



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

NON-AGENDA

May 30, 2025

Board Policy EL-7 Communication and Support to the Board

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

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	CEO Bulletin: None
	<u>BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS</u>
	BMR/IBMR Weekly Reports: None
	<u>INCOMING BOARD CORRESPONDENCE</u>
	Board Correspondence Weekly Report: None
	<u>OUTGOING BOARD CORRESPONDENCE</u>
3	Email from Chair Estremera to Parham Pourahmad and Arnav Singhal, dated 05/22/25, responding to their inquiry about installing trail cameras along Los Gatos Creek and Coyote Creek.

OUTGOING BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

From: [Candice Kwok-Smith](#) on behalf of [Board Correspondence](#)
To: [Heather Williams](#); [John Bourgeois](#); [Lisa Bankosh](#)
Cc: [Board of Directors](#)
Subject: FW: Trail Cameras On Valley Water Property
Date: Thursday, May 22, 2025 1:03:21 PM

Good afternoon,

C-25-0078 is complete.

Thanks,
Candice

From: Candice Kwok-Smith **On Behalf Of** Board of Directors
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 12:07 PM
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Trail Cameras On Valley Water Property

Sent on Behalf of Chair Estremera:

Dear Parham Pourahmad and Arnav Singhal,

Thank you for your request to install trail cameras along Los Gatos Creek and Coyote Creek. While Valley Water does have land rights along many of the creeks in Santa Clara County, many areas are privately owned or owned by other public entities. Valley Water has a GIS layer that shows most of its fee title areas: <https://data-valleywater.opendata.arcgis.com/maps/e64b2a1a93b747cb859d5c1fde9aed48>. For areas where Valley Water has no right-of-way or only an easement, you must obtain permission from the property owner. Please be aware that the GIS layer datasets are still undergoing quality assurance and quality control (QAQC) processes, are meant for general viewing purposes only, and are not accurate to surveying or engineering standards. Information is not guaranteed to be accurate, current, or complete.

If you propose to install cameras on Valley Water fee title property, you may apply for an encroachment permit. Information on how to request an encroachment permit and encroachment permit requirements may be found here: <https://www.valleywater.org/contractors/doing-businesses-with-the-district/permits-working-district-land-or-easement>

Please note that many areas of Los Gatos Creek and Coyote Creek are open to the public or subject to unauthorized access by the public. Valley Water would not be responsible for ensuring the security of the cameras from the high risk of theft or vandalism.

Valley Water appreciates your interest in the study of riparian wildlife corridors and encourages your academic pursuits. If you have further questions, please

contact Yvonne Arroyo at yarroyo@valleywater.org.

Sincerely,



Tony Estremera
Chair, District 6

C-25-0078

From: Parham Pourahmad [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2025 9:36 AM
To: Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>; Rebecca Eisenberg
<Reisenberg@valleywater.org>
Cc: Neville Taraporevala <[REDACTED]>; Arnav Singhal
[REDACTED]
Subject: Trail Cameras On Valley Water Property

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Dear Santa Clara Valley Water District,

We are Parham Pourahmad and Arnav Singhal, students at Los Gatos High School. We are interested in studying urban wildlife within Santa Clara County and are hoping you can help us out. We are writing to request permission to set up about 30 motion-activated trail cameras along creeks such as Coyote Creek and Los Gatos Creek.

Trail cameras are non-invasive devices that capture images and videos of wildlife, allowing us to gather data on multiple wildlife species and their behavior. Our goal is to research mammal movements and presence in urban environments.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need further information. We are happy to comply with any guidelines and ensure minimal environmental impact.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Parham Pourahmad
Arnav Singhal