



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

# NON-AGENDA

July 1, 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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		CEO Bulletin: None
		<b><u>BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS &amp; INFORMATIONAL ITEMS</u></b>
4		<b>BMR/IBMR Weekly Reports: 06/30/22</b>
5		Memo from Marta Lugo, Assistant Officer, External Affairs, to Rachael Gibson, Chief of External Affairs, dated 06/23/22, regarding Letters to Mayors on Mandatory Outdoor Water Conservation and Enforcement Measures.
		<b><u>INCOMING BOARD CORRESPONDENCE</u></b>
19		<b>Board Correspondence Weekly Report: 06/30/22</b>
20		Email from Jim Foley, to Director Hsueh, dated 06/24/22, regarding Percolation Ponds(C-22-0103).
25		Email from Scott and Dorothy Metcalf, to the Board of Directors, dated 06/24/22, regarding Adobe Creek (C-22-0104).
26		Email from Kathy Sweeney, to Director Santos, dated 06/26/22, regarding Tiny Homes at 14630 Noble Avenue, San Jose CA (C-22-0105).
27		Letter for Councilmember David Cohen, dated 06/24/22, regarding the Noble Ave Property for Design and Development of an Emergency Interim Housing Community (C-22-0106).
28		Email from Raymond Mueller, to Director Kremen, dated 06/28/22, regarding Measure T Funding (C-22-0107).
		<b><u>OUTGOING BOARD CORRESPONDENCE</u></b>
32		Email from Director Hsueh, to Brenda Grimse, dated 06/28/22, regarding Water Conservation and Supply (C-22-0101).

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# **CEO BULLETIN**

# **BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS and Informational Items**

**Report Name: Board Member Requests**

Request	Request Date	Director	BAO/Chief	Staff	Description	20 Days Due Date	Expected Completion Date	Disposition
I-22-0004	06/14/22	Hsueh	Baker	Gin	Director Hsueh requests staff to prepare a follow up email to Mr. Burns (original Correspondence C-22-0081 in May) regarding AMI and smart metering, since SJ Water received approval to deploy AMI, one of Mr. Burns' concerns.	07/04/22		
I-22-0005	06/27/22	Estremera	Orellana	Hopper	At the 06/08/22 DIAHC meeting, staff was requested to provide the committee a comprehensive list of VW active agreements that are contracted with tribal communities.	07/17/22		

**TO:** Rachael Gibson, Chief of External Affairs**FROM:** Marta Lugo, Assistant  
Officer for External Affairs**SUBJECT:** Letters to Mayors on Mandatory Outdoor  
Water Conservation and Enforcement  
Measures**DATE:** June 23, 2022

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Attached to this memorandum are copies of letters sent to six Santa Clara County Mayors by Director Kremen regarding Valley Water's recent mandatory outdoor water conservation and enforcement measures.

Nine other letters from Chair Pro Tem Varela were previously sent out to Santa Clara County Mayors on June 7, 2022, per the memo included in the Non-Agenda packet posted on June 10, 2022. This final set of letters completes the effort to inform all cities in Santa Clara County of Valley Water's water conservation and enforcement actions.

The recipients are:

1. Anita Enander, Mayor of the City of Los Altos
2. George Tyson, Mayor of the Town of Los Altos Hills
3. Rob Rennie, Mayor of the Town of Los Gatos
4. Javed I. Ellahie, Mayor of the City of Monte Sereno
5. Lucas Ramirez, Mayor of the City of Mountain View
6. Patrick Burt, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto



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Marta Lugo  
Assistant Officer for External Affairs

June 23, 2022

The Honorable Anita Enander  
Mayor of the City of Los Altos  
1 North San Antonio Road  
Los Altos, CA 94022

Dear Mayor Enander and City Council:

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Gary Kremen  
Director, District 7

cc: Los Altos City Council (5), City Manager Gabriel Engeland, Valley Water Board of Directors (7),  
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Mayor of the Town of Los Altos Hills  
26379 Fremont Road  
Los Altos Hills, CA 94022

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**[Rick L. Callender, Esq.](#)**CLERK OF THE BOARD**[Michele L. King, CMC](#)

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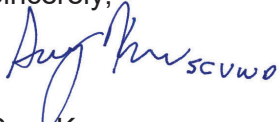
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The Honorable Rob Rennie  
Mayor of the Town of Los Gatos  
110 East Main Street  
Los Gatos, CA 95030

Dear Mayor Rennie and Town Council:

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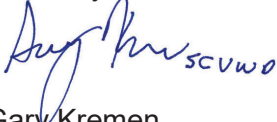
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The Honorable Javed I. Ellahie  
Mayor of the City of Monte Sereno  
18041 Saratoga-Los Gatos Road  
Monte Sereno, CA 95030

Dear Mayor Ellahie and City Council:

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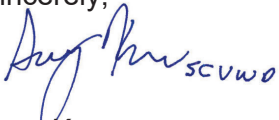
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The Honorable Lucas Ramirez  
Mayor of the City of Mountain View  
500 Castro Street  
Mountain View, CA 94041

Dear Mayor Ramirez and City Council:

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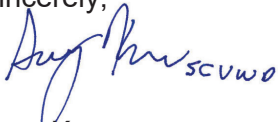
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250 Hamilton Avenue  
Palo Alto, CA 94301

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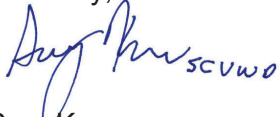
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