



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

NON-AGENDA

July 05, 2024

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

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CEO BULLETIN



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

Weeks of June 21, 2024 – July 04, 2024

Board Executive Limitation Policy EL-7:

The Board Appointed Officers shall inform and support the Board in its work. Further, a BAO shall 1) inform the Board of relevant trends, anticipated adverse media coverage, or material external and internal changes, particularly changes in the assumptions upon which any Board policy has previously been established and 2) report in a timely manner an actual or anticipated noncompliance with any policy of the Board.

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1. Successful Completion of Construction Cost Estimating Training for project engineers, project managers, and construction managers.

On May 16, 2024, Valley Water project engineers, project managers, and construction managers successfully completed the annual construction cost estimating training performed by Valley Water's consultant O'Connor Construction Management, Inc. (OCMI). This comprehensive training was conducted virtually and approximately 100 staff members attended from various units.

Valley Water contracted with OCMI, Inc. to provide this annual training in response to the recommendations of the January 30, 2020, TAP International audit report "Capital Construction Contract Change Order Management and Administration: Opportunities Identified to Strengthen Processes and Oversight Structure". This training is a step towards fostering uniformity amongst staff in construction cost estimating practices, a key element in our continuous improvement efforts.

OCMI developed interactive training modules customized to Valley Water's CIP projects. The topics vary from Design Phase construction cost estimating to Construction Phase construction contract change order cost estimating and negotiations. The training videos, slide deck, and other training materials are saved and can be viewed by staff in the Learning Management System under the title Construction Cost Estimating Training (Valley Water).

OCMI, Inc. specializes in construction cost estimates, project controls, and construction management solutions. They have been supporting Valley Water's complex and large capital projects through constructability reviews and independent cost estimating.

For further information, please contact Emmanuel Aryee at (408) 669-6782 or Tony Ndah at (408) 693-0254.

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Provide Director Beall with clarification on the water demand scenarios used in the Water Supply Master Plan development, opportunities to address drought rebound, and water conservation opportunities.
I-24-0006

A response to IBMR I-24-0006 is included in the June 28, 2024 Non-Agenda.

For further information, please contact Vincent Gin at (408) 630-2633.

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I-24-0007

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Provide Director Beall with a map showing the water treatment plants' coverage areas, as requested at the 6/17/24 CIP committee meeting.
I-24-0008

A response to IBMR I-24-0008, including an attached map of water treatment plant service areas, was submitted to the non-agenda for the week of June 28, 2024.

For further information, please contact Sam Bogale at (408) 630-3505.

Outlook as of July 1, 2024

On April 23, 2024, the California Department of Water Resources announced an increase in State Water Project (SWP) allocation from 30% to 40% of contract amount for 2024. On June 25, 2024, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau) announced an increase to the 2024 south-of-delta Central Valley Project (CVP) agricultural allocation from 40% to 50%; however, the Bureau kept the Municipal and Industrial (M&I) allocation at 75% of historic M&I. 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 June, City of San José = 0 inches
- Rainfall year total = 15.39 inches or 108% of average to date (rainfall year is July 1 to June 30)
- San José average daily high temperature was 82.8 degrees Fahrenheit in June, which is higher than the five-year average for June (79.8 degrees Fahrenheit)

Local Reservoirs

- Total July 1 storage = 57,088 acre-feet

Reservoir Storage	All Ten Valley Water Reservoirs	All Reservoirs Except Anderson
Storage as % of unrestricted capacity	34%	70%
Storage as % of restricted capacity (1)	91%	90%
Storage as % of the 20-year average for July 1	64%	125%

(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

- Approximately 350 acre-feet of imported water was delivered into Calero Reservoir during June 2024
- Total estimated releases to streams (local and imported water) during June were 4,950 acre-feet (based on preliminary hydrologic data)

Treated Water

- Below average demands of 9,770 acre-feet were delivered in June
- This total is 95% of the five-year average for the month of June
- Year-to-date deliveries are 32,181 acre-feet or 76% of the five-year average

Groundwater

- Groundwater conditions remain healthy throughout the county. Groundwater levels in most regional monitoring wells are lower than last month as typical seasonal declines continue. While most water levels are lower relative to June 2023, all are higher than the prior five-year average for June. 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	
June 2024 managed recharge estimate	4,300	1,300	3,100
YTD managed recharge estimate	34,100	8,000	11,500
YTD managed recharge as % of five-year average	142%	120%	125%
May 2024 pumping estimate	5,100	1,100	2,500
YTD pumping estimate	22,900	4,500	8,800
YTD pumping as % of five-year average	97%	106%	87%
Current index well groundwater levels compared to June 2023	4 Feet Lower	6 Feet Lower	1 Foot Lower

All volumes are in acre-feet. All data is for 2024 except where noted. YTD = Year-to-date.

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Imported Water

- In June (through June 30th), the SWP operated Banks pumping plant with an average daily export of 3,223 acre-feet, resulting in a total export of 96,686 acre-feet from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta for the month
- In June (through June 30th), the CVP operated Jones pumping plant with an average daily export of 7,626 acre-feet, resulting in a total export of 228,767 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 winter/spring. The most limiting export restriction remained in effect for both the SWP and CVP through June 30th

WY 2024 Imported Water Allocations	Allocation	Allocation (acre-feet)	Details
SWP	40%	40,000	Allocation increased on 4/23/24
CVP	50% Ag 75% M&I	Approximately 110,000	Allocation increased on 6/25/24
State-wide Reservoir Storage	Capacity	Current Storage (acre-feet)	Average for Date (as of 6/30/24)
Shasta Reservoir	88%	4,016,770	113%
Oroville Reservoir	96%	3,381,115	126%
San Luis Reservoir	49%	1,008,684	90%
Semitropic Groundwater Bank	Capacity	Current Storage (acre-feet)	Date of Data
	84%	292,878	5/31/24
Estimated SFPUC Deliveries	May 2024 (acre-feet)	2024 Total to Date (acre-feet)	Five-Year Annual Average (acre-feet)
	4,112	16,402	47,000

Conserved Water

- Saved 83,174 acre-feet in FY23 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 June 2024 production = 1,883 acre-feet
- Estimated year-to-date through June = 7,511 acre-feet or 106% 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 2,059 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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INCOMING BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board Correspondence (open)

Correspond No	Rec'd By District	Rec'd By COB	Letter To	Letter From	Description	Disposition	BAO/ Chief	Staff	Draft Response Due Date	Draft Response Submitted	Writer Ack. Sent	Final Response Due Date
C-24-0157	07/01/24	07/01/24	All	MELISSA MALLORY	Email from Melissa Mallory and Timothy Quinn to the board, dated 06/29/24, sharing their encounters with unhoused people along Los Gatos Creek and providing ideas for permanent solutions.	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Bilski Codianne	07/09/24	07/05/24	n/a	07/15/24
C-24-0161	07/01/24	07/01/24	All	WENDY LI	Email from Wendy Li to the board, dated 07/01/24, inquiring how Valley Water will be affected by the Supreme Court decision to overrule Grant Pass vs. Johnson.	Noted and Filed	Hakes	Bilski Codianne	07/09/24	07/05/24	n/a	07/15/24

From: [Don Weiden](#)
To: [Board of Directors](#)
Subject: Delta Tunnel
Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 2:36:10 PM

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The recently released state cost benefit analysis of the Delta Tunnel project is deficient and favors project construction rather than comparison to reasonable regional alternatives. Costs of this mega project will increase substantially.....think High Speed Rail and your own experience with the very much smaller but necessary Anderson Dam work. In addition, when farmers refuse to buy into the Delta Tunnel project and pursue cheaper water, Valley Water and MWD will be left to pay an even greater percentage of the project cost.

Protect us, your rate payers. Do not bow to the political pressures of those in the state who favor mega project solutions and cannot see past pursuing a solution that has taken several different forms over the last 50 or so years. Your decisions and governance must be for the best interests of your customers and rate payers. Act in our best interests and pursue alternative regional solutions to water supply sustainability.

Don Weiden
Los Altos CA

From: [Michele King](#)
To: [Board of Directors](#)
Subject: FW: Calabazas Creek bank condition
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 1:28:34 PM
Attachments: [Letter to Valley Water June 2024.pdf](#)

Hi Adelina,
Please note and file the below email and attachment.
Thanks,
Michele

From: Wendy <wendychung.creekside@gmail.com>
Date: June 27, 2024 at 8:26:26 AM PDT
To: Peter Park <PPark@valleywater.org>
Cc: Christopher Hakes <CHakes@valleywater.org>, Rick Callender <rcallender@valleywater.org>, Nai Hsueh <NHsueh@valleywater.org>, cupertinocreeksidehoa@googlegroups.com, Jeff Gollihar <jeffg@communityonepm.com>
Subject: Calabazas Creek bank condition

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Good Morning Mr Park,

We are writing as the board of directors at the Cupertino Creekside HOA pleading for help with restoring the Calabazas Creek bank located at the back of our complex.

Attached is the letter from our community, signed by 120 homeowners. In the letter it shows how our community is adversely affected by the deteriorating creek bank.

We are hoping to have a meeting with a civil engineer from Valley Water to further discuss how to collaborate on this issue.

We are also hoping to meet with Ms Hsueh (cc'd), our District Board Member, to discuss how we can work as a community to preserve the natural integrity of Calabazas Creek.

Thank you for your time, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,

Melissa Chan
Meena Rajagopal
Praveen Honnappa
Uma Vijaya

Wendy Chung
Board of Directors
Cupertino Creekside

Cupertino Creekside HOA

[REDACTED]
San Jose, CA 95129

June 27, 2024

Santa Clara Valley Water District

Attention: Peter Park - Watersheds Field Operations Manager

ppark@valleywater.org

5750 Almaden Expressway,

San Jose CA 95118

Dear Mr Park,

We are writing to you as a group of residents of Cupertino Creekside regarding a critical issue that requires your urgent attention. We are witnessing significant erosion along the banks of Calabazas Creek, particularly exacerbated during the rainy season. This erosion poses a serious threat to our community and the surrounding environment.

On May 28th, 2024, we met with Ray Bramer, Field Operations Administrator, who shared with us valuable insights from his previous visit to our community, and his opinion of the current condition of the creek bank.

While we understand that the affected section falls within our property boundaries, the most severe erosion occurs at a sharp turn where the forceful flow of water from upstream directly impacts our creek bank. Please see below map and photo of the said location:



Given the technical complexities involved in managing water flow and potential threat to flood at this critical juncture, we recognize the invaluable expertise and support that Valley Water District can provide. We are eager to collaborate with Civil Engineers in the District on this project. By pooling our resources, we believe we can develop effective solutions to stabilize the creek

banks and mitigate further erosion risks. Your guidance and any assistance are crucial in safeguarding our community and preserving the natural integrity of Calabazas Creek.

We must also highlight that our community consists mostly of young families with school-aged children, and many retired individuals. Implementing the necessary measures to address this erosion issue will impose a significant financial burden on approximately 200 families. Therefore, we humbly request financial assistance from Valley Water District to help alleviate the costs associated with this vital project.

We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with representatives from Valley Water District to discuss this matter further and explore potential collaborative efforts. Your prompt attention to this pressing matter is highly appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration and your commitment to environmental stewardship and community welfare. We look forward to your positive response and to working together on this important project.

Yours sincerely,

Residents at Cupertino Creekside

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 Nai Hsueh, Director District 5 nhsueh@valleywater.org

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From: [Melissa Mallory](#)
To: district6@sanjoseca.gov; [The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan](#); [HomelessConcerns](#); [Board of Directors](#)
Subject: Screaming throughout day on LGCT behind Willowbrook Townhomes
Date: Saturday, June 29, 2024 2:56:23 PM

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Dear All parties involved,

My husband and I have lived approximately 200 feet from the Los Gatos Creek Trail, for over 9 years [REDACTED]

We decided to move to: [REDACTED] after seeing salmon swimming upstream and hearing and seeing Cooper Hawks flying overhead

We are surrounded by 16 mature Redwood trees, multiple oak and eucalyptus trees, and pine trees We see beautiful sunsets from our southwesterly view of the Santa Cruz mountains

Since living here we have been victims to continuous alarming activities (crime), including having our license plates switched with a felon's, having our cars broken into and items stolen, gas siphoned, windows smashed, mail and packages stolen

My husband now sleeps downstairs, after a young man tried climbing our back fence to our deck, about a year ago

Daily/weekly we have observed fights, have heard high pitched screaming, yelling, and motorized vehicles (motorcycles) driving fast, all hours of the day/night

Currently, we have a young lady living in a green tent on the embankment to LGCT, near LGCT, who has been a frequent flyer, who has moved away and then comes back, these last 2 years **Two days ago, she screamed at the top of her lungs for 15 minutes, starting at 4:30 AM, waking me up as well as some neighbors. I did not call 311, as I have done that many times over the years, and have not had a resolution after doing so.**

All who live parallel to the LGCT are impacted by unhoused people living in 12x12 units, makeshift homes, tents, etc , causing all sorts of issues (much pollution/garbage/fecal matter and urine), which I am sure you have become acutely aware of

Both my husband and I have witnessed actions from the city, and other organizations (cleaning up, picking up garbage etc) that have just been temporary fixes and have cost the city/county a lot of money and time

We believe we have a plan that is a win-win for the Unhoused and Housed as well as the creek, and our beautiful park-like setting, along the Los Gatos Creek Trail

Ideas for Permanent Solutions:

- 1 Homelessness is Not allowed any longer (San Jose can take the lead on this)**
- Unhoused go into a mandatory 2-3 year program (with their friends), living side by side in 12x12's, tiny houses or containers, inside a fenced parameter, with solar for power and compostable toilets, 1 bed, 1 burner, microwave w/ services, counselors on hand (who use DBT, Mindfulness practices, Byron Katie along w/ NVC and SMART) + be provided skills/training that lights them up, plant gardens, learn how to market and sell their produce, plus have 24 hour security/patrol They will need to do weekly volunteer work inside of this community, and not be allowed to live inside of the outside community unless they are stable enough (will not hurt themselves or others)
- 3 Penal Code 602 will be legally enforced 24/7** (Homeless/Unhoused are no longer allowed to hurt the community and its land/water)
- Unhoused will not be allowed to come back to build another 12x12, or a series of 12x12's (Safety/fire/health issues)
- 5 24/7 patrol of LGCT and Creek areas (most dangerous once dark up to 6 AM)**

Putting up more fences and barricades does not stop the Unhoused from coming and going Fences get cut and tarps and personal items of the Unhoused are propped back up in between fences under the trail and inside the creek area itself, sometimes putting blankets in between private/public lands

My husband and I have more ideas for real change I (Melissa) am willing to partake in a permanent solution as I have a wide range of experience helping others with addiction issues, domestic abuse, foster youth, homelessness, teaching, counseling and community building

So far every agency and person whom we have spoken with (on phone/email) these last 9 years, in Santa Clara County, have all said to continue to call 311 and attend meetings Still no change

We are looking forward to hearing/seeing **permanent steps** that will move us forward in permanent ways

We appreciate a resolution that is sustainable for All of us.

Much Appreciation,

Melissa Mallory and Timothy Quinn
[REDACTED]



Reply

Forward

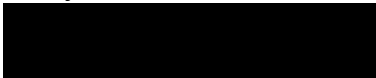
From: [Raymond White](#)
To: [Board of Directors](#)
Subject: current science in the news on fluoride
Date: Saturday, June 29, 2024 9:56:20 PM

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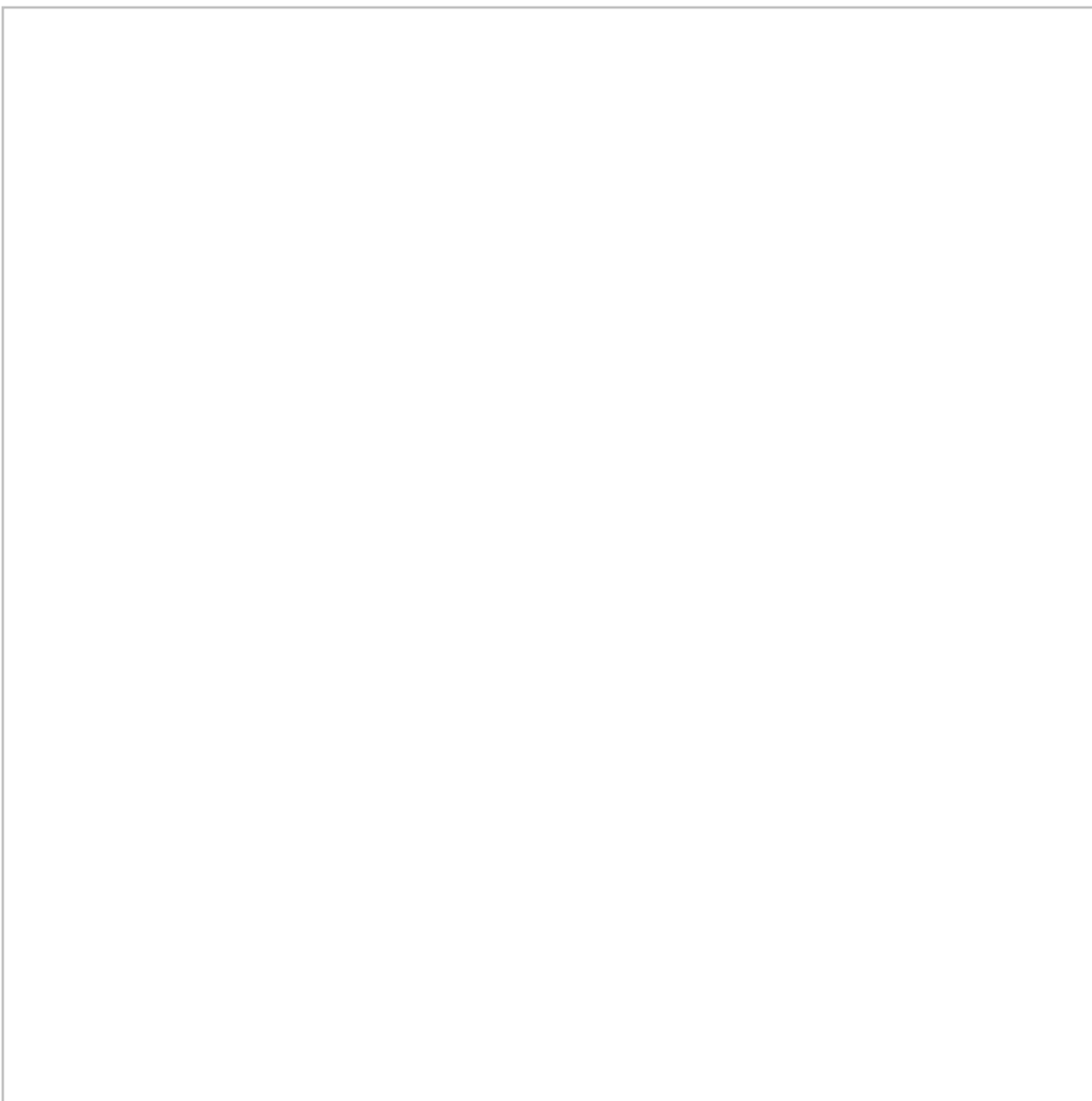
As I have suggested to this board in the past, the scientific evidence is more than adequate to make it irresponsible of you not to issue a risk caution to the public that receives your fluoridated water. See news stories listed below. Act now.

Science is self-correcting only if new information is recognized.

Raymond R. White, Ph.D.



U.S. Fluoride Brain Study Receives Extensive Media Coverage



Dear Friends,

The recent U.S. government-funded study ([Malin et al., 2024](#)) published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (JAMA) linking fluoride exposures experienced in fluoridated Los Angeles, California during pregnancy with a doubling of the odds of several neurobehavioral problems for the child, has received extensive media coverage across North America and also throughout the world.

The study and the accompanying press releases from the affiliated academic institutions were published on the morning of Monday, May 20th, and just a few hours later, the Fluoride Action Network (FAN) published and shared our press release and more comprehensive bulletin on the subject.

Keck School of Medicine of USC [Press Release](#)

- University of Florida College of Public Health & Health Professionals [Press Release](#)
- FAN's [press release](#) and our more comprehensive [bulletin](#)

Over the days following the publication of the study, major news outlets like the New York Times, Newsweek, LA Times, NBC, Sydney Morning Herald, and DailyMail UK wrote articles that were likely viewed by millions of people throughout fluoridated countries like the US, Canada, and Australia, as well as the UK, which is currently facing a threat of fluoridation expansion. The media couldn't ignore this study, as it was the first US-based birth cohort study on fluoride neurotoxicity, it was affiliated with a major US academic institution (USC) that conducted outreach to journalists, and was published in a high-impact medical journal.

Most media outlets published fairly objective and informative articles, warning parents of the potential risk, printing good quotes from experts, mentioning our federal lawsuit against the Environmental Protection Agency, mentioning the 2019 JAMA fluoride/IQ study, and mentioning the recent National Toxicology Program's review of fluoride neurotoxicity.

Below, I have provided a robust sampling of the media coverage this study received. Many of these original articles were reprinted by dozens of other local traditional outlets (newspaper, TV, and radio) and online news publications. Most news aggregators also re-shared these articles, like MSN, Yahoo, and Physician's Weekly. Some outlets were more objective than others, with the best coverage coming from Newsweek and the Los Angeles Times, while only a handful of journalists wrote articles designed to defend and promote fluoridation. The list below is arranged to share the better coverage near the top and the more biased coverage towards the bottom.

Media Coverage

Newsweek:

[*Scientists Sound Alarm Over Drinking Tap Water When Pregnant*](#)

Los Angeles Times (also reprinted by the [Seattle Times](#)):

[*Pregnant? Researchers Want You to Know Something About Fluoride*](#)

City News Service (reprinted in LA Daily News, Epoch Times, & many local California newspapers & radio stations):

[*Keck Medicine USC Study Shows Fluoride Exposure Impacts Babies' Brains*](#)

NBC News:

[*Doctor Discusses New Study on Fluoride in Water | 9news.com*](#)

New York Times:

Is Fluoridated Drinking Water Safe for Pregnant Women?

UK Daily Mail:

Fluoride in the Water Linked to a Anxiety, Temper Problems and Headaches in Children as Young as Three, with Experts Claiming Exposure High Levels in Pregnancy Could be a 'Risk to the Developing Brain'

CBS:

Fluoride Use by Pregnant Women Linked to Childhood Behavioral Problems, USC Study Finds - CBS Los Angeles

Gizmodo:

Fluoride Exposure in the Womb Could Lead to Later Problems in Kids

Children's Health Defense:

Children Whose Mothers Were Exposed During Pregnancy to Fluoridated Tap Water at Higher Risk of Neurobehavioral Problems

HealthNews:

Fluoride Exposure During Pregnancy Linked to Autism-like Behaviors in Children

Dr. Mercola:

Fluoride Could Be Putting Your Fetus' Neurological Development at Risk

Philly Voice:

Drinking Fluoridated Water During Pregnancy May Harm Fetal Brain Development, Study Finds

National Pulse:

High Fluoride Levels in Water 'Risk to the Developing Brain'

Nigeria National Daily:

Higher Fluoride Levels in Pregnant Women Tied to Children's Neurobehavioral Problems, Study Shows

US News & World Reports / HealthDay:

For Pregnant Women, Fluoridated Drinking Water Might Raise Risks for Baby: Study

Medical Daily:

Fluoride Exposure During Pregnancy Increases Risk of Neurobehavioral Issues In Toddlers: Study

Express UK:

[*Pregnant Women Face Huge Risk in Drinking Tap Water, Scientists Warn*](#)

Calo News:

[*New Study Says Fluoride Water May Have a Negative Effect on Childhood Behaviors | Featured Topics | calonews.com*](#)

Medscape:

[*New Study Links In Utero Fluoride Exposure to Neurobehavioral Issues in 3-Year-Olds*](#)

Technology Networks:

[*Increased Fluoride Exposure During Pregnancy Associated With Neurobehavioral Issues in Infants*](#)

Cosmos:

[*Caution advised on US fluoride-in-water study*](#)

Sydney Morning Herald:

[*A new study links fluoride with cognitive issues. Should we be worried?*](#)

Medscape:

[*Fluoride, Water, and Kids' Brains: It's Complicated*](#)

New York Post (reprinted by MSN, AOL, & Yahoo):

[*Fluoride in Pregnancy May Harm Child's Brain Development: Study*](#)

NBC:

[*Could Fluoride in Pregnancy Affect Kids' Development? A Study Suggests a Link*](#)

Additional Expert Quotes

I also want to highlight some good quotes from experts that were unique to some of these news articles and weren't in the press releases from Keck School of Medicine or the University of Florida.

"Our results showed that higher fluoride levels in mother's urine were associated with significantly increased neurodevelopmental problems in their three-year-old children, especially for internalizing problems like depression and anxiety. These results are very concerning from a public health perspective, given that the majority of U.S. communities have fluoridated water. In experimental studies, fluoride has shown to cause biochemical changes in brain cells and increased inflammatory reactions even at low doses. Effects have also been seen on learning and memory in studies in rats. This is all critically important for pregnant persons, because studies have shown that fluoride can cross the placenta and the blood-brain barrier, which can harm the developing brain of

the fetus. The best option would be for pregnant individuals to drink filtered water..." -
- **Tracy Bastain, PhD, MPH**, an associate professor of clinical population and public health science at the Keck School of Medicine and senior author of the study
(Newsweek)

"This exposure can impact the developing fetus. Eliminating that from drinking water is probably a good practice...We don't know what the safe threshold is. It's not like you can say that as long as you're under the 75th percentile, there are no effects." - **Tracy Bastain, PhD, MPH** (LA Times)

"Our results do give me pause. Pregnant individuals should probably be drinking filtered water." --**Tracy Bastain, PhD, MPH** (NBC)

"The JAMA study is a huge SOS signal on fluoride for the US. The question in our court case was whether adding fluoridation chemicals to drinking water presents an unreasonable risk of neurodevelopmental harm. This study provides the most direct evidence to date that it does. The JAMA study provides further corroboration that early life exposure to fluoride can adversely affect brain development, and suggests millions of people in the U.S. are unknowingly suffering the consequences." -- **Michael Connett, JD**, FAN's attorney for our federal lawsuit against the EPA (Children's Health Defense)

"The new study is extremely important because it shows increased likelihood of neurobehavioral problems with increased maternal fluoride exposure, for a cohort of children in the United States with relatively low maternal fluoride exposures. It adds to the large and growing body of data on fluoride's neurotoxicity and supports arguments to limit exposure of the U.S. population to the chemical. Given the potentially controversial nature of the new paper, it is likely that it also received extra scrutiny. The fact that JAMA published the 2019 article and the recent article indicates that the editors and reviewers consider each of the articles to be of very high quality and importance. Actually, given the quality and size of the current body of evidence on fluoride neurotoxicity, as well as other adverse health effects, the question is not whether Malin et al.'s paper [today's study] should be considered controversial, but why anybody still thinks community water fluoridation is a good idea!" -- **Kathleen Thiessen, Ph.D.**, a risk analysis scientist who co-authored the 2006 National Research Council's study on fluoride toxicity (Children's Health Defense)

Sincerely,

Stuart Cooper
Executive Director
Fluoride Action Network

From: [Michele King](#)
To: [Board of Directors](#)
Subject: FW: Extra Port-a-potty (between Leigh and Bascom Ave.)
Date: Monday, July 1, 2024 10:29:10 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[RE Extra Port-a-potty \(between Leigh and Bascom Ave.\).msg](#)
[image003.png](#)

Please combine the below and attached communications and note and file.

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From: Candice Kwok-Smith <ckwok-smith@valleywater.org> **On Behalf Of** Board Correspondence
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2024 10:25 AM
To: Michele King <MKing@valleywater.org>
Subject: FW: Extra Port-a-potty (between Leigh and Bascom Ave.)

Hi Michele,

Please the attached board correspondence below sent to Mark. Director Keegan responded to Mark with a question. That email strand is attached if you'd like to include that.

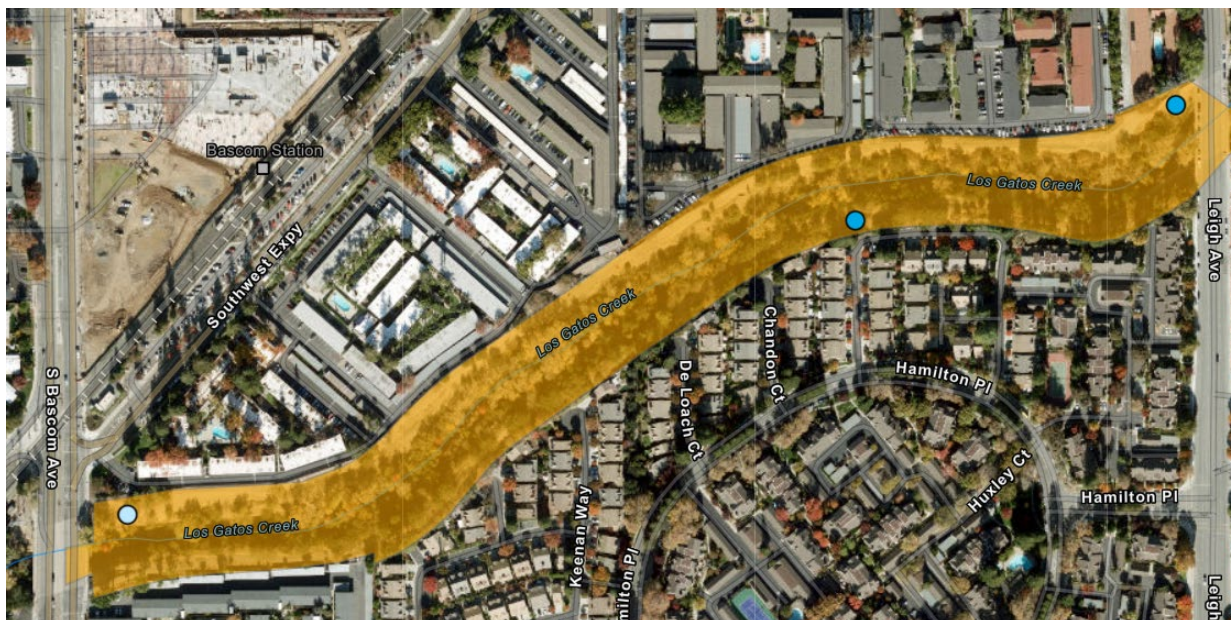
Thanks,
Candice

From: Mark Bilski <MBilski@valleywater.org>
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2024 5:40 PM
To: Hamilton Place Neighborhood Association <membership.hpna@gmail.com>
Cc: Barbara Keegan <BKeegan@valleywater.org>; Board Correspondence <boardcorrespondence@valleywater.org>; Rick Callender <rcallender@valleywater.org>; Jennifer Codianne <JCodianne@valleywater.org>
Subject: RE: Extra Port-a-potty (between Leigh and Bascom Ave.)

Hi Sam,

Thanks for reaching out. Could you provide more information on the location of portable toilet facility you're referring to in your message?

Several weeks ago, Valley Water relocated one of our facilities that had been located near Bascom Ave. (light blue dot on the map) closer to Leigh (darker blue dot). But that one serves the encampments on the north side of the Creek, and it doesn't sound like that's what you're referring to. The other dark blue dot is the existing facility on the south side that you mentioned in your message, but I'm unaware of another one right near your neighborhood.



Kind regards,
Mark

MARK BILSKI

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From: Hamilton Place Neighborhood Association <membership.hpna@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, June 28, 2024 2:02 PM

To: Jennifer Codianne <JCodianne@valleywater.org>; Barbara Keegan <BKeegan@valleywater.org>; Mark Bilski <MBilski@valleywater.org>; Board Correspondence <boardcorrespondence@valleywater.org>

Subject: Extra Port-a-potty (between Leigh and Bascom Ave.)

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Thanks,
Sam, President of Hamilton Place Neighborhood Association



From: [Mark Bilski](#)
To: [Barbara Keegan](#)
Cc: [Board Correspondence](#); [Rick Callender](#); [Jennifer Codianne](#)
Subject: RE: Extra Port-a-potty (between Leigh and Bascom Ave.)
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 5:47:07 PM

No, I have not heard from anyone else representing the Hamilton Place Neighborhood Association.

From: Barbara Keegan <BKeegan@valleywater.org>
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2024 5:45 PM
To: Mark Bilski <MBilski@valleywater.org>
Cc: Board Correspondence <boardcorrespondence@valleywater.org>; Rick Callender <rcallender@valleywater.org>; Jennifer Codianne <JCodianne@valleywater.org>
Subject: Re: Extra Port-a-potty (between Leigh and Bascom Ave.)
Have we ever heard from anyone other than Sam? I've heard that it may be a one person board.
Sent from my iPhone

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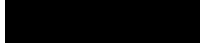
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From: [Michele King](#)
To: [Board of Directors](#)
Subject: FW: 2 port-a-potties on trail between Bascom and Leigh
Date: Monday, July 1, 2024 10:31:40 AM

Please note and file the below.

From: Diane Devlin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2024 8:57 PM
To: Board Correspondence <boardcorrespondence@valleywater.org>
Subject: Fwd: 2 port-a-potties on trail between Bascom and Leigh

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I forgot to include you. Please see below.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Diane Devlin <[REDACTED]>
Date: June 28, 2024 at 8:07:59 PM PDT
To: jcodianne@valleywater.org, bkeegan@valleywater.org, MBilski@valleywater.org
Subject: 2 port-a-potties on trail between Bascom and Leigh

To all this may pertain to:

I am writing as a homeowner who lives very near the LGCTrail between Bascom Ave and Leigh Ave. I am frustrated and very disappointed that I now see TWO port-a-potties on the trail, very close to my house within Hamilton Place. This is creating so many negative consequences as a result of this—and without consenting or speaking to either myself or my neighbors who have to deal with the results.

There is so much litter along this area now, it's so embarrassing that I don't even want to have visitors come to my house. Worse, there has been a big increase in thefts. I am a senior citizen who purchased my home at a time when I felt safe a few years ago, I live alone, and now I am constantly concerned of a break-in. I've seen neighbors who have had things stolen out of their garage. I even had to supply the police with video of them breaking into my neighbor's house. I've had to padlock my fence to the back yard because homeless have wandered through and it's difficult for me to go from my gate to the side yard now because of constantly locking and unlocking the padlock. I have seen them go through my garbage cans at night collecting MAIL that was to be discarded. I definitely don't want my personal information in unknown people's hands. Our water has been stolen as they hook up hoses to our water. I cannot ever walk the trail with my grandchildren because I'm fearful of what might happen and living by the trail was a priority when I chose to live here. The fence between our community and the trail has been broken several times so the people living on the trail/creek can quickly come and go through our neighborhood. I've watched one man who was

obviously very high on drugs rock a wooden trail marker back and forth, loosen it, hoist it over his shoulder, and walk off. All of this has made me extremely anxious living here. The last thing I want to see is additional potties (that are in plain sight no less) and resources for these people ruining our water and trail. I know that the Supreme Court has addressed a decision regarding unhoused and I am hoping that this will finally help to lessen the frustration and fear that myself and my neighbors have to deal with on a daily basis. PLEASE do what is necessary to have these unhoused moved. I am pleading with you!

Diane Devlin



San Jose, CA

From: [Wendy](#)
To: [Jennifer Codianne](#); [Barbara Keegan](#); [Jim Beall](#); [Rebecca Eisenberg](#); [Board of Directors](#)
Subject: Supreme Court decision to overrule Grant Pass vs. Johnson
Date: Monday, July 1, 2024 12:26:57 PM

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Hi there,

The supreme court has decided to overrule the Grant Pass vs. Johnson decision over the weekend, and will no longer outlaw the regulation of camping on public property.

The enforcement of generally applicable laws regulating camping on public property does not constitute “cruel and unusual punishment” prohibited by the Eighth Amendment.

In the past, Valley Water has upheld the Grant Pass vs. Johnson decision as a reason for their inaction towards abating encampments damaging the environment along the creek. Now that the court has decided to overrule the decision, **how is Valley water planning to enforce clean water laws and perform their duty of cleaning the creeks?**

We are just entering the dry season and I have already seen a bush fire started on the Guadalupe river. Last year alone, there were at least 3 brush fires in Los Gatos Creek trail encampment. These fires not only endanger people living on the creeks and by it, but destroy the environment engulfed by the flames. The only way to remove inevitable fire danger is to abate encampments in fire prone areas. **What is Valley Water planning to do to ensure the safety of the creeks and the people living by it?**

Thanks,
Wendy

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Wendy Li



From: [Michele King](#)
To: [Board of Directors](#)
Subject: FW: Sending Letter of support for PFFC Board Applicant - Chris Elias
Date: Tuesday, July 2, 2024 2:07:35 PM
Attachments: [7.2.24 Letter of Rec for Chris Elias - Valley Water PFFC Board.pdf](#)
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Please note and file for this week's NA.

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From: Wheaton, Suzanne <Suzanne.Wheaton@sen.ca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 02, 2024 1:55 PM
To: Michele King <MKing@valleywater.org>
Cc: Senator Cortese <Senator.Cortese@senate.ca.gov>
Subject: Sending Letter of support for PFFC Board Applicant - Chris Elias

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Hello Michelle,

Please find the attached letter of support which I am sending on behalf of Senator Cortese for Chris Elias's application to serve as a board member for the Public Facilities Financing Corporation for the Santa Clara Valley Water District.

Best regards,

Suzanne

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July 2, 2024

Board of Directors (via Mking@valleywater.org)
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Dear Board Members:

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for Chris Elias to serve in a voluntary capacity as a member of the District's Public Facilities Financing Corporation Board of Directors. I know Chris personally as a former long-time constituent. In his current role as Executive Director of the San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency, Chris has successfully overseen the use of land secured financing and bond proceeds to support implementation of \$1.4 billion flood protection project in the Stockton metropolitan area. I am confident he will use those experiences of working with independent municipal advisors to inform his approach to advising the Valley Water Board of Directors with dedication, expertise, and passion.

During his tenure on the Board of the Santa Clara County League of Conversation Voters, Chris consistently demonstrated a deep understanding of water management issues and a commitment to finding sustainable solutions. His insights, strategic thinking, and collaborative approach will be invaluable in shaping his advisory role for board policies and initiatives that will benefit our community.

Chris has also shown exceptional leadership skills in fostering constructive dialogue among various constituencies and stakeholders to drive positive change in his professional capacity and his 17-year role advising the Valley Transportation Authority Board of Directors about sustainable mobility solutions. His ability to communicate complex ideas clearly and engage diverse perspectives was instrumental in advancing the agency's mission.

I have no doubt that Chris will continue to make significant contributions to any organization or initiative he is involved in. His passion for environmental stewardship and commitment to improving water quality and access make him a valuable asset in advising the Board of Directors as a member of the PFFC Board of Directors.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly recommend Chris Elias to serve as a Board Member of the District's Public Facilities Financing Corporation. Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dave Cortese".

Senator Dave Cortese
California State Senate, 15th District
senator.cortese@sen.ca.gov

OUTGOING BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

From: [Candice Kwok-Smith](#) on behalf of [Board Correspondence](#)
To: [Emelia Lamas](#); [Aaron Baker](#)
Cc: [Michele King](#); [Board of Directors](#)
Subject: FW: Request for Interview with ASME and VDI
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 1:57:25 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Good afternoon,

C-24-0145 has been approved, sent and closed.

Thanks,
Candice

From: Candice Kwok-Smith **On Behalf Of** Board of Directors
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2024 1:56 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Request for Interview with ASME and VDI

Sent on Behalf of Director Eisenberg:

Dear Tillman Fuss,

Thank you so much for reaching out. Valley Water staff would be excited to connect with you on your study. Valley Water provides wholesale water to the residents of Santa Clara County via its three water treatment plants and manages the groundwater for our County. In addition, Valley Water operates the largest water purification facility in Northern California, producing purified water from recycled water to improve the quality of recycled water and has over 20 water conservation programs for all types of customers, including residential, commercial, and agricultural, including supporting Advanced Metering Infrastructure, developing leak detection programs, and generally supporting reduced consumption of water. Since your goal is to discuss solutions for energy efficiency in water treatment and production, as well as reducing water loss and consumption, the appropriate team to meet with you involves staff from three divisions in the Water Utility.

Since it is such an overarching topic, please coordinate through our Water Utility Chief's executive assistant Emelia Lamas at ELamas@valleywater.org to find a mutually convenient time to connect.

Thank you,



Rebecca Eisenberg
Director, District 7

C-24-0145

From: T. Fuß <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 7:42 PM
To: Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>; Rebecca Eisenberg <Reisenberg@valleywater.org>
Cc: Elizabeth Collins <[REDACTED]>; ale@valleywater.org; Nick Kaiser <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Request for Interview with ASME and VDI

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Dear Ms. Eisenberg,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to follow up on my previous email regarding the opportunity to meet and discuss our project on sustainable handling of water resources. As mentioned, I am an E4C Fellow conducting research on this topic, and we believe your insights would be incredibly valuable.

To briefly recap, Engineering For Change (E4C), in partnership with the Association of German Engineers (VDI) and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), is developing a project aimed at exploring how digitalization is enabling industry climate strategies for the water sector in the USA and Germany. Our goal is to identify solutions that enhance energy efficiency in water treatment and production, as well as reduce consumption and water loss.

We will be traveling to San Francisco from June 16 - 23 to conduct on-site interviews with experts. We would be honored to meet with you or a knowledgeable member of your team to gain your perspective on this critical issue. Your participation could significantly inform our research and contribute to the final report, which will be publicly available and include insights on key trends and recommendations for advancing decarbonization efforts in these sectors.

Please let us know if you are available for a meeting during this time. If you have any other contacts who might have expertise in this area, we would greatly appreciate any referrals as well.

Thank you for considering this request. I look forward to your response.
Best regards,

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