



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

NON-AGENDA

September 26, 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
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3	Memo from Vincent Gin, Deputy Operating Officer, to the board, dated 09/09/25, providing a notice that confirms all contractual obligations under the Early Funding Agreement – Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project have been fulfilled.
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6	Board Correspondence Weekly Report: 09/24/25
8	Email from Terence Szewczyk to Chair Estremera, dated 09/18/25, expressing discontent with Director Estremera's response to their inquiry regarding comments made to the County of Santa Clara about the project at 379 Meadow Lane. C-25-0123
15	An email from Malcolm Bordelon to the board dated 09/22/25 reporting an encampment of unhoused individuals beneath the Graystone Lane Bridge in the Almaden neighborhood. C-25-0124
17	Email from Jay Kidambi to Director Beall and the board, dated 09/22/25, reporting an encampment of unhoused individuals beneath the Graystone Lane Bridge in the Almaden neighborhood. C-25-0125
18	Email from Danny Garza to Chair Estremera and Vice Chair Santos, dated 09/20/25, providing an update on the Lower Silver Creek cleanup efforts. C-25-0126
26	Email from Danny Garza to Chair Estremera and Vice Chair Santos, dated 09/20/25, providing pictures of cleanup efforts.
	<u>OUTGOING BOARD CORRESPONDENCE: None</u>

BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS and Informational Items

TO: Board of Directors**FROM:** Vincent Gin P.E.**SUBJECT:** Closure of Early Funding Agreement – Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project (Agreement 4600012892)**DATE:** September 9, 2025

The California Water Commission has received the Project Completion Report for the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project (LVE). The remaining Water Supply Investment Program retention funds of \$433,263.43 have been released to Contra Costa Water District.

This notice confirms that all contractual obligations under the Early Funding Agreement have been fulfilled. No further reporting is required.

Contra Costa Water District must, however, retain project records for three years following receipt of the final payment to allow for potential post project completion audit.

On March 14, 2025, Valley Water received \$1,590,006.56 of remaining LVE funds from the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Joint Powers Authority per the dissolution agreement, with one final distribution of funds pending and expected by October 2025.



Vincent Gin, P.E.
Deputy Operating Officer
Water Supply Division

Attachment 1: Closure of Early Funding Agreement

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September 4, 2025

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Subject: Water Storage Investment Program Early Funding Agreement Closure
– Contra Costa Water District – Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project Agreement
4600012892

Alexandre Makler
Member

Sandra Matsumoto
Member

Dear Rachel Murphy,

Jose Solorio
Member

The California Water Commission (Commission) has received the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project’s Project Completion Report and has released the remaining WSIP retention funds in the amount of \$433,263.43 for the subject early funding agreement (EFA). This letter serves as notification that contractual obligations for the above-referenced EFA between Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) and Commission have been fulfilled. Therefore, no further reporting for the EFA is required.

Please be mindful that CCWD, as the funding recipient, is obligated to continue records retention for at least three (3) years following receipt of the final payment under the EFA as there is a potential for a post project completion audit of the EFA.

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Young at Amy.Young@water.ca.gov or 916-882-2399.

Sincerely,

Laura Jensen

Laura Jensen
Executive Officer
California Water Commission

cc:

Kyle Ochendusko, Assistant General Manager
Contra Costa Water District

Maggie Dutton, Senior Engineer
Contra Costa Water District

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-25-0122	09/16/25	09/16/25	Cc: Estremera	PETER DREKMEIER	Letter from Peter Drekmeier, Policy Director- Tuolomne River Trust, to the board, dated 09/16/25, regarding the drought plan in Valley Water's Draft Water Supply Management plan 2050.	Refer to Staff	Baker	Struve	09/24/25	09/22/25	n/a	09/30/25
C-25-0124	09/22/25	09/22/25	All	MALCOLM BORDELON	Email from Malcolm Bordelon, to the board, dated 09/22/25, Reporting an encampment of unhoused individuals beneath the Graystone Lane Bridge in the Almaden neighborhood .	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Bilski Codianne	09/30/25	-	n/a	10/06/25
C-25-0125	09/22/25	09/22/25	All	JAY KIDAMBI	Email from Jay Kidambi, to Director Beall and the board, dated 09/22/25, reporting an	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Bilski Codianne	09/30/25	-	n/a	10/06/25

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From: [Terence J. Szewczyk](#)
To: [Board of Directors](#); [Yvonne Arroyo](#)
Subject: Re: REPLY DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 18, 2025-----PLN25-090-SB330 379 Meadow Ln_Valley Water Comments
Date: Thursday, September 18, 2025 5:18:54 PM

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Mr. Estremera, Your staff is wrong, we will not be filling our site 7' to reverse the natural gradient. I can commence a lawsuit next week under basic California drainage law to maintain the route of our current surface runoff. The SCVWD has aged poorly and lost any common sense. Your answer is ridiculous.

Best regards, Terry
Terence J. Szewczyk. P.E.
TS/Civil Engineering, Inc
1776 Technology Drive
San Jose, CA 95110
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On Thu, Sep 18, 2025 at 3:04 PM Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org> wrote:

Sent on Behalf of Chair Estremera:

Dear Terence Szewczyk,

Thank you for your inquiry into comments made to the County of Santa Clara regarding the project at 379 Meadow Lane. Documentation from our Community Projects Review indicates that staff have stated that the storm runoff from this site should be directed to the Meadow Lane box culvert as part of the future City of San Jose storm drain system. This response is consistent with Valley Water's long-standing policy to direct concentrated runoff from new development to the city storm drain system, consistent with master storm drainage plans. We understand that site grading to provide proper drainage will be required, and we recommend that you retain a qualified engineering professional who can provide an efficient and cost-effective solution.

If you have further questions, please contact Community Projects Review Manager Yvonne Arroyo and yarroyo@valleywater.org.

Sincerely,



Tony Estremera

Chair, District 6

C-25-0121

From: Terence J. Szewczyk <terry@tscivil.com>

Sent: Friday, September 12, 2025 11:43 AM

To: Tony Estremera <TEstremera@valleywater.org>; Colleen Haggerty <CHaggerty@valleywater.org>

Cc: Kurt Anderson <kanderson@andarchinc.com>; Candice Kwok-Smith <ckwok-smith@valleywater.org>; Ahluwalia, Charu <charu.ahluwalia@pln.sccgov.org>

Subject: REPLY DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 18, 2025-----PLN25-090-SB330 379 Meadow Ln_Valley Water Comments

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Mr. Estremera, I responded to SCVWD staff comments on Aug 29, 2025, . Then I escalated my contact to the clerk of the board on Sept 8, 2025. I have a deadline to resubmit plans on September 18, 2025, for this SB330 project at the County. I STILL HAVE NOT HEARD FROM ANYONE OTHER THAN THE CLERK ON THIS PROJECT.

Best regards, Terry

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From: **Terence J. Szewczyk** <terry@tscivil.com>

Date: Mon, Sep 8, 2025 at 6:29 PM

Subject: Re: FW: PLN25-090-SB330 379 Meadow Ln_Valley Water

Comments

To: Candice Kwok-Smith <ckwok-smith@valleywater.org>

Cc: Terence J. Szewczyk <terry@tscivil.com>, Colleen Haggerty <CHaggerty@valleywater.org>, Kurt Anderson <kanderson@andarchinc.com>

SCVWD was formerly a benign & helpful agency in 1982 with Bill Carlsen & Gene Sullivan Today, your board, especially John Valera, ignores property owners.

Thanks, Terry

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On Mon, Sep 8, 2025, 5:36 PM Candice Kwok-Smith <ckwok-smith@valleywater.org> wrote:

Dear Terence J. Szewczyk,

I have forwarded your email to our District Counsel.

Thanks,

Candice

From: Terence J. Szewczyk <terry@tscivil.com>

Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 11:55 AM

To: Candice Kwok-Smith <ckwok-smith@valleywater.org>; Colleen Haggerty <CHaggerty@valleywater.org>

Cc: Kurt Anderson <kanderson@andarchinc.com>

Subject: Fwd: FW: PLN25-090-SB330 379 Meadow Ln_Valley Water Comments

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Dear Clerk of the Board, Please forward this to your General Counsel for consideration:

I have a 20-year ongoing concern about the performance of your Community Project folks:

- 1) Replies to referrals from other public planning agencies are never made on time within the 30 days required by the Permit Streamlining Act
- 2) There is no apparent institutional memory of what staff approved on the same property 10 years earlier and
- 3) Even Caltrans allows surface drainage where a right has existed for adjacent property. Could you please let me know whether the SCVWD is exempt from basic CA Drainage Law?
- 4) Was it in 2007 that the SCVWD remanded all local drainage control to the cities and the County?

Sure, we are all busy, but if public agencies don't respect the law, who will?

Candice Kwok-Smith was appointed Clerk of the Board on April 22, 2025. As a Board Appointed Officer, she answers directly to the Board of Directors and supervises a staff of 8. Ms. Kwok-Smith has been with the district since 2004 and has had over 8 years experience in providing support to elected officials of special districts. As a member of the California Municipal Clerks Association and the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, she brings years of experience and training to her job of assisting Board members and the public.

As Clerk, her priorities are ensuring that the public has access to the board's information and records as well as supporting board members so they can do the jobs they were elected to do. Ms. Kwok-Smith is an expert in state regulatory requirements, such as the Ralph M. Brown Act, which ensures through posting and archiving of records that the public has equal access to the information of the district's elected officials. While overseeing her staff, she also makes sure the district complies with regulations and deadlines for board and committee meetings, agenda publications, frequent Groundwater Production Charge Protests, directors' schedules and travel plans, Lobbyist Ordinance compliance, public record requests, directors' expenses, and the Board of Directors, Board Advisory and Ad Hoc Committee, and Clerk of the Board annual budgets.

Best regards, Terry

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From: **Terence J. Szewczyk** <terry@tscivil.com>

Date: Fri, Aug 29, 2025 at 3:38 PM

Subject: Re: FW: PLN25-090-SB330 379 Meadow Ln_Valley Water

Comments

To: Colleen Haggerty <CHaggerty@valleywater.org>, <msasaki@valleywater.org>, <yarroyo@valleywater.org>
Cc: Kurt Anderson <kanderson@andarchinc.com>, Ahluwalia, Charu <charu.ahluwalia@pln.sccgov.org>

Dear SCVWD:

I disagree with your comments on this project. We obtained prior approval for an outfall as part of a previous subdivision application, and we nearly completed the encroachment permit issuance with Usha at that time.

Additionally, the SCVWD is not exempt from basic CA drainage law, which allows surface runoff, at the same volume, to run across the property line to an adjoining landowner. Your insistence on surface release to Meadow Lane would result in a 7' fill at the rear of the property, which is ridiculous. Please amend or withdraw your comments.

Best regards, Terry

Terence J. Szewczyk. P.E.

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On Mon, Aug 11, 2025 at 10:50 AM Kurt Anderson <kanderson@andarchinc.com> wrote:

Terry:

Here is Valley Water comments.

From: Ahluwalia, Charu <charu.ahluwalia@pln.sccgov.org>

Sent: Monday, June 23, 2025 5:02 PM

To: Kurt Anderson <kanderson@andarchinc.com>

Cc: Collins, Nicole <nicole.collins@cco.sccgov.org>; Stella, Cristina <cristina.stella@cco.sccgov.org>; Gutierrez, Samuel <samuel.gutierrez@pln.sccgov.org>

Subject: PLN25-090-SB330 379 Meadow Ln_Valley Water Comments

Hi Kurt,

Attached please find Valley Water comments for PLN25-090-SB330 (SB330 Housing Development, Major Subdivision and Grading Approval Application at 379 Meadow Lane, San Jose; APN: CA; APN: 601-25-125)

Best,

Charu Ahluwalia | Senior Planner

(408) 299-5740

Adelina Del Real

From: Malcolm Bordelon <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2025 3:47 PM
To: Board of Directors; Jim Beall
Cc: olympia.williams@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Homeless encampment/ Graystone bridge at Alamitos Creek

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My name is Malcolm Bordelon , a resident in the Graystone area of Almaden, abutting the Alamitos Creek area of Valley Water district 4. There is a homeless camp entrenched under the Graystone Lane bridge for a protracted period (see photo below with red arrow indicating site). This includes tarps covering entrance to the site and solar power panels.

This presence is a danger to our children who cross the bridge daily to and from school, a serious sanitation risk to our watershed and a risk to the public at large. In addition - once cooler weather arrives the potential threat of fires being set for warmth can present a serious concern as well. (I understand there may have been a fire incident at this site some time in the past)

In many cases, some who are unhoused suffer from mental illness and may not be properly medicated. This can create a dangerous situation for all involved as they may now be fully aware of their surroundings. The desire is to have them removed from the encampment for the safety of all and in the hopes to secure them the assistance they need.

The mayor's office has indicated this area is Valley Water jurisdiction and I would hope that Valley Water will take responsibility and remove this person (or people) immediately.

Thanks,



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Malcolm M Bordelon  
[REDACTED]

Mobile: [REDACTED]  
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Thanks,



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Malcolm M Bordelon

**From:** [jkidambi](#)  
**To:** [Jim Beall](#); [Board of Directors](#)  
**Cc:** [Olympia.william@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Olympia.william@sanjoseca.gov)  
**Subject:** Illegal encampment under the Graystone lane bridge over the Alamitos creek  
**Date:** Monday, September 22, 2025 9:42:08 PM

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**To Valley Water board members / Jim Beall**

My name is Jay Kidambi, a resident in the Graystone area, near the Alamitos Creek area of Valley Water district 4. There is a homeless camp entrenched under the Graystone Lane bridge for a protracted period. This presence is a danger to our children who cross the bridge by themselves frequently, a serious sanitation risk to our watershed and a risk to the public at large. In the past, fires have been started under the bridge causing major inconvenience to traffic (as the bridge is the only practical way in and out of our community), not to speak of the danger it posed to people and property nearby. Just over the past weekend a homeless man suddenly walked up from the side of the bridge onto the road as I was driving home, and although he stayed on the sidewalk, it startled me and could have caused me to veer off if it was any more abrupt. The mayor's office indicated to us that this area is Valley Water jurisdiction. I urge Valley Water to take responsibility and remove it immediately.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,  
Jay Kidambi

## Adelina Del Real

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**From:** Candice Kwok-Smith  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 23, 2025 11:43 AM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** FW: Creek Clean-up Information

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**From:** Danny Garza [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 20, 2025 1:32 PM  
**To:** Nicholas Ingram <[NIngram@valleywater.org](mailto:NIngram@valleywater.org)>; Ricardo Barajas <[RBarajas@valleywater.org](mailto:RBarajas@valleywater.org)>; Tony Estremera <[TEstremera@valleywater.org](mailto:TEstremera@valleywater.org)>; Richard Santos <[rsantos@valleywater.org](mailto:rsantos@valleywater.org)>  
**Cc:** Guadalupe Gonzalez [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** Creek Clean-up Information

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Good Afternoon Valley Water,

Plata Arroyo Neighborhood Association was not able to do much in Lower Silver Creek in Reach 3.

Unfortunately, we had a fire in the Creek and have yet to remove the Unhoused in our Creek.

With the fire, we just felt that it was better to stay away.

We did go and assist Mayfair, and Guadalupe in their part of Lower Silver Creek.

Here are a few Images -



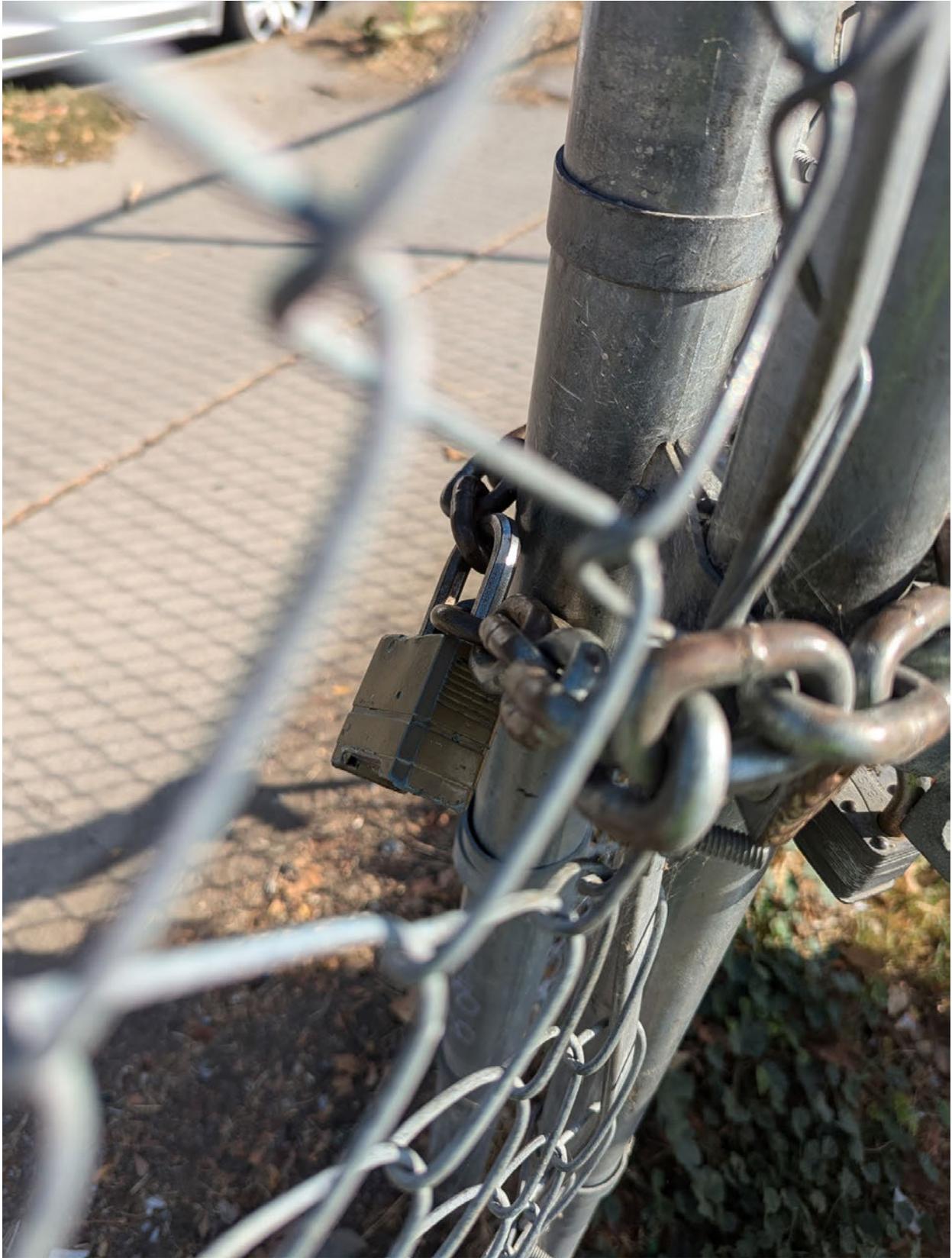




This is Reac 4, starting from San Antonio toward 680, after we finished this morning.

This Trailer is on your property because he changed the locking mechanism to San Antonio Street, and let's himself in and out.





You are locked out of the Gate that touches San Antonio Street just East of your gate.

More to come

Danny

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## Adelina Del Real

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**From:** Candice Kwok-Smith  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 23, 2025 11:43 AM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** FW: Cleanup Images

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**From:** Danny Garza [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 20, 2025 1:38 PM  
**To:** Nicholas Ingram <[NIngram@valleywater.org](mailto:NIngram@valleywater.org)>; Ricardo Barajas <[RBarajas@valleywater.org](mailto:RBarajas@valleywater.org)>; Richard Santos <[rsantos@valleywater.org](mailto:rsantos@valleywater.org)>; Tony Estremera <[TEstremera@valleywater.org](mailto:TEstremera@valleywater.org)>  
**Cc:** Guadalupe Gonzalez [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Cleanup Images

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These Images are of A HUGE CAT POOP AREA THAT IS A ENVIRONMENTAL AND HUMAN HEALTH ISSUE.

The other Images are of Dirt Piles, possibly contaminated, on your property near the secondary fence and gate, to the Maintenance Road.



Here are about 8btires in the area near the secondary gate.

In Community Spirit,  
Danny Garza

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