serve the community and reconsider support for this endeavor.

Sincerely,
Rita Norton
Los Gatos