



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

NON-AGENDA

October 11, 2024

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The BAOs shall inform and support the Board in its work.

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

Outlook as of October 1, 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. Earlier this year, on April 23, 2024, the California Department of Water Resources increased the State Water Project (SWP) allocation from 30% to 40% of contract amount for 2024. 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 September, City of San José = 0 inches
 - » Rainfall year total = 0 inches (rainfall year is July 1 to June 30)
- San José average daily high temperature was 84 degrees Fahrenheit in September, which is higher than the five-year average for September (82.2 degrees Fahrenheit)

Local Reservoirs

- Total October 1 storage = 44,421 acre-feet

Reservoir Storage	All Ten Valley Water Reservoirs	All Reservoirs Except Anderson
Storage as % of unrestricted capacity	27%	53%
Storage as % of restricted capacity (1)	71%	69%
Storage as % of the 20-year average for October 1	63%	131%

(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 83 acre-feet of imported water was delivered into Calero Reservoir during September 2024
- Total estimated releases to streams (local and imported water) during September were 5,540 acre-feet (based on preliminary hydrologic data)

Treated Water

- Below average demands of 9,875 acre-feet were delivered in September
- This total is 98% of the five-year average for the month of September
- Year-to-date deliveries are 63,090 acre-feet or 85% of the five-year average

Groundwater

- Groundwater conditions remain healthy throughout the county. Groundwater levels in most of the regional monitoring wells are lower than or equal to last month as typical seasonal declines continue. While about half of the water levels are lower relative to September 2023, most are higher than the prior five-year average for September. 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	
September 2024 managed recharge estimate	4,600	1,300	2,600
YTD managed recharge estimate	48,200	12,000	18,700
YTD managed recharge as % of five-year average	122%	117%	121%
August 2024 pumping estimate	7,400	1,500	5,400
YTD pumping estimate	45,300	9,000	23,700
YTD pumping as % of five-year average	102%	113%	93%
Current index well groundwater levels compared to September 2023	3 Feet Lower	6 Feet Lower	2 Feet Higher

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 September (through September 29th), the SWP operated Banks pumping plant with an average daily export of 10,775 acre-feet, resulting in a total export of 312,477 acre-feet from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta for the month
- In September (through September 29th), the CVP operated Jones pumping plant with an average daily export of 7,618 acre-feet, resulting in a total export of 220,917 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. Project facilities, including delta exports, were operated to maintain water quality requirements in the delta for the month of September

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 9/30/24)
Shasta Reservoir	66%	2,777,890	109%
Oroville Reservoir	61%	1,895,935	99%
San Luis Reservoir	50%	1,021,760	118%
Semitropic Groundwater Bank	Capacity	Current Storage (acre-feet)	Date of Data
	87%	304,084	8/31/24
Estimated SFPUC Deliveries	August 2024 (acre-feet)	2024 Total to Date (acre-feet)	Five-Year Annual Average (acre-feet)
	5,099	31,459	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, 110,000 acre-feet by 2040, and 126,000 acre-feet by 2050
- On June 13, 2023, the Board of Directors adopted a resolution to support water conservation as a way of life in Santa Clara County and an ordinance with a set of permanent water waste prohibitions

Recycled Water

- Estimated September 2024 production = 1,834 acre-feet
- Estimated year-to-date through September = 13,805 acre-feet or 103% 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 4,035 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



MEMORANDUM

FC 14 (01-25-23)

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Sheryl Higa

SUBJECT: Risk Management Unit Communication

DATE: October 7, 2024


The purpose of this memorandum is to provide you a with copy of recent Risk Management staff's communication with parties/individuals that have filed a claim against Valley Water.

Please find the following:

- 1) September 12, 2024 – Letter acknowledging Receipt of Claim and Notice of Tender to Anthony J. Guetersloh obo Monarch Truck Center (District 3).
- 2) September 19, 2024 – Claim Settlement letter to David Seiff and Laurie Faulkner (District 5).
- 3) September 19, 2024 – Claim Settlement letter to Lucila A. Godoy de Garcia (District 1).
- 4) October 7, 2024 – Notice of Recommended Claim Denial to Estavillo Law Group obo Brigitte Rince and Mark Bolger (District 4)
- 5) October 7, 2024 – Notice of Recommended Claim Denial to Robert Liu (District 7)

For additional information, please contact me at 408-630-2213.

Signed by:



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 Sheryl Higa
 Risk Manager
 Risk Management Unit



September 12, 2024

Anthony J. Guetersloh
Vice President & General Manager
Monarch Truck Center
1015 Timothy Drive
San Jose, CA 95133

Re: Receipt of Claim – L2450002

Dear Mr. Guetersloh:

We received your claim regarding damages involving the parked vehicles that were vandalized on your property.

Valley Water has reviewed your claim. Valley Water's general contractor, Gordon N. Ball Inc. ("GNB") is the contractor performing the work for the FOCP Coyote Creek Flood Management Measures Project and is the proper party to handle this matter. GNB is obligated by contract to receive and handle any claims arising from this Project. Accordingly, we have tendered this claim to GNB.

The name and address of the contact person for GNB is:

Mr. Hal E. Stober
President
Gordon N. Ball Inc.
333 Camille Avenue
Alamo, CA. 94507

A representative from GNB. should contact you soon. If you receive no contact within the next 30 days, please contact my office and we will follow up on the status of your claim.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact me at (408) 630-2213.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

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Sheryl Higa
Risk Manager
Risk Management Unit

WARNING

You have two years from the accrual of the cause of action to file a court action on this claim. See Government Code Section 945.6. You may seek the advice of an attorney of your choice in connection with this matter. If you desire to consult an attorney, you should do so immediately.





CLAIM AGAINST THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT California Government Code Sections 900 and following

<p>The completed form can be mailed, sent electronically or hand delivered. Mail or deliver to:</p> <p>Clerk of the Board Santa Clara Valley Water District-HQ 5700 Almaden Expressway San Jose, CA 95118</p> <p>Or submit the completed form electronically to: clerkoftheboard@valleywater.org</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Clerk of the Board's Date Stamp</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">For SCVWD Use Only</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Date Received: 08/22/24</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">ROUTING</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Via U.S. Mail</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CEO</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Hand Delivered</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District Counsel</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Risk Management</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COB</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> BOD (District #): _____</td> </tr> </table>	Clerk of the Board's Date Stamp		For SCVWD Use Only		Date Received: 08/22/24	ROUTING	<input type="checkbox"/> Via U.S. Mail	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CEO	<input type="checkbox"/> Hand Delivered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District Counsel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Risk Management	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COB		<input type="checkbox"/> BOD (District #): _____
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With certain exceptions, claims for personal injury or property damage MUST be filed within six months of the incident giving rise to the claim. Claimant must complete each section. If information is unknown, write "unknown" in the appropriate box. Please use additional pages if necessary. Please attach itemized receipts, witness statements, photos and all other documentation that you believe will be helpful to process your claim. Claimant MUST sign and date the form; see last page.

Name of Claimant: Monarch Leasing Inc.		Email Address: tguetersloh@monarchtruck.com	
Address of Claimant: 1015 Timothy Dr.		City: San Jose	State: CA
		Zip: 95133	
Address to which Notices should be sent, if different from above:		City:	State:
		Zip:	
Home Phone Number:	Cell Phone Number: 312-420-4844	Work Phone Number: 408-275-0500 x208	
Is this claim being filed on behalf of a minor? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		If so, please indicate minor's date of birth: Relationship to the minor:	
Date and time of incident or loss: 7/11/2024 - time unknown	Location of incident or loss (address): 1346 E. Taylor St. San Jose, CA 95133	Is there a police report? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If Yes, Police Report Case #: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

Describe how the incident or loss happened, and the reason you believe the Santa Clara Valley Water District is responsible for your damages (*Please attach additional sheets if necessary*):

Ongoing construction by Santa Clara Valley Water District of a flood-wall, bridge, and other improvements along Coyote Creek has been occurring at the back side of the yard at 1346 E. Taylor St. Monarch Leasing Inc. (DBA Monarch Truck Center) leases the yard to park and store commercial trucks available for sale and rent. Monarch has secured the yard with fencing and has granted ongoing access to Santa Clara Valley Water District and their contractors, including Gordon N. Ball Inc. and A&B Construction, for the duration of the construction work. However, Monarch is unable to secure and has no jurisdiction over the back side of the yard which is currently occupied by the Valley Water construction work. During the week of 6/26/2024 additional access was granted to allow the installation of a bridge across Coyote Creek.

On 7/11/2024, Monarch identified that several of the trucks stored in the yard at 1346 E Taylor had been vandalized and had their batteries stolen. These trucks were parked along the back temporary fence line for the current Valley Water easement. It appeared that the back fence was not fully secured as there was a gap left in which an individual can easily get through. Additionally, it appears that the fence was cut right next to the vandalized vehicles to make it easy to remove the stolen batteries. It was clear the theft and vandalism had occurred after the installation of the bridge and that the back fence had been left unsecured.



CLAIM AGAINST THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT California Government Code Sections 900 and following

In detail, describe the damage or injury *(Please attach additional sheets if necessary)*:

There were a total of 6 trucks that were vandalized and had the batteries stolen. The thieves also cut the battery cables, took the covers, and removed the battery brackets. These were all diesel trucks which contain 2 batteries each.

The cost to repair the damaged components and replace the batteries for a single truck is \$1,302.57.

The total for all 6 trucks will be \$7,815.42.

List Name(s) and contact information of any witness(es) or District employee involved (if any):

Witnesses: Tony Guetersloh tguetersloh@monarchtruck.com; Aidan Guetersloh; Dinh Nguyen dnguyen@monarchtruck.com; Bob Padilla padilla@monarchtruck.com

Valley Water District employees involved: Rafael Turcios RTurcios@valleywater.org; Robert Yamane RYamane@valleywater.org; Matthew Powers mpowers@ballconco.com

DAMAGES CLAIMED: Basis for computation of amounts claimed (include copies of bills, invoices, estimates, receipts, photos, police case # or other documentation.) Note: If your claim is more than \$10,000, you need not fill in an amount, but must state whether jurisdiction for the claim would be in the Limited Jurisdiction (up to \$25,000) or Unlimited jurisdiction of the Superior Court.

Is the amount of the claim under \$10,000? Yes No
 Court Jurisdiction: (Check One) Limited Civil Unlimited Civil

ITEMS	CLAIM AMOUNT
1. Repairs and replacement batteries to Isuzu NPR VIN: JALC4W166R7018318	\$ 1302.57
2. Repairs and replacement batteries to Isuzu NPR VIN: JALE5W164R7309826	\$ 1302.57
3. Repairs and replacement batteries to Isuzu NPR VIN: JALE5W165R7310130	\$ 1302.57
4. 3 Isuzu NPRs VINS: JALC4W16XR7018449, JALC4W162R7018560, JALC4W161R7018503	\$ 3907.71
TOTAL AMOUNT	\$ 7,815.42

WARNING: IT IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO FILE A FALSE OR FRAUDULENT CLAIM (Penal Code Section 72 and 550)

I have read the matters and statements made in the above claim and I know the same to be true of my own knowledge, except to those matters stated upon information and belief and as to such matters I believe the same to be true. I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is TRUE and CORRECT.

Signed this 22 day of August, 2024 Anthony J. Guetersloh Digitally signed by Anthony J. Guetersloh
Date: 2024.08.22 12:34:04 -07'00'
Claimant's Signature

Government Code Section 945.6 provides that, with limited exceptions, any suit brought against a public entity must be commenced:

- (1) If written notice is given of a denial of claim in accordance with **Section 913**, not later than six months after the date such notice is personally delivered or deposited in the mail.
- (2) If written notice is not given of a denial of claim in accordance with **Section 913**, within two years from the accrual of the cause of action.

From: [Robert Yamane](#)
To: [Anthony Guetersloh](#); [Rafael Turcios](#)
Cc: [Nicole Guetersloh](#); [Don Harper Gmail](#); [jonl@efuelco.com](#); [Matthew Powers](#); [Rick Masso](#); [Madhu Thummaluru](#); [Sabeeka Naqvi](#); [Dinh Nguyen](#); [Bob Padilla](#); [Charlie Krueger](#); [fbravo@ghirardelliassoc.com](#)
Subject: RE: Security Breach at 1346 E Taylor Yard Through Valley Water / Gordon Ball Easement Fencing
Date: Tuesday, July 30, 2024 5:02:45 PM
Attachments: [image008.png](#)

Hi [@Anthony Guetersloh](#),

This would need to be submitted as a claim.

Please request a claim form by e-mailing our Risk Manager: riskmanager@valleywater.org.

Thank you,

ROBERT YAMANE, P.E.

Senior Engineer - Structural
Watersheds Design and Construction Division
RYamane@valleywater.org
Tel. (408) 630-2925



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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If you need my review, please tag me in your e-mail by using the "@" ("mention") feature: @ryamane@valleywater.org

From: Anthony Guetersloh <tguetersloh@monarchtruck.com>
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2024 1:39 PM
To: Rafael Turcios <RTurcios@valleywater.org>
Cc: Nicole Guetersloh <nguetersloh@monarchtruck.com>; Don Harper Gmail <donharper04@gmail.com>; jonl@efuelco.com; Matthew Powers <mpowers@ballconco.com>; Rick Masso <rick@efuelco.com>; Robert Yamane <RYamane@valleywater.org>; Madhu Thummaluru <MThummaluru@valleywater.org>; Sabeeka Naqvi <SNaqvi@valleywater.org>; Dinh Nguyen <dnguyen@monarchtruck.com>; Bob Padilla <padilla@monarchtruck.com>
Subject: RE: Security Breach at 1346 E Taylor Yard Through Valley Water / Gordon Ball Easement Fencing

***** This email originated from outside of Valley Water. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe. *****

Hi Rafael,

Thank you for having your team repair the fence and fix the security issue at the yard on E Taylor. There appear to have been no further break-ins since the incident on July 11.

We have fully assessed the extent of the theft and vandalism. There were a total of **6 trucks** that were vandalized and had the batteries stolen. The thieves also cut the battery cables, took the covers, and removed the battery brackets. These were all diesel trucks which contain 2 batteries each. We have repaired the first truck and are working on repairing the remaining ones. The cost to repair the damaged components and replace the batteries for a single truck is \$1,302.57, so the total for all 6 trucks will be **\$7,815.42.**

Attached is a copy of our internal invoice for repairs to the first truck that we have repaired.

What is the best method to submit a bill to Valley Water? Should I prepare the invoice for all 6 trucks and send it to you? Please advise.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Tony Guetersloh

Vice President & General Manager

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From: Anthony Guetersloh

Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2024 2:56 PM

To: Matthew Powers <mpowers@ballconco.com>; jonl@efuelco.com; Kevin Johanson <kjohanson@ballconco.com>; Justin Radcliff <jradcliff@ballconco.com>; David Kaulfers <dkaulfers@ghirardelliassoc.com>; Charlie Krueger <charlie@ghirardelliassoc.com>; Bridget Supple <bsupple@alphacmnc.com>; amiramontes@a-bconstruction.net; Rick Masso <rick@efuelco.com>; Robert Yamane <RYamane@valleywater.org>; Madhu Thummaluru

<MThummaluru@valleywater.org>; Sabeeka Naqvi <SNaqvi@valleywater.org>; Rafael Turcios <RTurcios@valleywater.org>

Cc: Nicole Guetersloh <nguetersloh@monarchtruck.com>; Don Harper Gmail <donharper04@gmail.com>

Subject: Security Breach at 1346 E Taylor Yard Through Valley Water / Gordon Ball Easement Fencing

Importance: High

Hello Valley Water / Gordon Ball Team,

Today we identified that several of the trucks we have stored in the yard at 1346 E Taylor had been vandalized and had their batteries stolen. These trucks were parked along the back temporary fence line for the current Valley Water easement.

It appears that the fence is not fully secured as there is a gap in which an individual can easily get through. Additionally, it appears that the fence was cut right next to the vandalized vehicles to make it easy to remove the stolen batteries.













Please take **immediate action** to resecure the fencing along the easement. Monarch installed new fencing and security measures when taking possession of the yard, but we do not have ownership nor control over the fencing along the back easement until Valley Water / Gordon Ball has completed their work.

Please advise one what additional actions can be taken to ensure that the yard is secured from your side to prevent any further thefts or security breaches.

Thank you for your swift attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Tony Guetersloh

Vice President & General Manager

Monarch Leasing, Inc.

1015 Timothy Dr.

San Jose, CA 95133

408-275-0500 **ext. 208**

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TRUCK CENTER

From: [Dinh Nguyen](#)
To: [Anthony Guetersloh](#)
Subject: RE: service invoice for truck repaired
Date: Monday, July 29, 2024 4:57:50 PM

Tony,

6 units total and all 5 remaining Diesel Cab & Chassis are accessible in our storage lot. I also verified the stock #'s and VIN's on the trucks.

<u>Stock #'s</u>	<u>VIN's</u>	<u>Status</u>
IS6214	JALC4W166R7018318	Already got billed and repaired.
IS6320	JALE5W164R7309826	Needs repair.
IS6319	JALE5W165R7310130	Needs repair.
IS6174	JALC4W16XR7018449	Needs repair.
IS6235	JALC4W162R7018560	Needs repair.
IS6216	JALC4W161R7018503	Needs repair.

Regards,

Dinh Nguyen
Sales Manager
Monarch Leasing, Inc DBA Monarch Truck Center
408-275-0500 x242 phone
408-275-0559 fax

From: Dinh Nguyen
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2024 1:30 PM
To: Anthony Guetersloh <tguetersloh@monarchtruck.com>
Subject: RE: service invoice for truck repaired

Yes, will do.

Dinh Nguyen
Sales Manager
Monarch Leasing, Inc DBA Monarch Truck Center
408-275-0500 x242 phone
408-275-0559 fax

From: Anthony Guetersloh <tguetersloh@monarchtruck.com>
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2024 1:25 PM

To: Dinh Nguyen <dnguyen@monarchtruck.com>

Subject: RE: service invoice for truck repaired

Also, to make sure that I am creating an accurate invoice, can you please provide me either the VINs or unit numbers for each vehicle that was vandalized?

Thanks,

Tony

Tony Guetersloh

Vice President & General Manager

Monarch Leasing, Inc.

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San Jose, CA 95133

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TRUCK CENTER

From: Anthony Guetersloh

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2024 1:23 PM

To: Dinh Nguyen <dnguyen@monarchtruck.com>

Subject: FW: service invoice for truck repaired

Hi Dinh,

Here is the invoice for the repairs to the 1 truck with batteries stolen. If this looks accurate, I will multiply by 6 and create an invoice to send over to the construction company.

Thanks,

Tony

Tony Guetersloh

Vice President & General Manager

Monarch Leasing, Inc.

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TRUCK CENTER

From: Bob Padilla <padilla@monarchtruck.com>

Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2024 4:12 PM

To: Nicole Guetersloh <nguetersloh@monarchtruck.com>

Cc: Dinh Nguyen <dnguyen@monarchtruck.com>; Anthony Guetersloh <tguetersloh@monarchtruck.com>

Subject: service invoice for truck repaired

Hello Nicole,

Attached is the first invoice Hector brought to me for repairs that were made to stock #IS6214 batteries stolen out of the lot. This truck I am working on selling it , it is now repaired and here is the invoice so Tony can submit for reimbursement to the lot owner.

Thanks

Bob

CUSTOMER #: 22000
 UNIT# IS6214
 MONARCH SALES

122626
 INVOICE
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MONARCH
TRUCK CENTER
 1015 Timothy Dr.,
 San Jose, CA 95133
 (408) 279-2454
 Fax: (408) 294-5442



HOME: CONT:408-275-0500
 BUS: 408-275-0500 CELL:

SERVICE ADVISOR: 582 HECTOR ESPARZA

COLOR	YEAR	MAKE/MODEL	VIN	LICENSE	MILEAGE IN/ OUT	TAG
	24	ISUZU NPR HD	JALC4W166R7018318		9/9	T9717
DEL DATE	PROD. DATE	WARR. EXP.	PROMISED	PO NO.	PAYMENT	INV. DATE
02FEB24 DD			17:00 16JUL24		0.00 CHG2	18JUL24
R.O. OPENED	READY	OPTIONS:	STK:IS6214			
16:14 16JUL24	12:18 18JUL24					

LINE	OPCODE	TECH	TYPE	HOURS	LIST	NET	TOTAL
A BATTERIES AND CABLES WERE STOLEN, REPLACE WHAT IS NEEDED							
I IGNITION AND CHARGING SYSTEM							
				1000 CI 1.00		215.00	215.00
				2 HC31D STUD HEAVY DUTY BATTERY	283.52	283.52	567.04
				CORE CHARGE C		33.00	33.00
				2 BATTERY CAL RECYCLE FEE	2.00	2.00	4.00
				4 8-98345-547-0 CAP; INSULATOR	7.06	7.06	28.24
				2 8-98345-395-0 CABLE; BATTERY	58.46	58.46	116.92
				1 8-98336-393-0 COVER; BATTERY	111.95	111.95	111.95
				1 8-97122-608-0 BOLT; BRKT-BRKT	53.70	53.70	53.70
				1 0-91180-108-0 NUT;A/C CMPR BR	0.90	0.90	0.90
				1 8-98060-301-3 BRACKET; STOPPE	121.82	121.82	121.82
				1 989FR-1 FREIGHT CHARGE	50.00	50.00	50.00
PARTS: 1087.57 LABOR: 215.00 OTHER: 0.00 TOTAL LINE A:							1302.57
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35% TRUCK RENTAL DISCOUNT WHEN YOUR TRUCK IS
 IN OUR SERVICE DEPT OR BODY SHOP
 OUR SERVICE DEPT STRIVES TO KEEP YOUR TRUCK
 ON THE ROAD.
 ALL PARTS ARE NEW UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.



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						MISC. CHARGES	0.00
						TOTAL CHARGES	1302.57
						ADJUSTMENTS	0.00
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I ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF VEHICLE AND HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THIS INVOICE.							

PARTS WARRANTY "AS IS"

The only warranties applying to this part(s) are those which may be offered by the manufacturer. The selling dealer hereby expressly disclaims all warranties, either express or implied, including any implied warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose, and neither assumes nor authorizes any other person assume for it any liability in connection with the sale of this part(s) and/or service. Buyer shall not be entitled to recover from the Selling Dealer any consequential damages, damages to property, damages for loss of use, loss of time, loss of profits, or income, or any other incidental damages. In addition, expressly excluded is any Dealer Liability for defects pertaining to safety or performance by way of "Strict Liability", negligence or otherwise.

TO OUR SERVICE CUSTOMERS:

Our usual charges for labor are not based on actual mechanic's time, but are simply our prices for particular jobs. You will be charged no more than the estimated price approved by you. However, if we discover that different or additional repairs are indicated, you will be contacted for your advance approval of a revised estimate.

CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTION 25249.5 -- PROPOSITION 65

(FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT PROPOSITION 65: <http://www.oehha.org/prop65.html>):

Motor vehicles contain chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. These chemicals are contained in many vehicle components and replacement parts, vehicle fluids, and paints and material used to maintain vehicles, including, but not limited to, fuel, oil, batteries, brakes, and wheel balancing weights. When you service, clean or maintain your car, you will be exposed to listed chemicals contained in used oil, waste and replacement fluids, fumes, grease, grime, touch-up paint, certain replacement parts, and particulates from component wear. When we service your car, we will return used components to you upon request. Used parts and components contain chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. To minimize your exposure when servicing, maintaining or cleaning your vehicle; 1) work in a well ventilated area; 2) do not smoke, drink or eat while working; 3) wash your hands when finished or when taking a break; and 4) follow all manufacturer instructions pertaining to proper use and maintenance of motor vehicles and vehicle components.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE CHARGE:

Maintaining and repairing your vehicle inevitably involves the use of chemicals and generation of wastes (solvents, oil, caustics, lead, asbestos, etc.) that must be stored, managed and disposed of in strict compliance with federal, state and local environmental regulations. We support these regulations and also believe our customers do too because they help ensure a safer, healthier environment for everyone. Complying with these regulations increases the cost of service. Ordinarily, increased costs simply result in an increase in hourly labor charge. This dealership has decided in lieu of raising its labor rate, to list a compliance charge on appropriate service bills because we believe our customers would be interested to know that they are helping to pay for a cleaner environment.

SONG-BEVERLY WARRANTY ACT NOTICE:

1. Customer is hereby notified that the said property is not insured or protected to the amount of the actual cash value thereof, or otherwise, against loss occasioned by theft, fire, vandalism or any other manner while the property remains with the dealer. 2. Customer states no articles of personal property have been left in the vehicle and dealer is not responsible for inspection thereof. 3. The dealer is not responsible for unavailability of parts or delays in parts shipment beyond dealer's control. 4. Due to the type of service requested, some repairs must be subtle. 5. All charges for repairs including labor and materials furnished are due and payable simultaneously with the delivery of the within described vehicle or prior to delivery upon the expiration of three (3) days after notice that the repairs have been completed. Notice shall be deemed to have been given upon the deposit in the United States mail, postage prepaid, of written notification to that effect addressed to the customer at the address given on the reverse side hereof. 6. If the vehicle described herein is not called for within three (3) days after such notice is given, a storage charge of \$25.00 per day will be made for each day thereafter. 7. Said Dealer is authorized to deliver the vehicle described herein or any of its contents to any person presenting this receipt. 8. In addition to any and all other legal remedies available, I authorize said Dealer to have a lien on the vehicle described herein for all charges for repairs, including labor and parts, storage and/or towing, and to enforce such lien. Said Dealer is hereby expressly authorized to sell said vehicle at public auction after giving a twenty (20) day written notice by certified mail to the legal owner, registered owner and Department of Motor Vehicles of intent to do so. On the sale date, the vehicle shall be sold to the highest cash bidder and the proceeds of the sale must be used first to satisfy the lien plus storage costs, and costs incident to sale, and the balance shall be forwarded to the legal owner, or if none, to the registered owner, or if the address is unknown, it shall be forwarded to the Department of Motor Vehicles. Said expenses for sale shall also include a reasonable attorney's fee, which may be necessarily incurred. 9. If any such charges remain unpaid for thirty (30) days after such request for payment, said Dealer may also refer such charges to its attorneys for collection and the customer will pay a reasonable attorney's fee.

STATEMENT CONCERNING AMENDMENTS TO THE SONG-BEVERLY WARRANTY ACT AS FOLLOWS:

"A buyer of this product in California has the right to have this product serviced or repaired during the warranty period. The warranty period will be extended for the number of whole days that the product has been out of the buyer's hands for warranty repairs. If a defect exists within the warranty period, the warranty will not expire until the defect has been fixed. The warranty period will also be extended if the warranty repairs have not been performed due to delays caused by circumstances beyond the control of the buyer, or if the warranty repairs did not remedy the defect and the buyer notifies the manufacturer or seller of the failure of the repairs within 60 days after they were completed. If, after a reasonable number of attempts, the defect has not been fixed, the buyer may return this product for a replacement or a refund subject, in either case, to deduction of reasonable charge for usage. The time extension does not affect the protection or remedies the buyer has under other laws."

SMOG CHECK CONSUMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

If a vehicle needs Smog Check repairs to meet California emission standards, the State of California Smog Check Consumer Assistance Program (CAP) provides the following options: Repair Assistance allows motorists to receive financial help for emissions-related repairs from the state. Motorists must pay for any Smog Check inspection costs, as well as co-payment, in order to receive state help. Motorists may qualify in one of two ways:

Income-Eligible – Motorists meeting certain household income requirements.

Test-Only Referral – Motorists who are required to have a vehicle inspected at stations that perform only tests and no repairs (Test-Only stations). This requirement is indicated on the vehicle's DMV registration renewal notice.

Vehicle Retirement allows motorists the option of selling a vehicle to the state instead of repairing it. The state will retire the vehicle at an approved dismantler.

Repair Cost Waivers enable motorists to temporarily register a vehicle (for up to two years) without it passing a Smog Check inspection. To qualify, a motorist must spend at least \$450 on emission-related repairs at a licensed Smog Check station. For more information call the Department of Consumer Affairs at 1-800-952-5210. Some vehicles are not eligible for the Smog Check Consumer Assistance Program.



Clean Water • Healthy Environment • Flood Protection

September 19, 2024

David Seiff
Laurie Faulkner
20351 Claridge Court
Saratoga, CA 95070

Re: Settlement – L2340021

Dear Mr. Seiff and Ms. Faulkner:

Enclosed is the final settlement check regarding the above-mentioned claim. The total amount of the settlement is \$6,861.00.

On behalf of Valley Water, I apologize for any inconvenience this incident caused and thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Signed by:


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Sheryl Higa
Risk Manager
Risk Management Unit

Enc: Settlement Check #711101





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September 19, 2024

Lucila A. Godoy De Garcia
17490 Hoot Owl Way
Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Re: Settlement – L2230035

Dear Ms. Godoy De Garcia:

Enclosed is the final settlement check regarding the above-mentioned claim. The total amount of the settlement is \$5,000.00.

On behalf of Valley Water, I apologize for any inconvenience this incident caused and thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

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Sheryl Higa
Risk Manager
Risk Management Unit

Enc: Settlement Check #711100





October 7, 2024

Mr. Robert Martinez, Esq.
Estavillo Law Group
555 12th Street Suite 1280
Oakland, CA 94067

Re: Claim – L2340022

Dear Mr. Martinez:

We have analyzed the merits of the claim filed on behalf of your clients Ms. Brigitte Rince and Mr. Mark Bolger and reached the conclusion that the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) is not responsible for the allegedly diminished value of the property located at 967 Chynoweth Avenue in San Jose.

Since Valley Water is not responsible for this claim, we will therefore be recommending to our Board of Directors (Board) that the claim be denied.

This item is scheduled to be heard at the October 22, 2024 Board meeting which begins at 1:00 pm. You have the right to appear before the Board to contest our recommendation.

In the event of a Board meeting date change, I will provide you with advance notice. You can also monitor the Board meeting schedule and associated agenda items at:

<https://scvwd.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (408) 630-2213.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

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Sheryl Higa
Risk Manager
Risk Management Unit





October 7, 2024

Robert Liu
756 Arroyo Road
Los Altos, CA 94024

Re: Claim – L2450001

Dear Mr. Liu:

We have investigated your claim and reached the conclusion that the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) is not responsible for your property's foundation damage.

Since Valley Water is not responsible for this claim, we will therefore be recommending to our Board of Directors (Board) that the claim be denied.

This item is scheduled to be heard at the October 22, 2024 Board meeting which begins at 1:00 pm. You have the right to appear before the Board to contest our recommendation.

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Sincerely,

Signed by:


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Sheryl Higa
Risk Manager
Risk Management Unit



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-24-0230	09/20/24	09/20/24	All	DOUG JACKSON	Email from Doug Jackson to Director Eisenberg (copied to the board), dated 09/20/24, inquiring about future plans for the Alamitos Creek.	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Codianne	09/28/24	-	n/a	10/04/24
C-24-0232	09/23/24	09/23/24	All	MARY DUNN	Email from Mary Dunn to the Board, dated 09/23/24, requesting that a downed tree behind 580 Matadero on Matadero Creek be inspected.	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Codianne	10/01/24	10/07/24	n/a	10/07/24
C-24-0242	10/08/24	10/08/24	All	JIM KUHL	Email from Jim Kuhl to the board, dated 10/08/24, providing public comment on the 10/08/24 agenda, item 5.2.	Noted and Filed	Chan	Mccarter	10/16/24	-	n/a	10/22/24

Adelina Del Real

From: Bonnie Sutphin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2024 11:34 AM
To: Board of Directors; Nai Hsueh; Rick Callender
Cc: Ray Bramer; Isela Chaparro
Subject: Re: Saratoga Creek Conditons: POLLUTION AND FIRE HAZARD

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Re: **Access Valley Water - Case #AVW-010403**

Is anyone going to take care of this mess? It's your property and it's a dangerous eyesore. I have been reporting the issue **for a year-and-a-half**, and no one has done anything more than make promises that weren't kept and excuses for the lack of action.

What's your plan???

/s/

Bonnie Sutphin
12414 Brookglen Dr, Saratoga
408-255-3263

On Jul 31, 2024, at 3:34 PM, Bonnie Sutphin <[REDACTED]> wrote:

To: Valley Water Board of Directors
Attention: Nai Hsueh, COB, District 5
Attention: Rick Callender, CEO
cc: Ray Bramer

Re: **Access Valley Water - Case #AVW-010403**

Dear Ms. Hsueh and Mr. Callender:

I beg you to investigate what's going on with Saratoga Creek in my area between Cox and Prospect. Debris has not been cleaned up since it crashed in February 2023. It is a FIRE HAZARD. Now there is POLLUTION in this area which affects not only the esthetics of the creek but also wildlife.

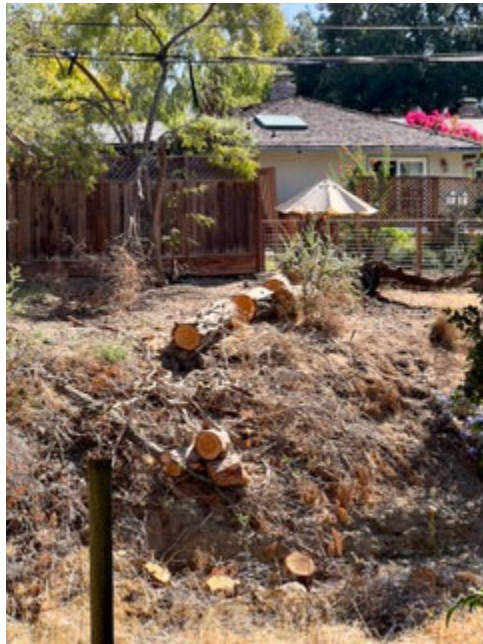
As you can see from the email trail below, I have tried working with Ray Bramer and he is no longer responding. No action has been taken since I first reported this condition. The case number is shown above.

Attached are two photos, one taken a year ago showing the DEBRIS and one taken a few days ago showing the POLLUTION & FIRE HAZARD.

What's your schedule for cleaning up this mess?

/s/

Bonnie Sutphin



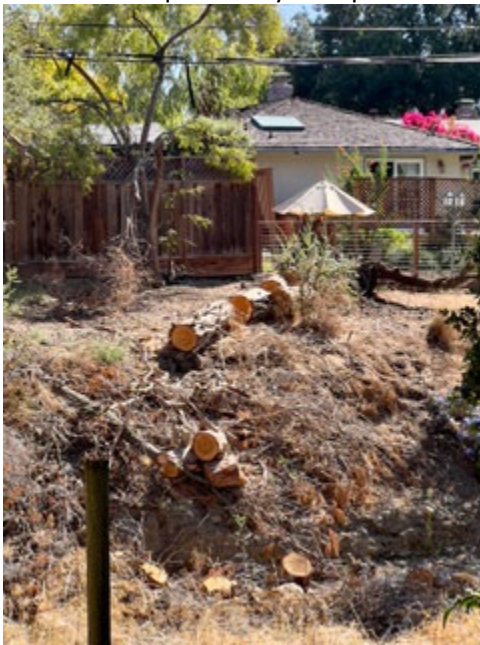
On Jul 23, 2024, at 11:32 AM, Bonnie Sutphin <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Ray — It's been almost a year since I've heard from you, but nothing has been resolved since last year. The case is still OPEN. I remain disappointed in lack of action on the part of Valley Water in removing the FIRE-PRONE debris from this area. Read on....

Now you have a NEW PROBLEM. I am enclosing a picture taken this week of the slime and POLLUTION in the creek water directly behind my home. What's going on? There is no evidence of this filth at the bridge over Cox Avenue.



And here is a previously sent photo of the debris under the dry brush. FIRE HAZARDS!!



Please advise as to what actions you plan to take, and when.

Thanks,

Bonnie Sutphin [REDACTED]

On Oct 21, 2023, at 11:43 AM, Bonnie Sutphin

[REDACTED] > wrote:

Aaaannndddd your group did not get out here on Thursday. What's your next plan?

On Sep 6, 2023, at 7:02 AM, Ray Bramer
<rbramer@valleywater.org> wrote:

Good morning, Bonnie,

Appreciate you reaching back....with all the tree removal work this past winter storm season this tree was apparently missed. But with GOOD neighbors like yourself to remind us we are encouraged to continue moving forward with the proposed work on said tree. We will be out to check the reach from the school and incorporate any other wood that may need adjusting for this up-coming winter flows.

Thanks, and Be Well, Ray

From: Bonnie Sutphin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 6:46 PM
To: Ray Bramer <rbramer@valleywater.org>
Subject: Re: Access Valley Water - Case #AVW-010403

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Still wondering what your plans are....

On May 13, 2023, at 10:15 AM, Bonnie
Sutphin <[REDACTED]>
wrote:

It's been a couple of months since i first reported these downed trees. What are your plans for cleaning them up/removing them?

On Apr 11, 2023, at
7:30 AM, Ray Bramer
<rbramer@valleywater.org> wrote:

We did locate
one.....we'll take
another look and add
the second tree as we

need to allow flows to pass through reach.

Thanks Bonnie

From: Bonnie Sutphin

<[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 7:15 AM

To: Ray Bramer
<rbramer@valleywater.org>

Subject: Re: Access Valley Water - Case #AVW-010403

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There are 2 downed trees diverting the creek in this location.

On Apr 11, 2023, at 7:10 AM, Ray Bramer <rbramer@valleywater.org> wrote:



Good morning, Bonnie,

Appreciate the report, we have many fallen trees across the county. We to this down tree as time and resources allow.

Thanks, Ray

Santa Clara Valley Water District | 5750 Almaden Expressway, San Jose



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[\[rbramer@valleywater.org\]](mailto:rbramer@valleywater.org)

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Good morning, Ms. Sutphin,

Appreciate the report back to Valley Water, we'll be out to check on the

Thanks and Be Safe, Ray



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From: [Dhruv Khanna](#)
To: [Nicole Merritt](#); [John Varela](#); [Board of Directors](#); [Richard Santos](#); [Rebecca Eisenberg](#)
Cc: [Peter Van Dyke](#); [Tim Chiala](#); [Tim Gillio](#); [Jess Brown Brown](#); [Jan Garrod](#); [Erin Gil](#)
Subject: Resignation from Ag Water "Advisory" Committee
Date: Friday, October 4, 2024 7:13:44 AM

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Dear Valley Water Board of Directors:

I have lost faith in Valley Water and do not wish any longer to play any role in "advising" a government agency that:

1. Is attacking one of our elected representatives, Director Eisenberg
2. Is asserting (and/or has asserted) confidentiality over information that it is using to attack this elected official

It seems to me to be completely wrong for Valley Water to attack one of its own elected Board members while seeking to keep secret from the public (including voters who Director Eisenberg represents) the details of the ostensible basis for its attack. It is my understanding of evidence law, fundamental fairness and due process, that **once a party places a matter into a dispute, it has no basis to keep secret the information that it is allegedly relying upon in pursuing its position.** It also seems to me to be a novel theory that a government agency can allow one or more of its elected officials to view but not copy (by use of the photo-taking capabilities of a handheld phone) or acquire a copy of the documentary evidence being used to attack one such official. What is the cost of making another copy of the documents allegedly wrongfully taken by Director Eisenberg relative to the costs Valley Water has incurred in attacking Director Eisenberg for this alleged transgression?

3. It is no secret that Valley Water has been a major player in the collective incompetence of our various local government agencies in failing to significantly abate the flood risks of the San Francisquito Creek during the past 25 years. My recommendation that that Stanford Golf Course or other upstream efforts be evaluated to mitigate the flood risks of this creek has not been honored with any response.
4. Valley Water has ignored a major source of water -- the excessive groundwater in the Palo Alto-Stanford area and is now wasting money by evaluating desalinization.
5. Valley Water staff in recent years proposed a doubling of the agricultural groundwater production charge.

It seems to me to be a futile use of my time to advise a government agency that (as noted above), among other things:

- (i) is engaged in violating the civil and other rights of Director Eisenberg who represents the Palo Alto area including but not limited to her First Amendment rights;
- (ii) is squandering Valley Water's money in attacking Director Eisenberg;
- (iii) has demonstrated a quarter century of gross incompetence concerning appropriately mitigating the flood risks posed by the San Francisquito Creek;
- (iv) has tolerated, aided and abetted the hoarding of groundwater in the Palo Alto area and thus promoted the needless importation of water from outside of Santa Clara County
- (v) has aided and abetted global warming by not encouraging the beneficial use of the Palo Alto area groundwater for sports fields, lawns, landscaping, sequoia trees, and orchards
- (vi) has a staff that is willing to publicly propose the doubling of a water charge (an essential utility) in a single year
- (vii) faces serious allegations of financial mismanagement and worse -- including incurring legal fees and running an advertising campaign that is self-aggrandizing and silent concerning Valley Water's long record of multiple failures.

I have accordingly, after much thought and based primarily on the above, decided to resign my agricultural water advisory committee role effective immediately. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dhruv Khanna, CEO, Kirigin Cellars
[REDACTED] Palo Alto, CA [REDACTED]

Adelina Del Real

From: AI Alternative <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2024 2:22 AM
To: Board of Directors; John Varela; Barbara Keegan; Richard Santos; Jim Beall; Nai Hsueh; Tony Estremera
Cc: Rebecca Eisenberg
Subject: Rebecca Eisenberg is a racist and needs to be removed from Valley Water
Attachments: 3.png; 2.png; 1.png; 4.png

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Hello Board Members of Valley Water,

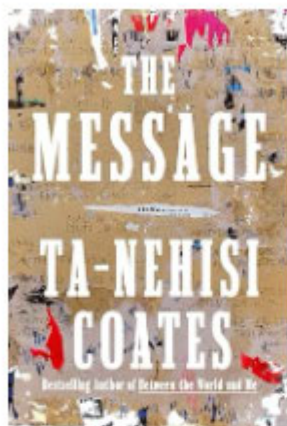
It has come to my attention that board member Rebecca Eisenberg has recently posted anti-Islam, anti-Arab, and pro-genocide sentiment online. Her racist post can be found in the comments section of GoodReads: <https://www.goodreads.com/review/show/6893478544> as well in screenshots I've attached below as insurance in case she deletes her post. Her public profile: <https://www.goodreads.com/user/show/16218812-rebecca-eisenberg>

It is astonishing, disgusting, and embarrassing that an elected official who represents people of all backgrounds and faiths would make these remarks in a public forum. This is unacceptable and she needs to be removed from her position immediately. Maybe then, she'll stop posting her pro-hate propaganda.

I'm looking forward to your response. Please let me know if contacting local media will help in the pursuit to rid this board of an inhumane official.

Thank you,
Concerned citizen of District 7 (Mountain View)

Rebecca Eisenberg's Reviews > The Message



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The Message

by Ta-Nehisi Coates



Rebecca Eisenberg's review

Oct 01, 2016



This a profoundly disappointing, and even dangerous, book in a time when anti-semitic propaganda is at its highest point since the Holocaust. In The Message's longest essay a frighteningly misguided and non-researched essay about Palestine from the point of view of the terrorist, Ta-Nehisi Coates gets things very, very wrong -- not just factually, but also ethically.

In The Message, Ta-Nehisi Coates transforms the aggressor into the victim. He denies the reality of the most powerful and aggressive conquering force in the modern world--extremist Islamists--and falls into the lazy mass media dynamic of confusing peaceful Muslims with terrorist Islamists.

These Islamists, led by the Islamists who violently conquered Iran and numerous other countries surrounding Israel, murder peaceful Middle Eastern people on a daily basis. Dr. Coates could benefit from understanding the context-- that the same Islamist terrorists that seek to destroy Israel (it's in their Charter which Coates declines to read) actually murder more Muslims than any other religious group. The same terrorist Islamists seeking to destroy Israel from Gaza and the West Bank, also violently oppress indigenous people in Yemen (Houthis), Lebanon (Hezbollah), Iran, and in a dozen other countries, using Muslim people as human shields and violently destabilizing countries. This is not complicated.

What is baffling is how Coates's pathological drive to defend wrongdoers deprives him of his ability to advocate on behalf of Christians, Muslims, and all other indigenous people who as I write are living under terrorist-enforced Sharia law, murdered for being gay, for being a woman, or for being anything other than extremist Islamist. Ever contemplate

his slanted 10-day trip to make provably incorrect assumptions and harmful, bigoted, sweeping conclusions.

Perhaps the most striking and troubling perceptual and intellectual error Coates makes is in his conflation of the situation in the West Bank with Gaza. While admitting he never visited Gaza, and omitting reference to Hamas's deadly massacre on Simchat Torah, he assumes that the disputed territories faced similar circumstances. Coates could open the newspaper or read a book; he is shamefully misguided: the West Bank is occupied, but Gaza has not been occupied for almost 20 years.

Specifically: Israel has been occupying the West Bank as a disputed territory ever since Israel successfully defended itself from the invasion by terrorists in 1967. Many Israelis claimed the right to the West Bank as a result of a war it did not start. Some consider the occupation of the West Bank to be necessary to protect Israel from the terrorist groups that still seek to destroy Israel, in Jordan, Lebanon, and Iran (and elsewhere!). Many Zionists seek a more peaceful resolution to the West Bank, where all people can live peacefully, yet Israel nonetheless is protected from terrorists. There is no unity of opinion about the West Bank by Israelis or Jews or ZIONISTS. Coates gets this entirely wrong.

Not only that, but Coates also conflates the controversial situation in the West Bank with the Gaza Strip, which has not been occupied for almost 20 years. Israel completely pulled all troops and even displaced all Jews who had been living in Gaza in 2007. There was no "resistance to occupation" in Gaza because there was no occupation when Hamas invaded Israel and murdered and raped thousands of innocent people. Gaza had been left alone. Yet Coates sympathizes and hero-worships the rapists and murderers who broke a 20-year cease fire in response to absolutely nothing other than their desire to wipe Israel off the map (something, need I repeat, that it states in its charter!).

How is that complicated?

(Sidebar facts: the West Bank was actually a part of Jordan until Jordan relinquished all claim to it in 1950, yet there has

on a football-field sized geographic region of Arab countries where -- a very relevant point -- Jews are not allowed. Being a Zionist means that one believes that Jews should have the ability to survive as an ethnicity. If advocating for minority religion to avoid extermination is racist, then ... I cannot imagine a way to end that sentence.

Coates does not care. Although not all Zionists agree that the West Bank should be occupied, ALL (as does anyone with knowledge) agree that Gaza was not under occupation when Hamas invaded Israel and cruelly and inhumanely killed, tortured and raped so many people. Even if Gaza were under occupation (which it was not), there is no defense for rape, torture, and murder of human beings, and Coates should know that. There is NOTHING that can justify the rape, torture, and murder of people.

Given Coates's previous works, which I greatly respected and enjoyed, including *Between The World and Me*, I was surprised to see Dr. Coates's decline into mainstream propaganda. While his previous work was commendable and enlightening, this book is irresponsible, non-researched and dangerous to all people truly fighting for freedom and peace from terrorism in the Middle East.

In sum, while Coates claims he writes only what he knows, he is either profoundly self-unaware or intentionally lying. This is a very low point for a professor of ethics. Coates is so desperate to blame Israel for Hamas's egregious inhumanity that he embraces antisemitic lies to do so. While this thinking is dangerously common amongst mass media and social media content creators, it is also unethical, lazy, and incorrect. Coates, based on his previous work, should have known better.

Coates's statement that he may have been one of the terrorists that invaded a separate country, murdered and raped children, teenagers, babies, the elderly and so many more, and continue TO THIS DAY to hold more than 100 people, including women and children, hostage under the most inhumane conditions, reflects a complete destruction of his mind and soul. That he wrote this and defends it is shocking and horrifying. And the more he is called to task,



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Rebecca Eisenberg

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- Details** Palo Alto, CA (5 mi)
- Activity** Joined in January 2013, last active this month
- Interests** I am a vegan climate crusader with 2 dogs and cats. I love animals, plants, and water. I am 100 Type 1 Enneagram, double Aries, Libra rising
- Favorite Books** #DiverseBooks #womenauthors Africanfuturism (Nnedi Okorafor) Cli Fi (Margaret Atwood); sci-fi fiction (Becky Chambers), Future-predicting SF (Octavia Butler); Triple-Hugo-winning Fantasy! (NK Jemisin). I often despise Pulitzer books; what do you know?
- About Me** I love to read.

REBECCA'S FAVORITE BOOKS



REBECCA'S BOOKSHELVES

- read (734)
- currently-reading (9)
- to-read (810)
- best-of-best (55)
- ari-books (11)

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REBECCA IS CURRENTLY READING


Rebecca Eisenberg is currently reading



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by Jason Pargin (Goodreads Author)
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To: [Clerk of the Board](#); [Board of Directors](#)
Subject: Verbal comments on October 8, 2024 agenda item 5.2
Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 2:49:27 PM

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For your information. Here are my public comments the subject agenda item.

Thank you, board members, for asking questions and for your attempts to provide oversight regarding the Pacheco Reservoir project.

Ignoring the additional topics raised at the Water Supply Demand Management Committee meeting will only hinder the project, and the Board and the public deserves to hear how staff is working to address all these unique requirements and related issues. The Sierra Club is especially concerned about impacts on open space, conservation, and environmental resources. That includes incursion into Henry Coe State Park, impacts on the Romero Ranch Conservation Easement, environmental mitigation requirements, and the process for and concerns about new and changed water rights.

More information is also needed about “Imported water supply connections” as requested by Board last November.

We hope Valley Water takes these issues seriously and provides more in-depth information to the public in the spirit of transparency.

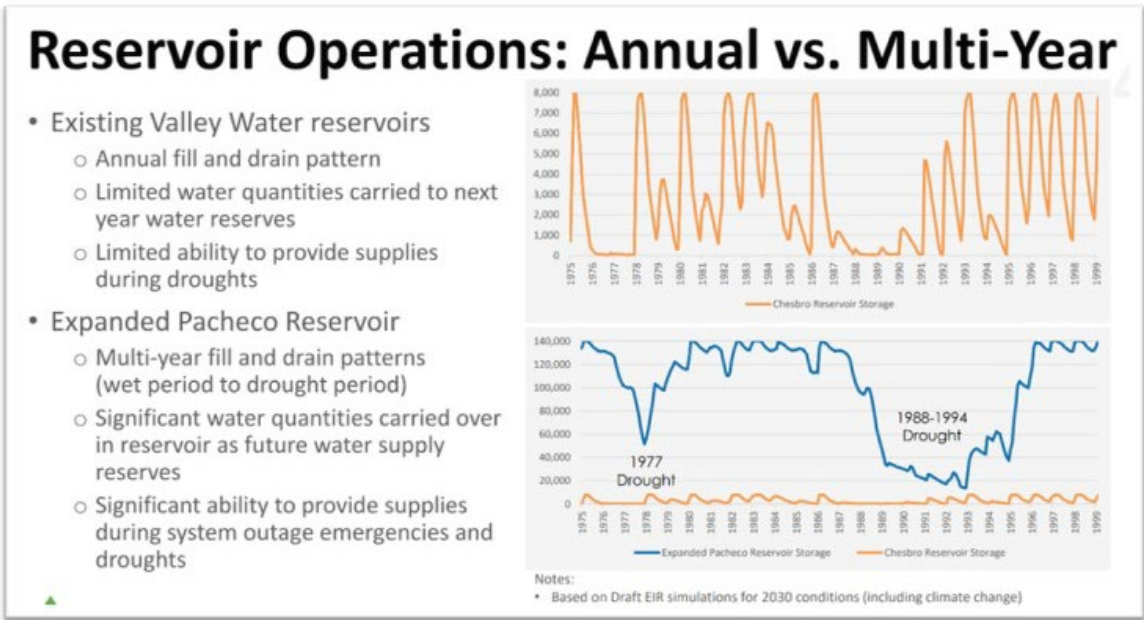
Thank you for your consideration.

From: ██████████
To: [Clerk of the Board](#); [Board of Directors](#); [John Varela](#); [Barbara Keegan](#); [Richard Santos](#); [Jim Beall](#); [Nai Hsueh](#); [Tony Estremera](#); [Rebecca Eisenberg](#)
Cc: [Aaron Baker](#); [Vincent Gin](#); [Kirsten Struve](#); [Darin Taylor](#)
Subject: Benefits of PREP on Chesbro Water Storage Level Question
Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 4:19:46 PM

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To: Valley Water Board
Subject: Valley Water Board Meeting Tuesday, October 8, 2024
Agenda Item: 5.2: Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Benefits Review

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Question: Assuming Anderson Reservoir is fully operational, what will be the impact for the 1988-92 design drought period WEAP analysis prediction regarding Chesbro Reservoir water storage levels be over the drought period given San Luis Reservoir expansion for two cases: without and with PERP? San Luis reservoir’s expansion may be more than sufficient to achieve similar or even superior Chesbro Reservoir water level performance by itself without PERP.

The [2040 Water Supply Master Plan](#) was created by Staff judgmentally by picking one combination of projects believed to be the best set and then performing *one* WEAP analysis to predict the water supply before/after impact results. After that analytical step, the [Urban Water Management Plan](#) was created whose programs’ increased the water supply ≈20% in the last three critical years of the design drought period. Finally, years later, the north county groundwater ‘Charge’ was projected to increase 620% by 2044.

For the [2050 Water Supply Master Plan](#), a superior all-encompassing analysis approach is needed that includes urban water conservation benefits, aggressive wastewater reuse and potential SF Bay brackish water desalination. Only by conducting and evaluating multiple case studies of different project set combinations coupled with *simultaneously* identifying their net economic results of the will the needed information be identified to confidently identify and select the best combination of investment projects that ensures water supply resiliency and also keep water as *affordable* as possible.

Best regards,

Jim

Jim Kuhl, Civic Issue Activist and Environmental Advocate

From: [Helen Hutchings](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board](#)
Subject: Homeless "sanctioned" camps on Valley Water Property
Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 2:10:56 PM

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Dear Board and Mr. Callender,

Your plan to allow the mayor to create his experimental "sanctioned" homeless tents camps in neighborhoods, specifically on your property at Willow and Lelong, Almaden Road and Canoas and along Almaden Expressway flies in the face of logic and is a slap in the face to working, law abiding taxpayers who have suffered enough with the blight, crime and contamination to our waterways and neighborhoods. Bringing as many as 200 homeless to these sites, which are adjacent to the river and creeks, will only continue the pollution. To assume that the homeless will be contained in these camps and prevented from accessing the waterways is wholly unrealistic. There are, so far, no specifics and parameters for these camps disclosed by the mayor, other than the homeless will sleep in camp at night but leave during the day. This will just allow them to reoccupy the rivers and creeks and wander the surrounding neighborhoods. This will not solve the pollution issue, and will in fact, bring more homeless in close proximity to the waterways. Using these Valley Water sites as homeless camps defies common sense. Tell the mayor NO!

Sincerely,

Helen Hutchings
Willow Glen resident and Board member of Willow Glen Neighborhood Association
Sent from my iPhone

OUTGOING BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Adelina Del Real

From: Rebecca Eisenberg
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2024 11:44 PM
To: AI Alternative; Clerk of the Board
Cc: Nai Hsueh; Candice Kwok-Smith
Subject: Re: Rebecca Eisenberg is a genius and needs to be celebrated

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Hello,

What is so frustrating about these anonymous attacks is that they are made in a way where I am not given a chance to respond. I am constantly being told I am violating the Brown Act for responding to misogynist, antisemitic, and simply mean attacks on me. What makes this even more frustrating is that Valley Water consistently claims that it does not distribute anonymous ad hominem (that is a LATIN phrase) attacks, yet it does do that when it comes to me.

So, in keeping to the rules, I am responding only to the anonymous complainant from what is likely a non-working email address, and also to the Clerk, ccing only the Board Chair and the Board Officer.

Dear Clerk/Chair: Kindly distribute my response as I am not allowed to do so.

Here is my response:

This call for my stepping down, which was made on the one-year anniversary of the most deadly and heinous attack on Jews since the Holocaust, feels like intentional intimidation.

As I have said repeatedly, members of my extended family, close family friends, children of some of my personal friends, were impacted by Hamas's massacre and (proven) rape of 2000+ Israelis and the kidnapping of 250 more that occurred exactly one year ago today. I and so many people whom I love are gone or in pain. Hamas and its (proven, real) butchering and raping of so many Israelis, murdering infants in their cribs, young children in preschool, parents in front of children, children in front of parents, dismembering humans, shooting teenage girls and women in the face while raping them, shooting teenage girls in the vagina, cutting off teenage girls' and women's breasts, legs, facial features, rapes of boys, men, senior citizens, all on Israeli soil during a High Holy Day, at a time when a ceasefire existed remains traumatizing and incapacitating for so many of us.

To be attacked, on the one year anniversary of this unspeakable, heinous, egregious horror, based on a BOOK REVIEW I gave is an intentional attack on the only Jewish member of this Board. This attack was made with the knowledge that doing so on the one year anniversary of October 7 would be triggering, terrifying, and unsettling. Why couldn't this anonymous person (whom I don't believe for a second lives in my District) just post on Goodreads like everyone else? If they don't like my review, fine. I have written 700 reviews. They can look at a different review. I am a reader and a reviewer.

I owe no one an apology, and no one a response.

That said, I believe that the response to speech is more speech. It is NOT a call for censorship.

So I responded to this anonymous troll on GoodReads, which I copy/paste below. I actually hope that some of you read my original review. And I encourage you to read more of my reviews. My favorite authors are listed on the account page was attached. I keep my reviews public because I believe in reading, writing, and the power of both.

Here is my response, which I again be asked to be distributed with the public record to the extent that the initial anonymous complaint is:

<https://www.goodreads.com/review/show/6893478544?type=review>

I have written more than 700 reviews on Goodreads. Sometimes people agree with them, sometimes people disagree with them. Only this one book review has resulted in calls for me to step down from elected office, where I serve on a Board where am the only LGBTQ+ and Jewish member.

The people who are campaigning for the only Jewish and gay person to be removed from elected office claim that I must be removed from office because I insist that Jews deserve to exist as a religion, which is something that cannot happen if Jews lack a place to live where they will not be killed for being Jewish. Israel was created as a homeland for Jews because no country was willing to take in the millions of Jewish refugees after the Holocaust. There was, and is, no other place for Jews to go if Israel is destroyed. This insistence that Jews be allowed to live is, in their minds, racism.

I view their insistence that Jews should have no right to live anti-semitism, and the UN and all other international organizations agree with me. It is literally a fundamental tenet of the definition of anti-semitism. To be an anti-semite is to insist that Jews have no right to live.

Honestly, I have dealt with so much misogyny and antisemitism and antisemitic misogyny and misogynist antisemitism in my life, not to mention all the homophobia and lesbian-hating that underlies so much of people's perceptions, that I can take all the hate that is is thrown at me. I don't like it. It hurts me. But it is the tax I pay for being female, bisexual, and Jewish. I pay it willingly because I like life.

What really bothers more is that no one else here seems to have read the darn book!! This is GoodReads -- read the book! I read the book and I have opinions. All your opinions above are about me, but my opinions are about the book. Read. The. Book.

That said, because non-readers keep bringing up these things, and no response is necessary or deserved here, I can't help it: I need to correct a some factual errors that commenters here continually to cling to, and replace them with TRUTHs:

That said, I need to correct a some factual errors that commenters here continually to cling to, and replace them with TRUTHs:

1. Ethnic cleansing: Jews are not allowed to LIVE anywhere else in the Middle East other than in Israel. As such, Jews are treated worse than if they faced apartheid (not defending apartheid) in every Islamist country: they aren't given few rights -- they have zero rights, including the right to live. If Israel is destroyed, 7 million Jews will be exterminated. The Jewish religion will fail to exist. So who exactly is being ethnically cleansed?

2: Apartheid. Israel is not an apartheid state. The West Bank -- which is not Israel -- is extremely problematic. It is the only place that Coates admitted he spent time, and the West Bank, as I mentioned, is not Israel. As I wrote above, Jews, Israelis, and Zionists have a multitude of different views about the West Bank. The majority of ZIONISTS are not happy with the situation in the West Bank. So please stop calling Zionists evil when the majority of Zionists agree that things need to change in the West Bank. How in the world does your name calling help your cause? Yes, the situation in the West Bank is awful. But the West Bank is not Israel.

3. Genocide: South Africa sued and it was tried before an international court with a majority of members of the jury representing Muslim countries. This court and this jury determined that as a matter of fact and law, Israel is not engaging in genocide. Israel is engaging in war. Israel's ratio of number of combatants vs. civilians killed is among the highest of any war in any time -- even though the terrorists that Israel is targeting openly admit that they use civilians as human shields. Hamas placed all of its headquarters and military sites in residential homes, hospitals, schools, and mosques. That violates numerous international laws. Israel has been doing its best to target only the active terrorists, which would be much easier if they would stop hiding out in residences and underground beneath hospitals, schools, mosques, and homes. If you still do not recognize that this is happening, I urge you to get your information from a source other than TikTok and YouTube.

What is it like in Israel? Let me tell you!

1. Arab Muslims make up 20-30% of the population in Israel. They are welcomed and valued as equals.

2. Arab Muslims enjoy 100% of the civil rights of Jews in Israel.

3. Arab Muslims are represented in all ranks of Israeli society -- they are some of the most successful business owners; they are academics; they run charitable organizations; and they serve in all capacities of government.

4. Currently 12 Arab Muslims serve in the Israeli elected Congress, called the Knesset. They were duly elected, including by Jews.

5. There is at least one political party in the Israeli government that is mostly or all Arab Muslim. Sometimes they side with other parties. Sometimes they don't.

6. Israel is a coalition democracy, so becoming Prime Minister means having the support of most coalition members. There are MANY coalition governments including other successful economies and democracies, e.g. Germany.

7. Most surveys report that approximately 85% of Israelis disapprove of Netanyahu and would like to replace him.

8. Because Israel is a Democracy, an unpopular prime minister is replaced through democratic processes. S/he/they are not assassinated.

9. Israel is one of the most equal places on our planet for women. Women are drafted to serve in the army like men. Women enjoy leadership roles in Israel that they still have not seen in the US. Israel had a female prime minister approximately 60 years ago, while the US still has not had a female president

(Here is hoping for November!)

10. Israel is the ONLY country in the Middle East where LGBTQia+ people are allowed to LIVE. In all Islamist countries, it is criminal to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transexual, queer, questioning, intersex, asxual, aromantic, or non-straight in any other way. I am an LGBTQ+ person. I could move to Israel and be valued and welcomed. If I moved to any Islamist country -- which I could not do because I am Jewish - - I would be guilty of the highest crime and executed.

11. One of the best Queer Pride Celebrations is in Tel Aviv! I hope to attend this upcoming June. Many of the queer people who celebrate Pride in Israel are Muslim, Christian, Druze, Hindu, and all sorts of other religions. The Jewish religion has ZERO prohibitions on being LGBTQia2S+; in fact, it is a Jewish value to welcome and value all people.

12. EVERY street sign and public sign in Israel's largest cities, e.g. Tel Aviv, is given in three languages: Hebrew, Arabic, and English. Name one other country that is so language-inclusive.

13. Most Arab Israelis enjoy living in Israel. Surveys show that they overwhelmingly enjoy the freedoms they enjoy in Israel (because they enjoy all freedoms) and the opportunities they have in Israel (because they have all opportunities).
and finally, to repeat:

14. In *every* Islamist Middle Eastern country including the 22 countries that surround Israel, Jews have zero human rights. Jews have zero human rights because they are not allowed even to live there.

I have to believe that most people do not know these facts/any facts. They have never been to Israel to see for themselves. They don't believe me when I tell them because I am Jewish. They are blinded by their own unconscious antisemitism, which they project onto me and call me racist.

I stand by my opinion and repeat it with an even louder voice: Arguing for the survival of seven million Jews and that the Jewish religion should not be eliminated from our planet is not racism.

And here, so much blah blah blah by people who did not even read the book.

I read the book, and have problems with it. I am allowed to have problems with it. If you disagree, disagree. The response to speech is more speech.

So for those of you demanding that I take down this review, that use the most egregious anti-semitic tropes against me, even -- so ironically, so hypocritically, so irrationally -- calling me racist for standing up for a minority religion to have the right to exist -- what I say is this:

The response to speech is more speech. Read the book. Read any book. If you disagree with my POV, fine. But I will not take down my posts simply because you don't like what I say, especially when all I say is true.

Our world would be so vastly improved if more people were willing to question what they were told, if they could do their own research, visit countries firsthand, talk to actual people (not here or elsewhere on the Internet), and use disagreement as an opportunity to learn more. Instead of being scared and feeling offended by a different opinion, try asking: "Why do you think that? What evidence do you have?"

Where did you learn that?" Actually look at other sources. And be willing to learn. This is one of countless reasons I love to read. Reading is a great way to learn. Speech is wonderful - so please engage in it, both by listening to others and by learning how to be effective in using your own. Thank you for considering.

Hurray for books!

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From: AI Alternative <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, October 7, 2024 2:22 AM

To: Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>; John Varela <jvarela@valleywater.org>; Barbara Keegan <BKeegan@valleywater.org>; Richard Santos <rsantos@valleywater.org>; Jim Beall <JBeall@valleywater.org>; Nai Hsueh <NHsueh@valleywater.org>; Tony Estremera <TEstremera@valleywater.org>

Cc: Rebecca Eisenberg <Reisenberg@valleywater.org>

Subject: Rebecca Eisenberg is a racist and needs to be removed from Valley Water

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Hello Board Members of Valley Water,

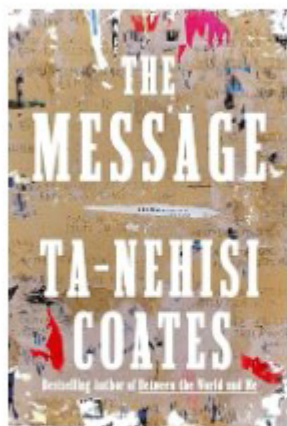
It has come to my attention that board member Rebecca Eisenberg has recently posted anti-Islam, anti-Arab, and pro-genocide sentiment online. Her racist post can be found in the comments section of GoodReads: <https://www.goodreads.com/review/show/6893478544> as well in screenshots I've attached below as insurance in case she deletes her post. Her public profile: <https://www.goodreads.com/user/show/16218812-rebecca-eisenberg>

It is astonishing, disgusting, and embarrassing that an elected official who represents people of all backgrounds and faiths would make these remarks in a public forum. This is unacceptable and she needs to be removed from her position immediately. Maybe then, she'll stop posting her pro-hate propaganda.

I'm looking forward to your response. Please let me know if contacting local media will help in the pursuit to rid this board of an inhumane official.

Thank you,
Concerned citizen of District 7 (Mountain View)

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The Message

by Ta-Nehisi Coates



Rebecca Eisenberg's review

Oct 01, 2016



This a profoundly disappointing, and even dangerous, book in a time when anti-semitic propaganda is at its highest point since the Holocaust. In The Message's longest essay a frighteningly misguided and non-researched essay about Palestine from the point of view of the terrorist, Ta-Nehisi Coates gets things very, very wrong -- not just factually, but also ethically.

In The Message, Ta-Nehisi Coates transforms the aggressor into the victim. He denies the reality of the most powerful and aggressive conquering force in the modern world--extremist Islamists--and falls into the lazy mass media dynamic of confusing peaceful Muslims with terrorist Islamists.

These Islamists, led by the Islamists who violently conquered Iran and numerous other countries surrounding Israel, murder peaceful Middle Eastern people on a daily basis. Dr. Coates could benefit from understanding the context-- that the same Islamist terrorists that seek to destroy Israel (it's in their Charter which Coates declines to read) actually murder more Muslims than any other religious group. The same terrorist Islamists seeking to destroy Israel from Gaza and the West Bank, also violently oppress indigenous people in Yemen (Houthis), Lebanon (Hezbollah), Iran, and in a dozen other countries, using Muslim people as human shields and violently destabilizing countries. This is not complicated.

What is baffling is how Coates's pathological drive to defend wrongdoers deprives him of his ability to advocate on behalf of Christians, Muslims, and all other indigenous people who as I write are living under terrorist-enforced Sharia law, murdered for being gay, for being a woman, or for being anything other than extremist Islamist. Ever contemplate

his slanted 10-day trip to make provably incorrect assumptions and harmful, bigoted, sweeping conclusions.

Perhaps the most striking and troubling perceptual and intellectual error Coates makes is in his conflation of the situation in the West Bank with Gaza. While admitting he never visited Gaza, and omitting reference to Hamas's deadly massacre on Simchat Torah, he assumes that the disputed territories faced similar circumstances. Coates could open the newspaper or read a book; he is shamefully misguided: the West Bank is occupied, but Gaza has not been occupied for almost 20 years.

Specifically: Israel has been occupying the West Bank as a disputed territory ever since Israel successfully defended itself from the invasion by terrorists in 1967. Many Israelis claimed the right to the West Bank as a result of a war it did not start. Some consider the occupation of the West Bank to be necessary to protect Israel from the terrorist groups that still seek to destroy Israel, in Jordan, Lebanon, and Iran (and elsewhere!). Many Zionists seek a more peaceful resolution to the West Bank, where all people can live peacefully, yet Israel nonetheless is protected from terrorists. There is no unity of opinion about the West Bank by Israelis or Jews or ZIONISTS. Coates gets this entirely wrong.

Not only that, but Coates also conflates the controversial situation in the West Bank with the Gaza Strip, which has not been occupied for almost 20 years. Israel completely pulled all troops and even displaced all Jews who had been living in Gaza in 2007. There was no "resistance to occupation" in Gaza because there was no occupation when Hamas invaded Israel and murdered and raped thousands of innocent people. Gaza had been left alone. Yet Coates sympathizes and hero-worships the rapists and murderers who broke a 20-year cease fire in response to absolutely nothing other than their desire to wipe Israel off the map (something, need I repeat, that it states in its charter!).

How is that complicated?

(Sidebar facts: the West Bank was actually a part of Jordan until Jordan relinquished all claim to it in 1950, yet there has

on a football-field sized geographic region of Arab countries where -- a very relevant point -- Jews are not allowed. Being a Zionist means that one believes that Jews should have the ability to survive as an ethnicity. If advocating for minority religion to avoid extermination is racist, then ... I cannot imagine a way to end that sentence.

Coates does not care. Although not all Zionists agree that the West Bank should be occupied, ALL (as does anyone with knowledge) agree that Gaza was not under occupation when Hamas invaded Israel and cruelly and inhumanely killed, tortured and raped so many people. Even if Gaza were under occupation (which it was not), there is no defense for rape, torture, and murder of human beings, and Coates should know that. There is NOTHING that can justify the rape, torture, and murder of people.

Given Coates's previous works, which I greatly respected and enjoyed, including *Between The World and Me*, I was surprised to see Dr. Coates's decline into mainstream propaganda. While his previous work was commendable and enlightening, this book is irresponsible, non-researched and dangerous to all people truly fighting for freedom and peace from terrorism in the Middle East.

In sum, while Coates claims he writes only what he knows, he is either profoundly self-unaware or intentionally lying. This is a very low point for a professor of ethics. Coates is so desperate to blame Israel for Hamas's egregious inhumanity that he embraces antisemitic lies to do so. While this thinking is dangerously common amongst mass media and social media content creators, it is also unethical, lazy, and incorrect. Coates, based on his previous work, should have known better.

Coates's statement that he may have been one of the terrorists that invaded a separate country, murdered and raped children, teenagers, babies, the elderly and so many more, and continue TO THIS DAY to hold more than 100 people, including women and children, hostage under the most inhumane conditions, reflects a complete destruction of his mind and soul. That he wrote this and defends it is



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Activity	Joined in January 2013, last active this month
Interests	I am a vegan climate crusader with 2 dogs and cats. I love animals, plants, and water. I am 100 Type 1 Enneagram, double Aries, Libra rising
Favorite Books	#DiverseBooks #womenauthors Africanfuturism (Nnedi Okorafor) Cli Fi (Margaret Atwood); sci-fi fiction (Becky Chambers), Future-predicting SF (Octavia Butler); Triple-Hugo-winning Fantasy! (NK Jemisin). I often despise Pulitzer books; what do you know?
About Me	I love to read.

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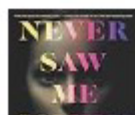
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From: Candice Kwok-Smith on behalf of Board Correspondence
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 9:53 AM
To: Rachael Gibson; Marta Lugo; Rosie Cofre; Blanca Sanchez-Cruz; Kalah Williams; Velia Mariscal
Cc: Michele King; Board of Directors
Subject: FW: Partnership Opportunity for Christmas Toy Drive

Good morning,

C-24-0237 has been approved sent and closed.

Thanks,
Candice

From: Candice Kwok-Smith **On Behalf Of** Board of Directors
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 9:52 AM
To: info@Joeystoydrive.org
Subject: FW: Partnership Opportunity for Christmas Toy Drive

Sent on Behalf of Chair Hsueh:

Dear Joey Childs,

On behalf of Valley Water, we thank Joey's Toy Drive for your commitment to bringing joy to Bay Area families during the holiday season and for the inquiry. Unfortunately, we already have an established toy drive partnership in place.

Our Veterans employee resource group (ERG), in collaboration with the Network & Activities for Parents ERG, has proudly partnered with the United States Marine Corps' Toys for Tots annual drive. Our ERGs have placed collection boxes at various campus locations for the past ten years, allowing employees to contribute new, unwrapped toys.

Thank you again for considering Valley Water for this partnership. Regretfully, we cannot support a second toy drive collection effort at this time. If you have any questions, please contact Rosie Cofre, Office of Racial Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (REDI) unit manager, at rcofre@valleywater.org.

Sincerely,



Nai Hsueh
Chair, District 5

C-24-0237

From: Joey Childs <info@Joeystoydrive.org>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2024 1:31 PM
To: Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>
Subject: Partnership Opportunity for Christmas Toy Drive

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Dear Valley Water Team,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Joey Childs, and I am the founder of Joey's Toy Drive, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing holiday joy to underprivileged children in the San Francisco Bay Area.

This year, we are organizing our annual toy drive and would love the opportunity to partner with Valley Water. We believe that setting up a toy collection at your offices could engage your employees and contribute significantly to our mission of bringing smiles to children in need.

In 2023 alone, we collected over **12,500 toys and partnered with 51 organizations**, including several schools, to support families during the holiday season. A collaboration with Valley Water would not only help us reach more children but also demonstrate your commitment to community service and social responsibility.

We would be happy to provide collection bins and promotional materials to facilitate the process. If you're interested, we can discuss logistics and any support you might need.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children and families in our community. I look forward to the possibility of working together.

Warm regards,
Joey Childs

Joey Childs, Founder
Joey's Toy Drive
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