



Clean Water • Healthy Environment • Flood Protection

August 20, 2024

The Honorable Matt Mahan  
City of San José  
200 E. Santa Clara Street  
San José, CA 95113

Dear Mayor Mahan,

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water), I am writing to thank you for your support and reiterate our commitment to collaborating with the City of San José (City) on the development of purified water and expansion of recycled water. As of July, Valley Water has included funding for a first phase of a potable reuse project in San José in our Capital Improvement Program. As long-standing partners in sustainable water supply resiliency, we value the effective collaboration that has been established between our two agencies over the years.

Valley Water staff is partnering with City staff to develop the necessary interagency agreements, including a City staff funding agreement, land lease and water availability agreements, potential collaboration with SFPUC, and private activity analysis, as well as addressing regulatory issues for Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) and management of Reverse Osmosis Concentrate. With the current timeline to implement the demonstration facility within three to five years, assuming agreements can be executed quickly, we would like to see what can be done to expedite the process.

We wish to express the importance of advancing the expansion of purified water as a key component of our long-term water supply strategy in the face of climate change threats, and as such, we would like to move expeditiously to implement both a demonstration and full scale facility. We remain open to having additional meetings of the Joint Recycled Water Policy Advisory Committee (JRWPAC) to facilitate necessary discussions to achieve meaningful progress and help expedite decision making processes. It would be to the benefit of all parties to have the process be moved along quicker to avoid the increased inflation costs due to an extended project timeline as well as being able to take advantage of current potential grant funding opportunities.

There is an increasingly urgent need to develop and secure resources for existing and future water needs, particularly in light of the challenges posed by climate change. It is critical that we work together to ensure a sustainable and reliable water supply for the residents of San José and the surrounding areas.

Thank you for your leadership and continued support for our collaborative purified water expansion efforts.

Sincerely,

Nai Hsueh  
Chair, Board of Directors

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