



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

NON-AGENDA

February 16, 2022

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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18		Email from Albert Colas Prunera to the board, dated 02/13/24, responding to Director Eisenberg's email response to his 02/12/24 email regarding the concern for uncontrolled hazards at Willow Street and Lelong Street unsheltered encampment. C-24-0037
		<u>OUTGOING BOARD CORRESPONDENCE</u>
24		Email from Director Eisenberg to Albert Colas Prunera, dated 02/13/23, regarding regarding the concern for uncontrolled hazards at Willow Street and Lelong Street unsheltered encampment.

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-24-0034	02/12/24	02/12/24	All	CHRIS KOURETAS	Email from Chris Kouretas to the board, dated 02/12/24, regarding potention illegal dumping at unsheltered camp.	Refer to Staff	Codianne	Mody	02/20/24	-	n/a	02/26/24
C-24-0031	02/10/24	02/12/24	Santos	SHARON ROOT	Email from Sharon Root to Director Santos, dated 2/10/24, regarinding bridge over Penitencia Creek at King Road.	Refer to Staff	Codianne	Yerrapotu	02/20/24	-	n/a	02/26/24
C-24-0030	02/07/24	02/07/24	All	DANNY GARZA	Email from Danny Garza to the board, dated 02/07/24 regarding concerns about possible future blockages on Lower Silver Creek.	Refer to Staff	Codianne	Mody	02/15/24	02/13/24	n/a	02/21/24
C-24-0020	01/26/24	01/26/24	All	PERRY MISTRY	Email from Perry Mistry to Director Santos and the Board,	Refer to Staff	Baker	Struve Gin	02/03/24	02/02/24	n/a	02/09/24

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					dated 01/26/24, requesting information on wastewater to drinking water projects completed and in the pipeline.							
C-24-0017	01/25/24	01/26/24	Eisenberg	JOHN GUISLIN	Email from John Guislin to Director Eisenberg, dated 01/25/24, regarding SFCJPA reconsideration of 6 foot cement walls by creek.	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Yerrapotu	02/03/24	02/01/24	n/a	02/09/24
C-24-0014	01/23/24	01/23/24	All	BRIGITTE RINCE	Email from Brigitte Rince to Board on NHD Report	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Yerrapotu	01/31/24	01/30/24	n/a	02/06/24
C-24-0011	01/13/24	01/16/24	All	TIFFANY HOWARD	Email from Tiffany Howard to the board, dated 01/13/04, regarding the unhouse in the creek behind her home.	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Codianne	01/24/24	01/22/24	n/a	01/30/24
C-24-0007	01/11/24	01/11/24	Beall	ROGER CASTILLO	Email from Roger Castillo to Director	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Codianne	01/19/24	01/16/24	n/a	01/25/24

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					Beall, dated 1/12/23, conveying a copy of the "12-29-23 101 Bayshore Chinook killed" document.							
C-23-0293	12/04/23	12/07/23	Beall	AFSHIN ROUHANI	Email from Afshin Rouhani to Director Beall, dated 12/04/23, regarding Anderson Dam options.	Refer to Staff	Richardson	Mccarter	12/15/23	12/18/23	n/a	12/21/23
C-23-0287	11/29/23	11/29/23	Hsueh	DWIGHT NICKERSON	Email from Dwight Nickerson to Director Hsueh, dated 11/29/23, regarding damaged retaining wall on Saratoga Creek.	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Codianne	12/07/23	12/05/23	n/a	12/13/23
C-23-0267	11/03/23	11/03/23	Varela	ROCHELLE BEERLI	Email from Rochelle Beerli to Chair Varela, dated 11/03/23, conveying questions about Pacheco Dam.	Refer to Staff	Richardson	Mccarter	11/11/23	11/16/23	n/a	11/17/23
C-23-0266	10/31/23	10/31/23	All	JOHN GUISLIN	Email from John Guislin	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Yerrapotu	11/08/23	11/06/23	n/a	11/14/23

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					to the board, dated 10/31/23, expressing concern for Creek Flooding mitigation along San Francisquito Creek.							
C-23-0239	09/24/23	09/25/23	Beall	KATHLEEN O'CONNELL	Emal from Kathleen O'Connell to the Director Beall, dated 9/24/23, regarding Water Resource Protection Zone at the upcoming Cherry Avenue EIH project.	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Codianne	10/03/23	09/27/23	n/a	10/09/23
C-23-0235	09/21/23	09/22/23	All	JESSICA CALDERON	Email from Jessica Calderon to the Board, dated 9/21/22 regarding the unhousd at Church st./Howson Creek Monterey Road/Howson Creek, Gilroy.	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Codianne	09/30/23	09/25/23	n/a	10/06/23
C-23-0212	08/24/23	08/24/23	Santos	ERIC HA	Email from Eric Ha to Director	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Codianne	09/01/23	08/30/23	n/a	09/07/23

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					Santos, dated 8/24/23, regarding unhoused individual setting fire behind property.							
C-23-0211	08/24/23	08/24/23	Varela	LUIS RAMIREZ	Email from Luis Ramirez to Chair Varela, dated 8/24/23, regarding homeless in Gilroy on Valley Water property.	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Codianne	09/01/23	08/30/23	n/a	09/07/23
C-23-0101	05/12/23	05/12/23	All	STEVE KELLY	Email from Steve Kelly, to the Board, dated 5/12/23, regarding concern for unhoused that may cause threats to residents living near the creeks in Santa Clara.	Refer to Staff	Blank Yerrapotu	Codianne	05/20/23	05/22/23	n/a	05/26/23
C-23-0076	03/31/23	04/03/23	All	H.K. WILLARD	Email from H.K. Willard to the Board dated 3/31/23 regarding misleading information in March Water News.	Refer to Staff	Gibson	Rocha	04/11/23	04/07/23	n/a	04/17/23
C-23-0045	02/23/23	02/24/23	All	MELISSA	EEmail from	Refer to Staff	Blank	Codianne	03/04/23	03/03/23	n/a	03/10/23

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				MALLORY	Melissa Mallory regarding unhouse along Los Gatos Creek Trail.			Yerrapotu				

Michele King

Subject: FW: Bridge over Penitencia Creek at King Rd

From: Sharon Root [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, February 10, 2024 12:37 PM
To: Richard Santos <rsantos@valleywater.org>
Subject: Bridge over Penitencia Creek at King Rd

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Richard,

We have been waiting over 30 years to get the bridge on King Rd, where it goes over Penitencia Creek widened. With the increased traffic over the years it is long past time to get it done. Having the road go from two lanes, down to one, and then immediately open back up to two lanes has created a lot of road rage with cars merging into the left lanes to cross the bridge.

With the city's new King Rd beautification project I hope the bridge widening will finally be done and sooner than later. In looking into the issue I am told that the current hold up is that valley water has to finish and approve a plan for building out the channel below the bridge. Is there any possible way to speed up the generation and approval of a plan?

Who is the person assigned to design the channel, and what is the projected approval date? Is this group working on another project that takes precedence over designing this channel?

I hope we'll have a chance to talk Mon night at the BCAC meeting. And I hope you have some good news related to this issue.

Thank you so much,
Sharon Root

Michele King

From: brigitte rince [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 9:21 AM
To: Board of Directors; pam.foley@sanjoseca.gov; Stephen Donohue
Cc: Rod Jensen
Subject: Fwd: Homeless in front yard today

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Hello, I am forwarding this to some of the people that I think are following the Homeless Concerns especially around Chynoweth Avenue. Please see the picture and the comments from the homeowner.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kathy Jensen [REDACTED]
Date: February 11, 2024 at 5:43:43 PM PST
To: Brigitte Rince [REDACTED] Brig [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Homeless in front yard today

Here's the pic if you would want to forward it to anyone. What a surprise we walked out to today. Didn't expect homeless in our front yard. We offered to help them with solutions to get off the streets and they said Rod was mean and aggressive.

You can forward this to the Chief of Police, San Jose. Our address is 928 Chynoweth Avenue San Jose.

Kathy

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Rod Jensen [REDACTED]
To: Kathy Jensen [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 04:17:06 PM PST
Subject: Homeless in front yard today

Sent from my iPhone



Michele King

From: Albert CP [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 9:44 AM
To: Board of Directors; John Varela; Barbara Keegan; Richard Santos; Jim Beall; Nai Hsueh; Tony Estremera; Rebecca Eisenberg; City of San Jose Mayor's Office
Subject: Outraged: Uncontrolled Hazards at Willow St and Lelong St Homeless Encampment

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I expect nothing short of a swift and impactful resolution to this intolerable situation. I am also attaching [here](#) and [here](#) a couple videos showing cars stopping with repeated illegal dumping is happening every day.

Please resolve this immediately. Our community is seriously evaluating leaving San Jose altogether.

Sincerely,

Michele King

From: Chris K [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 12:59 PM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Needs Attention!!!
Attachments: Screenshot_20240212-124831_WhatsApp.jpg

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Board,

Please address this immediately!! The dumpster is being used for possibly illegal dumping. Also, I'm not exactly clear why the board is making it difficult to work with the city of San Jose to disperse this dangerous and out of control homeless site! It takes some pretty special cowards and weak people not to want to work together because of bureaucracy to keep the public safe which by the way pays all your salaries and all your retirement and helps you put food on your table. Get off your asses and find Solutions NOW!!!

Chris Kouretas
Willow Glen Resident
[REDACTED]



Today, 9:38 AM



Michele King

From: brian darby [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 8:34 PM
To: Clerk of the Board
Subject: Public Comment

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I'm not sure if you're aware of the condescending title that the water district has on and off-line. The organization is called the "Golden Spicket". That should trouble everybody on the board. The board is in charge of one of the most precious resources on earth. It is needed for life itself. You control the water resources of Santa Clara Valley. That should be a momentous and humbling task. You are elected to serve your constituents and fellow residents. That cannot happen with a public perception of corruption, infighting, entitlement, non-transparency. The choice to run for office was yours and I don't believe anybody was coerced or forced to run for the office you now hold. The voters of Santa Clara County gave you a sacred honor. I have trouble understanding why elected officials do not often understand that.

I understand that public perception is not "reality". But if one merely looks at recent news articles and goes back through public records one finds a great deal of dysfunction, missed trust, and inefficiency. I am willing to accept that all members of the board are trying to do their very best for the sake of encouragement. I implore you as a resident and citizen to please put aside any petty disagreements. That everybody is held accountable to the same standards. And maybe even be thankful for the honor and privilege of serving the public.

Thank you very much, Brian Darby

Michele King

From: jim.kuh [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 11:49 AM
To: Clerk of the Board; Board of Directors; John Varela; Tony Estremera; Barbara Keegan; Richard Santos; Jim Beall; Nai Hsueh; Rebecca Eisenberg
Subject: FW: Valley Water Tuesday, February 13 2024 Board of Directors Meeting - Agenda item #8 Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project Update - Questions
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Note the edit correction below.

From: jim.kuh [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 11:02 AM
To: 'Clerk of the Board' <clerkoftheboard@valleywater.org>; 'Board of Directors' <Board@valleywater.org>; 'John Varela' <jvarela@valleywater.org>; 'Tony Estremera' <testremera@valleywater.org>; 'Barbara Keegan' <bkeegan@valleywater.org>; 'Richard Santos' <rsantos@valleywater.org>; 'Jim Beall' <jbeall@valleywater.org>; 'Nai Hsueh' <nhsueh@valleywater.org>; 'Rebecca Eisenberg' <reisenberg@valleywater.org>
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To: CC: Valley Water Board, Ryan McCarter and Valley and Water Executive Staff

Date: 2/13/24

From: Jim Kuhl

Subject: Valley Water Tuesday, February 13 2024 Board of Directors Meeting - Agenda item #8 Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project Update – Questions

I apologize for this late question list submission. I'm still learning the protocol employed for Valley Water Board Meetings.

1. Concern exists that the estimated cost for implementing the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project is significantly growing. A rumor exists that the total project cost is now in the ballpark of \$13B. What is the estimated full cost for expanding Pacheco inclusive of all the interconnectivity piping pumping upgrades needed to move water, with and without the bond funding interest cost?
2. What is the estimated amount of money needed from Valley Water's planned Pacheco Expansion Bond to completely fund the project?
3. How much of Pacheco Reservoir Expansion cost is already sunk (i.e., spent and committed)?
4. Is the Valley Water Pacheco bond planned to be submitted to voters for approval in this coming November election?
5. What is Valley Water's share of Pacheco Expansion cost and the planned maximum 140K AF capacity of the reservoir?
6. Who is Valley Water's partner in the project?
7. How does the partner plan to fund their share of the project?

8. What is the depth and duration of the drought period being used for planning purposes that Pacheco's expansion is intended to bridge?
9. What is the estimated realistic average year to year additional capacity that Valley Water will capture during the drought years being simulated by WEAP from Pacheco's expansion?
10. Is there any formal plan for Valley Water to evaluate a set of alternative projects (e.g., osmosis based projects for waste water recycling and desalinization) as viable replacement for Pacheco expansion?
11. If an evaluation for #8 #10 is planned, when will it be completed?

Jim

From: Rebecca Eisenberg <Reisenberg@valleywater.org>

Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 11:25 PM

To: Albert CP [REDACTED] 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>; City of San Jose Mayor's Office <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Re: Outraged: Uncontrolled Hazards at Willow St and Lelong St Homeless Encampment

Dear Albert,

Thank you for your reply! I was not aware that Valley Water does not want to work with San Jose. I think that we do! I must be even more out of the loop than I thought, if that is true. I think that Directors Beall and Santos, my colleagues on the former Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee, are very much interested in working with San Jose. In addition to working with San Jose on providing as many transitional housing opportunities as we can, Valley Water, last I heard, is also very interested in working with San Jose on a new (I'd prefer, multiple new) water purification plant(s).

Perhaps I will be given an opportunity to help resolve whatever roadblocks are in the way of a fruitful and productive partnership. I don't have much history with the City of San Jose, which means I have zero negative history with the City of San Jose and lots of positive experiences! But even if someone had conflict in the past, one would think that professionals could put aside past squabbles for the sake of such extremely important mutual goals. It is distressing how distracting and time-consuming personal gripes and grievances can be, while meanwhile thousands of unhoused people try to survive in the pouring rain.

What is more of a human rights and public health issue than our growing populations of people who have no affordable place to live? One thing many people don't understand is that 75% of unhoused folks are people like any of us who had happened to have had hit with an event of terrible luck. For example, they may have unexpectedly lost their job, or suffered a serious medical issue that insurance did not sufficiently cover, or they are a victim of fire. These people are called transitional homeless, because if they are helped quickly enough, they can transition back to the housed world with a relatively management set of supportive services, like temporary shelter, a shower to clean themselves, and clean and professional clothes to wear for a job interview. But the longer that a person remains unhoused, the more likely they are to suffer mental illness and develop dangerous coping strategies like substance addiction. It becomes a downwards spiral.

With this context, speed is crucial. There are fantastic nonprofit organizations like my favorite – dignity moves (www.dignitymoves.org) – that are excited to partner both with the City of San Jose and Valley Water. Dignity Moves provided the inexpensive yet highly

functional temporary housing units for the [LifeMoves Mountain View transitional housing development](#). Over the course of the last several years, Dignity Moves has developed [innovative approaches to providing emergency transitional housing](#), partnering both with governmental agencies for funding (e.g. the [Homekey Program](#)) and well as billionaire commercial developers/philanthopists, who donate land and funds to this worthy cause (e.g. John Sobrato). [In fact, I am pretty sure I read that San Jose is already partnering with Dignity Moves and John Sobrato for this exact kind of development. \(I just checked – it's true!\)](#) (Great choice, Mayor Matt! Elizabeth Funk and Joanne Price are two of my favorite people in the world! I have known Elizabeth for 35+ years. Funny stories provided upon request. 😊)

I know that Dignity Moves has looked at potential Valley Water property locations for potential projects, and hopefully that is coming along as well. If Valley Water could find land near enough and attractive enough to the encampment neighborhoods that would be suitable for the unhoused people who live there, I imagine that working with San Jose would be very helpful to getting any potential project up and running as soon as possible! Although we won't have our beloved Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee any more, I am hoping that we still can get some transitional housing up as soon as possible nonetheless.

Perhaps the City of San Jose could consider creating an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee (or similar working group; I am brand new to elected office and still getting used to the slower and more limited ways that the government sector operates as contrasted with the private sector, especially the startup world, where I come from). This committee/working group possibly could exist for the purpose of combining forces to address the urgent and growing crisis of local homelessness, especially in riparian lands and other delicate ecosystems near waterways. No matter how this is done, I am eager to serve and help out in any way that I can. Whatever happens, as you say, needs to happen without unnecessary delay.

As always, please feel free to contact me directly at any time to share your thoughts and perspectives. Your opinion is important to me, and I welcome learning more of your experiences. Only by working together can we solve these large problems. I can be reached by text or phone at 415-235-8078.

With warm regards and Happy Valentines Day!
Best,
Rebecca

From: Albert CP [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 9:56 AM

To: Rebecca Eisenberg <Reisenberg@valleywater.org>; 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>; Rebecca Eisenberg <Reisenberg@valleywater.org>; City of San Jose Mayor's Office <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>
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Thank you, Rebecca, for your answer.

Our Mayor (CC'd here as well) and the City has already offered to help transition them into safer areas but like the Mayor said, Valley Water doesn't want to negotiate to work with the City.

I won't be able to attend today's meeting due to other commitments but we need a response immediately. Our community and children deserves a safer place, this is unacceptable.

Thanks,

From: Rebecca Eisenberg <Reisenberg@valleywater.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 3:37 AM
To: Albert CP [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Outraged: Uncontrolled Hazards at Willow St and Lelong St Homeless Encampment

Dear Mr. CP,

I agree with you that Valley Water must take urgent action to provide alternate safe and humane transitional and/or supportive housing for the unhoused communities who are taking shelter on Valley Water riparian lands.

Valley Water's former [Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee](#), of which I was a member, was making progress towards the provision of alternate, more appropriate housing for the people who live in the numerous encampments near our waterways. I was proud of the work we have been doing. This is not an easy task, because state law prevents us from removing unhoused encampments without providing suitable, safe, and appropriate housing for the unhoused people who lived in the encampments. Despite the difficulty of the task, one of my colleagues successfully changed our State District Act so that we now are allowed to use District land and funds to provide that alternative housing, which will greatly expedite our work in creating appropriate transitional housing for all who need it. This was a huge step in the right direction, to benefit both the unhoused people in the encampments and also the communities who are seriously impacted by the encampments.

Unfortunately, the new Chair, along with the majority of my Board colleagues, voted to dissolve the Environmental Creek Committee and roll it into an unrelated committee. I disagreed with that choice when I voted against it at the last meeting, and I disagree with it now. I do not know why the Chair and my colleagues have decided to all but abandon the extremely important, potentially life-saving work we were doing, especially when we had just achieved a huge milestone.

I am curious to hear if any of my colleagues respond to your note. In the meantime, you may wish to speak at today's Board meeting at 1 PM during the first item, which is open to the public to comment on any matter not on the agenda regarding your perspective on the matter.

I appreciate your note.

With warm regards,
Rebecca Eisenberg

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

Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 3:33 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Re: Outraged: Uncontrolled Hazards at Willow St and Lelong St Homeless Encampment

Sent on Behalf of Director Keegan:

Dear Albert Colas Prunera,

Thank you for your follow-up emails dated 2/2/24 and 2/12/24 regarding the encampments of unsheltered people located along Willow Street at Lelong Street.

As you are aware, Valley Water's ability to relocate encampments is currently limited due to federal caselaw. However, we continue to perform large scale trash cleanups throughout jurisdictional areas countywide. Our encampment cleanup crew visited this reach of the Guadalupe River on February 5th and 6th and removed 14.02 tons of encampment-generated trash and debris. And since my prior response, Valley Water has added vehicle deterrents at this location to restrict unauthorized motor vehicle access. The City of San José's portable toilets and dumpster at this site are part of its Services, Outreach, Assistance and Resources (SOAR) program. While Valley Water cannot control illegal dumping invited by the presence of the dumpster, our crews do remove the accumulated trash during our scheduled cleanups.

As always, please contact the police if you witness illegal activity or a threat to public health and safety. If you observe smoke or fire, please contact the fire department. Concerns relating to fires and unwanted or illegal behaviors are best handled by City resources. Since Valley Water is not a law enforcement agency, we work in concert with cities and the County to address these types of activities.

Thank you again for your message. Valley Water is committed to using the power we have as an environmental stewardship agency to protect our waterways in collaboration with the cities and the County as they fulfill their public safety and social service roles. For any follow-ups, you may contact Assistant Operating Officer Mark Bilski at mbilski@valleywater.org. You can also report your concerns to Valley Water via our online system at <https://access.valleywater.org/s/>.

Sincerely,



Barbara Keegan
Director, District 2

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From: Albert CP [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 9:44 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>; Rebecca Eisenberg <Reisenberg@valleywater.org>; City of San Jose Mayor's Office <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Outraged: Uncontrolled Hazards at Willow St and Lelong St Homeless Encampment

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Dear Mayor and Valley Water board,

I pen down this email with an overwhelming sense of anger and disbelief regarding the hazardous conditions persisting at the homeless encampment on Willow St and Lelong St. The recurrent fires, the blatant presence of guns, and the unsafe accumulation of waste have pushed my frustration to its limit.

I am utterly outraged that our community, especially our innocent children going to school nearby, is being subjected to such blatant disregard for safety. It is inconceivable that we have allowed this situation to fester, and the anger among residents is palpable.

This is not just disappointing; it is enraging. Immediate and forceful action is not optional but an absolute necessity. The safety of our community is non-negotiable, and I demand urgent steps to rectify this egregious lapse.

I expect nothing short of a swift and impactful resolution to this intolerable situation. I am also attaching [here](#) and [here](#) a couple videos showing cars stopping with repeated illegal dumping is happening every day.

Please resolve this immediately. Our community is seriously evaluating leaving San Jose altogether.

Sincerely,