



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

NON-AGENDA

January 12, 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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| 22 | | Email from Chair Varela to Regan Williams, dated 01/05/24, regarding feral pigs. |
| 25 | | Email from Directors Santos and Estremera to Danny Garza, dated 01/08/24, regarding Lower Silver Creek sediment, trash and debris. |

Outlook as of January 1, 2024

On December 1, 2023, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced an initial State Water Project (SWP) allocation of 10% of contract amount for 2024. An initial Central Valley Project (CVP) allocation of water for 2024 has not yet been released. Valley Water received 100% allocations from the SWP and CVP for calendar year 2023. On April 11, 2023, the Board of Directors replaced the mandatory call to reduce water use with a voluntary call for 15% water conservation compared to 2019. On June 13, 2023, the Board 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 December, City of San José = 2.48 inches
- Rainfall year total = 3.03 inches or 61% of average to date (rainfall year is July 1 to June 30)
- January 1 Northern Sierra snowpack was 29% of normal for this date

Local Reservoirs

- Total January 1 storage = 33,584 acre-feet

| Reservoir Storage | All Ten Valley Water Reservoirs | All Reservoirs Except Anderson |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Storage as % of unrestricted capacity | 20% | 39% |
| Storage as % of restricted capacity (1) | 54% | 51% |
| Storage as % of the 20-year average for January 1 | 50% | 99% |

(1) Per the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's order, the capacity of Anderson Reservoir was restricted to the deadpool storage as of October 1, 2020

- No imported water delivered into Calero Reservoir during December 2023
- Total estimated releases to streams (local and imported water) during December were 6,660 acre-feet (based on preliminary hydrologic data)

Treated Water

- Below average demands of 4,548 acre-feet were delivered in December
- This total is 81% of the five-year average for the month of December
- Year-to-date deliveries are 88,035 acre-feet or 89% of the five-year average

Groundwater

- Groundwater conditions remain healthy throughout the county. Groundwater levels in most regional monitoring wells are higher than last month due to normal, seasonal increases. All water levels are higher relative to December 2022 and nearly all are higher than the prior five-year average for December. The end of 2023 groundwater storage is estimated to be in Stage 1 (Normal) of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan

| | Santa Clara Subbasin | | Llagas Subbasin |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| | Santa Clara Plain | Coyote Valley | |
| December 2023 managed recharge estimate | 6,900 | 1,200 | 1,700 |
| YTD managed recharge estimate | 86,800 | 14,100 | 22,700 |
| YTD managed recharge as % of five-year average | 175% | 94% | 115% |
| November 2023 pumping estimate | 5,700 | 1,300 | 3,800 |
| YTD pumping estimate | 49,900 | 13,100 | 39,300 |
| YTD pumping as % of five-year average | 76% | 118% | 100% |
| Current index well groundwater levels compared to December 2022 | 17 Feet Higher | 4 Feet Higher | 38 Feet Higher |

All volumes are in acre-feet. All data is for 2023 except where noted. YTD = Year-to-date.

Imported Water

- In December 2023, the SWP operated Banks pumping plant with an average daily export of 6,311 acre-feet, resulting in a total export of 195,631 acre-feet from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta for the month
- In December 2023, the CVP operated Jones pumping plant with an average daily export of 5,893 acre-feet, resulting in a total export of 182,670 acre-feet from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta for the month
- Dry conditions limited Delta exports in early December; exports increased in late December after a series of storm systems arrived in California

| WY 2024 Imported Water Allocations | Allocation | Allocation (acre-feet) | Details |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| SWP | 10% | 10,000 | Initial Allocation |
| CVP | TBD | TBD | Announcement expected late February |
| State-wide Reservoir Storage | Capacity | Current Storage (acre-feet) | Average for Date (as of 12/31/23) |
| Shasta Reservoir | 68% | 3,112,673 | 116% |
| Oroville Reservoir | 68% | 2,406,531 | 130% |
| San Luis Reservoir | 56% | 1,147,347 | 90% |
| Semitropic Groundwater Bank | Capacity | Current Storage (acre-feet) | Date of Data |
| | 81% | 284,073 | 11/30/23 |
| Estimated SFPUC Deliveries | November 2023 (acre-feet) | 2023 Total to Date (acre-feet) | Five-Year Annual Average (acre-feet) |
| | 2,800 | 39,541 | 47,000 |

Conserved Water

- Saved 80,078 acre-feet in FY22 through Valley Water's long-term conservation program (baseline year is 1992)
- Long-term program goal is to save nearly 100,000 acre-feet by 2030 and 110,000 acre-feet by 2040
- On June 13, 2023, the Board 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 December 2023 production = 730 acre-feet
- Estimated year-to-date through December = 15,990 acre-feet or 93% of the five-year average
- Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center produced an estimated 1.6 billion gallons (4,803 acre-feet) of purified water in 2022. Since the beginning of 2023, about 4,363 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

Alternative Sources

- As of December 10, 2019, Valley Water's wastewater contract right from Palo Alto/ Mountain View remains at 11,200 acre-feet/year

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BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS and Informational Items

| Request | Request Date | Director | BAO/Chief | Staff | Description | 20 Days Due Date | Expected Completion Date | Disposition |
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| I-23-0033 | 12/21/23 | Beall | Yoke | Mcelroy | Provide Director Beall with a copy of Valley Water's reasonable accommodation policy. | 01/10/24 | | |
| R-23-0011 | 08/08/23 | Eisenberg | Taylor | Chinte Salandan an | CEO 2023 travel with the following: For each time away, please provide: 1. Dates 2. Locations traveled to 3. Total cost 4. Whether the district paid in part or in whole (how much, and was it as a legitimate business expense or as a taxable perk) 5. If for official reasons, if not clear from the outside, please provide a brief (one sentence or even partial sentence is fine) description of the nexus -- e.g. "met with these senators in washington dc: warren, booker, and feinstein" 6. If the district only paid in part, I do not need to know what was happening during the personal time 7. Please provide the budget for travel for that time period and how the actuals compared with the budgeted (this should be very simple) | 08/29/23 | | 10/11/23 Information Only: BMR request was updated to change from BAO travel information to only CEO: CEO 2023 travel with the following: For each time away, please provide: 1.Dates 2.Locations traveled to 3.Total cost 4.Whether the district paid in part or in whole (how much, and was it as a legitimate business expense or as a taxable perk) 5.If for official reasons, if not clear from the outside, please provide a brief (one sentence or even partial sentence is fine) description of the nexus -- e.g. "met with these senators in washington dc: warren, booker, and feinstein" 6.If the district only paid in part, I do not need to know what was happening during the personal time 7.Please provide the budget for travel for that time period and how the actuals compared with the budgeted (this should be very simple); 09/08/23 Information Only: Two additional weeks need. Anticipated completion date of September 22. |
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Michele King

From: J N <ravenvader[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, January 08, 2024 9:37 AM
To: Board of Directors; ironworkrdanny[REDACTED]
Cc: peter.ortiz@sanjoseca.gov; Madero, Angel; terrychavarria[REDACTED]; knightsounds[REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Help us prevent flooding in Lower Silver Creek

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Let not forget the homeless
That live there by the water..

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

On Mon, Jan 8, 2024 at 8:35 AM, Board of Directors
<board@valleywater.org> wrote:

Sent on Behalf of Directors Estremera and Santos:

Dear Danny Garza,

Thank you for reaching out about Lower Silver Creek. Valley Water staff visited Lower Silver Creek on January 2, 2024 and the following observations were made:

1. Sediment has accumulated in the low-flow channel and portions of the floodplain and adjacent lower maintenance road.
2. Boulders and rip-rap have been placed in the low-flow channel by others and this appears to have begun de-stabilizing the bank.
3. Trash and debris exists within the creek channel and along the banks and ramps.

Regarding item 1, the creek continues to have sufficient capacity to convey design flows. That said, because of the potential for impacts to Valley Water's ability to utilize the lower maintenance road on Lower Silver Creek, Valley Water plans to undertake sediment removal activities later this year, pending receipt of permit approvals from regulatory agencies, environmental factors, and crew availability. Please be aware that the work window for sediment removal begins June 15th per our permits, and we cannot undertake this activity before then. Regarding item 2, the impacts to the bank are anticipated to be addressed as part of the sediment removal work. Regarding item 3, a work order has been prepared to address trash and debris in the area. Valley Water crews are scheduled for a thorough enhanced cleanup of encampments and other inorganic trash and debris starting on January 18, 2024.

We are always appreciative of your comments. In the future, if you need to report other concerns to Valley Water, you may also use our online system at <https://access.valleywater.org/s/>.

Please contact Deputy Operating Officer Jennifer Codianne at jcodianne@valleywater.org for follow-up information.

Thanks again for contacting us.

Sincerely,



Richard Santos

District 3

C-24-0303



Tony Estremera

District 6

From: Danny Garza <ironworkrdanny@valleywater.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2023 1:52 PM
To: Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>; Richard Santos <rsantos@valleywater.org>; Tony Estremera <TEstremera@valleywater.org>; Peter Ortiz <peter.ortiz@sanjoseca.gov>; Angel Madero <angel.madero@sanjoseca.gov>; Joe Nieto <ravenvader@valleywater.org>; Terrychavarria <terrychavarria@valleywater.org>; Carlos Diaz "Knightsounds" <knightsounds@valleywater.org>
Subject: Help us prevent flooding in Lower Silver Creek

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Honorable Board,

As you are aware, the Plata Arroyo Neighborhood Association and Gateway East N.A.C. has adopted Reach 3 of Lower Silver Creek and has been assigned the Lower section of Reach 4.

Reach 3 is in the Plata Arroyo Neighborhood Association.

Reach 4 is in the Mayfair Neighborhood Association.

These are images taken today, of the possible Creek Obstructions that may lead to possible Flooding in our area soon.

As you can plainly view, the Obstructions were not here before in any of the previous Email Images I have sent.

What is here -

01. At the bottom of the image - Dirt Island that was not here before

02. At the middle of the image - Debris starting to 'form a Dam across the Creek' from one Creek Bank to the other Creek Bank

03. At the Top of the image is a previously crossing of Rocks, collected over time and Water rushing

Michele King

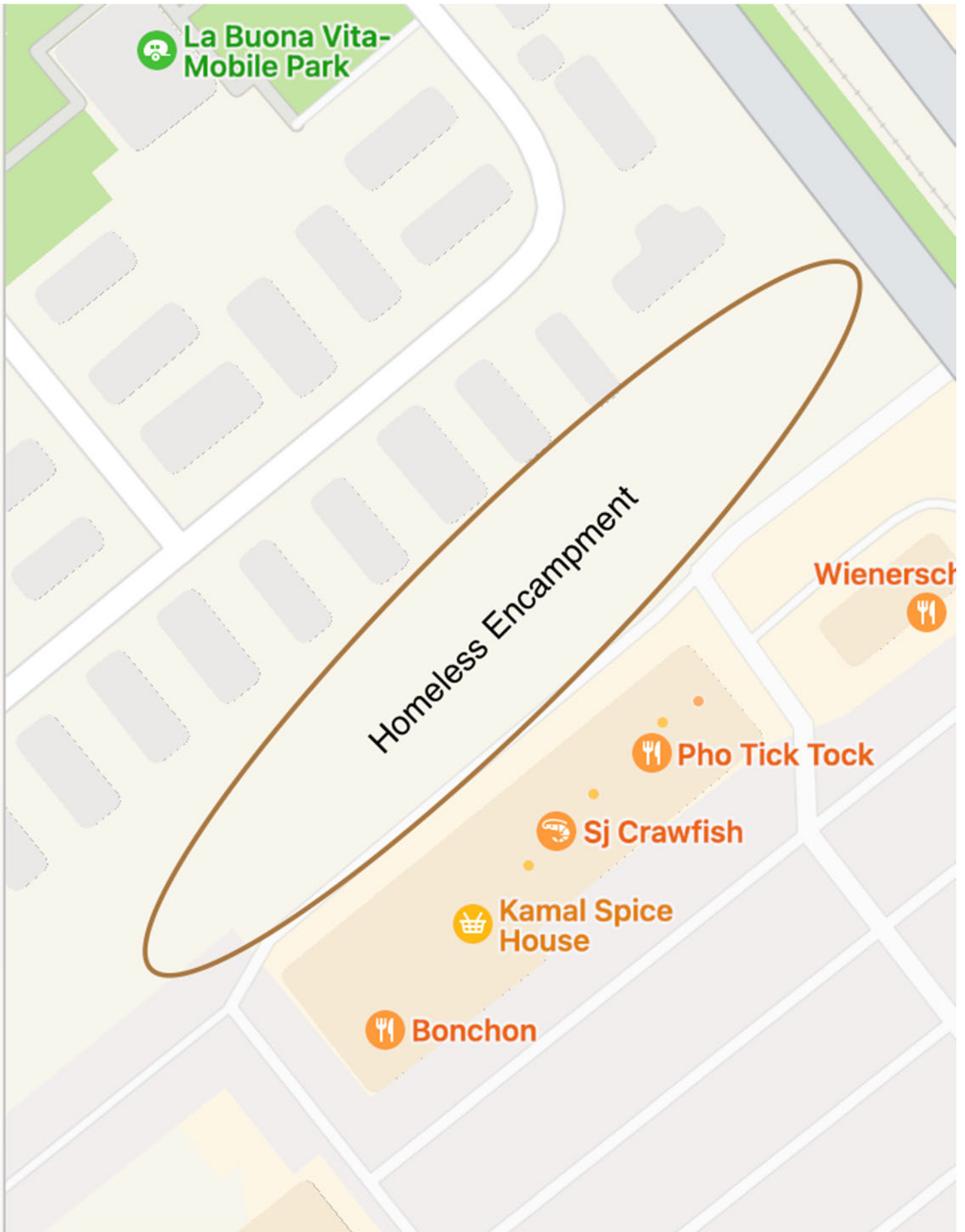
Subject: FW: Homeless encampment west of McKee VTA stop along Capitol Ave
Attachments: Mike.Kraus.PNA.Biz.Card.pdf

From: Mike Kraus <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, January 8, 2024 3:34 PM
To: district5@sanjoseca.gov; District4@sanjoseca.gov; Richard Santos <rsantos@valleywater.org>; Anurag Pal <anurag.pal@asm.ca.gov>; Eric Stroker <eric.stroker@bos.sccgov.org>; Stephen Ngo <stephen.ngo@sanjoseca.gov>; Rheya Pawar <Rheya.Pawar@sanjoseca.gov>
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Dear Honorable Peter Ortiz (et al),

My name is Michael Kraus, president of the Penitencia Neighborhood Association located on the boarder between district 4 and district 5. Several community members that visit the Target store on capitol or travel south from the neighborhood have brought to my attention a growing homeless camp issue. I would like to bring to your attention that the number of homeless people has grown significantly over the last two months located on the west side of capitol Avenue across from the McKee VTA stop. See map below. Respectfully request that you put this issue on your radar to address. Thank you in advance for advocating and acting on our concerns.



Mike Kraus
President-Penitencia Neighborhood Association
Cell: 1 [REDACTED]
Web Page: www.Penitenciaassociation.com

Michele King

From: James Salata [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, January 08, 2024 3:11 PM
Cc: Opsal, Shelley; Lomio, Michael; t [REDACTED]; Beckel, Dolan; Jensen, Erik; Garcia, Faye; Ortiz, Peter; jorjapeach [REDACTED] deb [REDACTED]; Flores Shelton, Andrea; caltrans_d4@dot.ca.gov; bcarbaja [REDACTED]; justin [REDACTED]; Imamura, Justin; gabriela [REDACTED]; fyazad [REDACTED]; dmoore [REDACTED]; Tucker, John; Jeremy Cabaccang; cshipp [REDACTED]; itsjuanestrada [REDACTED] mpnas [REDACTED]; equezada [REDACTED]; Madero, Angel; Reed, Jim; Rios, Angel; Hughey, Rosalynn; tjlausters [REDACTED] Bekele, Melissa; Wells, Laura; Ramirez, Ed; Montes, Xochitl; O'Reilly, Torie; Ruiz, Kimberly; Rocha, Vincent; Roberts, Rachel; Piozet, Jennifer; Cranford, Sandra; Quevedo, Matthew; john [REDACTED] alain [REDACTED]; wanda.wong@mountainview.gov; wanday.wond [REDACTED]; kelseycolson [REDACTED] Gupta, Chaitanya; Board of Directors; vanessa [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 797 South Almaden at Virginia GOOD NEWS
Attachments: IMG_8254.JPG

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Hello everyone! Despite crickets from D-3 and Code Enforcement since I sent this last March, and thanks to RCD, (Gabriel Bordon) Chu Chang, Lisa Joiner, Maysoon Dahi, Leslie Domondon, Ruth Queto, Sylvia Do, Reema Mahmood, Dana Peak, the County, and others.... And after the Washington Guadalupe Neighborhood has spent two and a half years dealing with this blight, we finally were finally issued a demolition permit and started today ridding this underserved community of this nuisance. If it wasn't for the folks listed above who knows how much longer this pestilence would have lasted. Thank you all very much for helping us through the process and this great New Year's Present! What a TEAM! If someone wants to respond with thanks please thank the staff not me.
My best regards! Jim





James A. (Jim) Salata President
1010 South First St. San Jose, Ca. 95110
P 408-289-8807 Fax 408-289-8523

From: James Salata [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 12:13 PM
To: District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; Carrillo, Oscar <Oscar.Carrillo@sanjoseca.gov>; Roberts, Rachel <Rachel.Roberts@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: Opsal, Shelley <shelley.opsal@sanjoseca.gov>; Lomio, Michael <Michael.Lomio@sanjoseca.gov>; tj@ [REDACTED]; Beckel, Dolan <dolan.beckel@sanjoseca.gov>; Jensen, Erik <Erik.Jensen@sanjoseca.gov>; Garcia, Faye <Faye.Garcia@sanjoseca.gov>; Ortiz, Peter <Peter.Ortiz@sanjoseca.gov>; jorjapeach2@ [REDACTED]; deb [REDACTED]; Flores Shelton, Andrea <Andrea.FloresShelton@sanjoseca.gov>; caltrans_d4@dot.ca.gov; bcarbaja [REDACTED]; justin [REDACTED]; Imamura, Justin <justin.imamura@sanjoseca.gov>; gabriela [REDACTED]; fyazad [REDACTED]; dmoore [REDACTED]; Tucker, John <john.tucker@ca.afscme57.org>; Jeremy Cabaccang <jcabaccang [REDACTED]>; cshipp [REDACTED]; itsjuanestrada [REDACTED]; mpnasj@ [REDACTED]; equezada [REDACTED]; Madero, Angel <Angel.Madero@sanjoseca.gov>; Reed, Jim <Jim.Reed@sanjoseca.gov>; Rios, Angel <Angel.Rios@sanjoseca.gov>; Hughey, Rosalynn <Rosalynn.Hughey@sanjoseca.gov>; tjlauteurs [REDACTED]; Bekele, Melissa <Melissa.Bekele@sanjoseca.gov>; Wells, Laura <Laura.Wells@sanjoseca.gov>; Ramirez, Ed <Ed.Ramirez@sanjoseca.gov>; Montes, Xochitl <Xochitl.Montes@sanjoseca.gov>; O'Reilly, Torie <Torie.O'Reilly@sanjoseca.gov>; Ruiz, Kimberly <Kimberly.Ruiz@sanjoseca.gov>; Rocha, Vincent <Vincent.Rocha@sanjoseca.gov>; Roberts, Rachel <Rachel.Roberts@sanjoseca.gov>; Piozet, Jennifer <Jennifer.Piozet@sanjoseca.gov>; Cranford, Sandra <Sandra.Cranford@sanjoseca.gov>; Quevedo, Matthew <Matthew.Quevedo@sanjoseca.gov>; john558@ [REDACTED]; alair [REDACTED]; wanda.wong@mountainview.gov; wanda.wong [REDACTED]; kelseycolson@ [REDACTED]; Gupta, Chaitanya <chaitanyagupta [REDACTED]>; Board@valleywater.org; vanessa [REDACTED]
Subject: 797 South Almaden at Virginia

Hello Code Enforcement Team and D-3 !!

Anything we can do to help the Washington Guadalupe Neighborhood? See below photos of burnt buildings and link to proposed development. This is harming the neighborhood and is a nuisance that is attracting bad elements. This is only blocks from the mess under 280 which Cal Trans is cleaning up today by the way. Also two other follow up items.. San Fernando/Lawrence Hotel, what is the status of your notifying Bay Area Air Quality about the potential asbestos issue? The other item is at our clean and safe meeting, I had asked how many \$10,000.00 illegal dumping fines were levied last year and you Rachel said you would get back to us. Can you please follow up? I have a bad feeling that the neighborhoods aren't knowledgeable about reporting.. we need to change that.

Thank you very much and have a great day ! Jim

Here is the link for the proposed development: <https://sfyimby.com/2021/04/development-under-review-for-797-south-almaden-avenue-central-san-jose.html>



James A. Salata President
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Shannon McCarthy and Robert Steuer

[REDACTED], San Jose, CA 95125
[REDACTED]

January 6, 2024

Mr. Tony Estremera
Santa Clara Valley Water District
5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA 95118

Dear Mr. Estremera,

We're reaching out to you regarding an extraordinarily high San Jose Water bill we received. We live at [REDACTED], San Jose, CA 95125. We believe you are our director. Please let us know if otherwise.

Our last water bill was in the amount of \$5,661.49. Our normal bills are about \$100 per month. According to San Jose Water, this amount was due to a leak. This leak was not detectable anywhere on our property and we knew nothing about it until our next door neighbor told us water was leaking onto his driveway. At that point we fixed the leak.

We called San Jose Water to come out and they told us "the result of our field investigation indicates that the meter read as shown on our billing statement is correct". Our service inspector indicated "there was no visible sign of a leak and there was no movement on the meter at the time of the visit".

They are charging us \$471 monthly over a year. This is a burden for us.

Our adjusted gross income for 2023 was \$73,922. We are seniors and on social security. We've accumulated \$95,000 in debt over the past several years just to supplement our income.

It seems to us that when we know nothing about a leak, we shouldn't be held responsible, at least not for the whole amount.

We'd be most grateful if you could advocate for us.

Thank you,



Shannon McCarthy



Robert Steuer

Michele King

Subject: FW: Letter for Real Estate agent

From: Mark Bolger <mbolger967@>

Sent: Monday, January 8, 2024 4:45:03 PM

To: Jim Beall <JBeall@valleywater.org>

Cc: Brigitte Rince <brigmauikitty@>

Subject: Letter for Real Estate agent

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Hi Jim,

We are interested in putting our home on the market to sell so that we can move.

As we discussed today, would you please draft a letter for our real estate agent to provide to potential home buyers that will layout the plans that the Valley Water district and the City of San Jose plan to execute to remove the homeless and create the EIH enclosure between Branham Lane and Blossom Hill Road.

We are hoping that your plans will ease their minds about purchasing the property adjacent to percolation pond 3. The camps are very visible from our back yard and could deter potential buyers or lower the price they are willing to pay.

Sincerely,

Mark Bolger and Brigitte Rince

Chynoweth Ave, San Jose, CA 95136

OUTGOING BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Michele King

Subject: FW: Wild Hogs in Morgan Hill

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

Sent: Friday, January 5, 2024 2:41 PM

To: [reganwj](#) [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Wild Hogs in Morgan Hill

Sent on Behalf of Chair Varela:

Dear Regan Williams,

Thank you for your email. Valley Water understands the community's concern regarding the presence of the feral pigs and acknowledges the request to work with the community to help improve the situation. Valley Water has received a large number of comments from the public on the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project (ADSRP) Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and the Draft Petition for Surrender of Exemption (Draft Petition) regarding the feral pig presence within the vicinity of the project area. The public review period for the Draft EIR closed on November 8th, 2023, and the public review period of the Draft Petition closed as of December 28th, 2023. Valley Water is currently in the process of addressing the comments that were submitted for these two public documents, including those that addressed the nuisance of the feral pigs.

For the purpose of this response, Valley Water is providing the below additional information regarding the feral pig issue occurring in the Holiday Lake Estates and Santa Clara County. The increase in feral pig numbers and activity is part of a larger regional issue that is occurring throughout Santa Clara County and the greater San Francisco Bay Area. There is strong evidence through recent documentation, online sources, and agency coordination that the feral pig presence has been and continues to increase over time. In fact, the passage of SB 856 in 2022, relaxing restrictions on feral pig hunting, reflects the statewide growing feral pig population and the need for better management of feral pigs, thus demonstrating that the issue is not restricted to the vicinity of Anderson Reservoir. Reports have shown that pigs, including boars, sows, and juveniles, were observed in Coyote Canyon in 2018. Given the high reproductive rates of feral pigs, the observed group of 20 pigs may have produced hundreds of pigs between 2018 and August 2021, thus potentially explaining the presence of over 25 pigs observed at Holiday Lakes Estates neighborhood. There are ample access routes by which pigs could have dispersed from Coyote Canyon to neighborhoods adjacent to the reservoir without having to cross Coyote Creek or Anderson Reservoir.

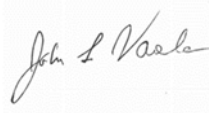
The increased presence of and disturbance caused by feral pigs have been reported in many other areas of Santa Clara County. In 2020, there were news reports of significant feral pig damage at the Coyote Creek Golf Club. This location is four miles northwest of Anderson Dam, and there is no expectation that the presence of feral pigs at the golf course was related to the drawdown of Anderson Reservoir.

Although California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) could issue Valley Water a depredation and trapping permit, Valley Water is limited on depredation and trapping efforts depending on property boundaries, agency limitations, and use of trapping and depredation equipment. To help with this issue, Valley Water continues to work with other agencies and to research and consider options for region-wide solutions to help address the feral pig issue.

As mentioned earlier, Valley Water understands the concerns expressed regarding the presence of feral pigs and acknowledges the request to work with the community to help address the regional issue.

If you have further questions or concerns, please contact Deputing Operating Officer Ryan McCarter at rmccarter@valleywater.org.

Sincerely,



John Varela
Chair, District 1

C-23-0299

Begin forwarded message:

From: Regan Williams [REDACTED] >
Date: December 22, 2023 at 6:20:12 PM PST
To: John Varela <jvarela@valleywater.org>
Subject: Wild Hogs in Morgan Hill

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Mr Varela,

My family and I live in Holiday Lake Estates in Morgan Hill and our yard has been devastated by the wild hogs. I see them on a nightly basis in my yard causing damage. I put up a hog fence to try and keep them out, but they forced their way into my yard anyway. They have cost/will cost us thousands of dollars in damage. We had never seen a pig in our neighborhood until last year. My neighbor across the street has lived there for over 30 years and had never seen a pig until last year too. The number of pigs has skyrocketed and we are seeing them during the day now. My teenage girls are afraid every morning they leave for school because the pigs are routinely by their car out front. The hogs have only been a problem for us since the reservoir was drained.

We need help! We live in the city limits and therefore we can't shoot them! We need someone that has connections to Morgan Hill and Valley Water...to advocate for us and help get rid of this growing problem before someone gets hurt by a pig! I know you care about Morgan Hill...please help us!

I have talked to Fish and Game and they will issue Valley Water a permit to trap the pigs on the lake bed. We need to control the hog population before it gets any further out of hand.

I have spent the last 28 years serving the public and I'm usually the one helping others solve their problems. Now, I'm the one asking for help for my family and neighbors.
Sincerely,

Regan Williams

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Morgan Hill, CA 95037
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Sent from my iPhone

Michele King

Subject: FW: Help us prevent flooding in Lower Silver Creek

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

Sent: Monday, January 8, 2024 8:35 AM

To: [ironworkrdanny](#) [REDACTED]

Cc: peter.ortiz@sanjoseca.gov; Madero, Angel <Angel.Madero@sanjoseca.gov>; [ravenvader](#) [REDACTED]

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Subject: Re: Help us prevent flooding in Lower Silver Creek

Sent on Behalf of Directors Estremera and Santos:

Dear Danny Garza,

Thank you for reaching out about Lower Silver Creek. Valley Water staff visited Lower Silver Creek on January 2, 2024 and the following observations were made:

1. Sediment has accumulated in the low-flow channel and portions of the floodplain and adjacent lower maintenance road.
2. Boulders and rip-rap have been placed in the low-flow channel by others and this appears to have begun de-stabilizing the bank.
3. Trash and debris exists within the creek channel and along the banks and ramps.

Regarding item 1, the creek continues to have sufficient capacity to convey design flows. That said, because of the potential for impacts to Valley Water's ability to utilize the lower maintenance road on Lower Silver Creek, Valley Water plans to undertake sediment removal activities later this year, pending receipt of permit approvals from regulatory agencies, environmental factors, and crew availability. Please be aware that the work window for sediment removal begins June 15th per our permits, and we cannot undertake this activity before then. Regarding item 2, the impacts to the bank are anticipated to be addressed as part of the sediment removal work. Regarding item 3, a work order has been prepared to address trash and debris in the area. Valley Water crews are scheduled for a thorough enhanced cleanup of encampments and other inorganic trash and debris starting on January 18, 2024.

We are always appreciative of your comments. In the future, if you need to report other concerns to Valley Water, you may also use our online system at <https://access.valleywater.org/s/>.

Please contact Deputy Operating Officer Jennifer Codianne at jcodianne@valleywater.org for follow-up information.

Thanks again for contacting us.

Sincerely,



Richard Santos
District 3



Tony Estremera
District 6

C-23-0303

From: Danny Garza <[ironworkrdanny@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:ironworkrdanny@[REDACTED])>
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2023 1:52 PM
To: Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>; Richard Santos <rsantos@valleywater.org>; Tony Estremera <TEstremera@valleywater.org>; Peter Ortiz <peter.ortiz@sanjoseca.gov>; Angel Madero <angel.madero@sanjoseca.gov>; Joe Nieto Yahoo Acct <[ravenvader@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:ravenvader@[REDACTED])> Terrychavarria <[terrychavarria@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:terrychavarria@[REDACTED])> Carlos Diaz "Knightsounds" <[knightsounds@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:knightsounds@[REDACTED])>
Subject: Help us prevent flooding in Lower Silver Creek

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Honorable Board,

As you are aware, the Plata Arroyo Neighborhood Association and Gateway East N.A.C. has adopted Reach 3 of Lower Silver Creek and has been assigned the Lower section of Reach 4.

Reach 3 is in the Plata Arroyo Neighborhood Association.

Reach 4 is in the Mayfair Neighborhood Association.

These are images taken today, of the possible Creek Obstructions that may lead to possible Flooding in our area soon.



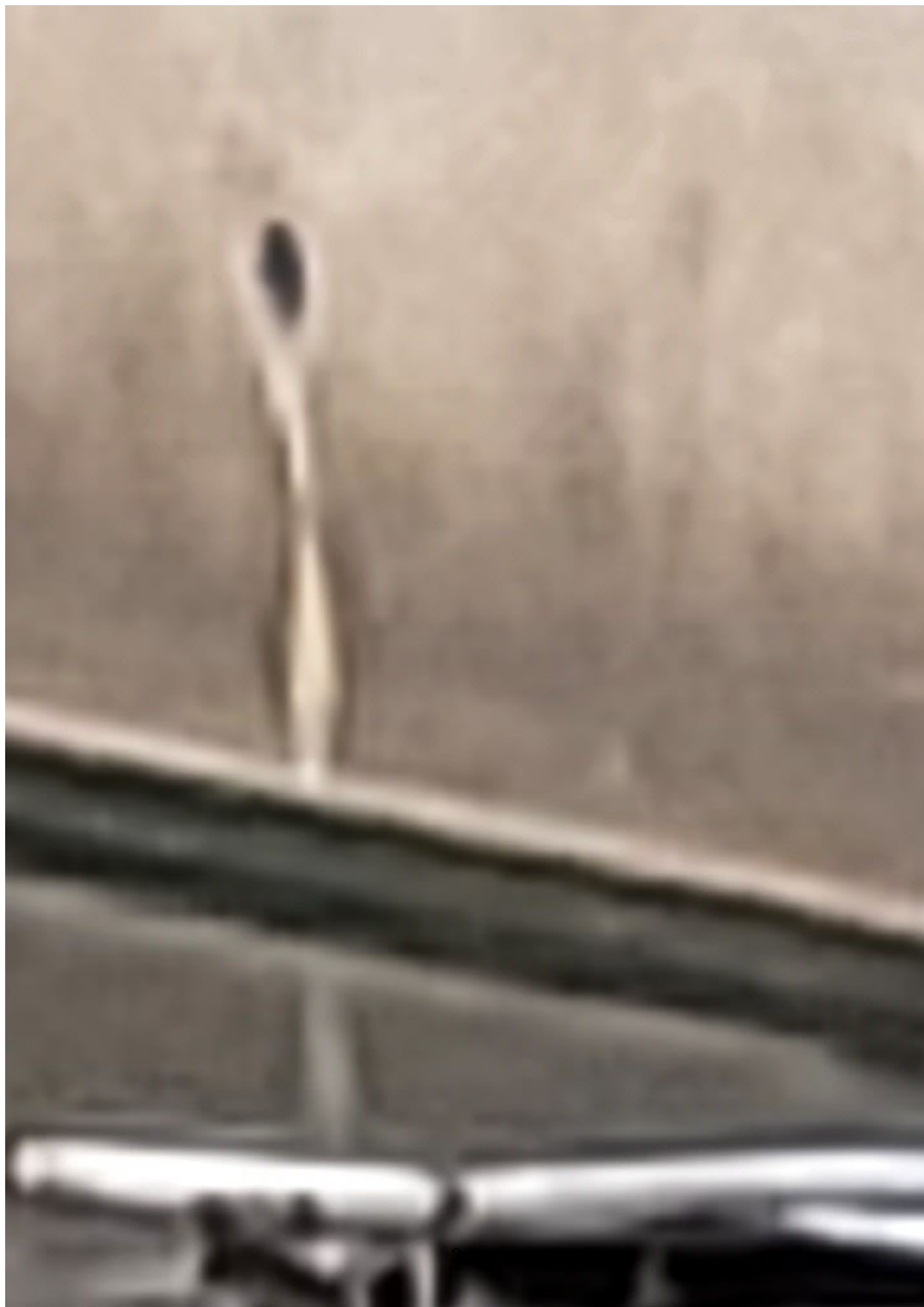
As you can plainly view, the Obstructions were not here before in any of the previous Email Images I have sent.

What is here -

01. At the bottom of the image - Dirt Island that was not here before

02. At the middle of the image - Debris starting to 'form a Dam across the Creek' from one Creek Bank to the other Creek Bank

03. At the Top of the image is a previously crossing of Rocks, collected over time and Water rushing



This image is about 200 feet North of the Alum Rock Avenue Bridge that spans Lower Silver Creek.

As you can see, Debris is moving Down Stream toward the other Lower Silver Creek Obstructions.

This Debris Pile is going to end up blocking the Waterway.

We need the Water District to be proactive and remove the Obstruction in this Email.

Of course, we aren't professionals in the Water District, but we have an idea of the Water Ambassadors Program and want to seriously be in partnership to keep the Community Safe.



This set of Small Boulder is set to acquire some of the Debris Pile Upstream, after the Alum Rock Bridge. Soon, this year, there is going to be a problem on Lower Silver Creek. This is going to be a major Blockage.



Underneath the Pedestrian Bridge is a set of zsmall Boulders that are starting to create a successful Dam. Soon the Debris from Upstream will be at this location as well.





The width of Lower Silver Creek has been severely reduced to almost half of the original measurements.

Let's remove all of the above possible points of Obstruction and save the Community a set huge Heartaches.

[It is better and Cheaper for everyone if we are Proactive rather than Reactive.]

Thank you for your immediate attention.

In Community Spirit,

Danny Garza

Water Ambassador

and

President

Plata Arroyo Neighborhood Association and Gateway East N.A.C.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)