



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

# NON-AGENDA

October 7, 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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		<b>BMR/IBMR Weekly Reports: None</b>
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8		<b>Board Correspondence Weekly Report: 10/06/22</b>
9		Email from Carol Stanek, to Director Hsueh, dated 09/27/22, regarding Cupertino Blackberry Farm Golf Course Review (C-22-0174).
10		Email from Mahin Saneinejad, to Director Kremen, dated 09/30/22, regarding California Water Service Co. and his Property Located at 1295 Eva. Ave. Los Altos, CA 94024 (C-22-0175).
12		Email from Patty Lippe, to the Board of Directors, dated 09/30/22, regarding Water Conservation (C-22-0176).
14		Email from Bob Fanjoy, to the Board of Directors, dated 10/02/22, regarding Homeless Activity along Saratoga Creek (C-22-0177).
20		Email from Susan Chen, to the Board of Directors, dated 10/02/22, regarding Homeless activity along Penitencia Creek (C-22-0178).
23		Email from Mike Culcasi, to the Board of Directors, dated 10/04/22, regarding Homeless Activity along Los Gatos Creek (C-22-0179).
25		Email from Bob Fanjoy, to the Board of Directors, dated 10/04/22, regarding Homeless Activity along Saratoga Creek (C-22-0180).
		<b><u>OUTGOING BOARD CORRESPONDENCE</u></b>
27		Letter from Chair Pro Tem Varela, to Erin Gil, dated 09/28/22, regarding Request to Recognize Growers as Land-Use Stewards, Contributors to Groundwater Recharge.
29		Email from Director Keegan, to Brian McCormick, dated 09/28/22, regarding Unhoused Activity on Los Gatos Creek and your suggestion to Install "No Trespassing" signage.
39		Email from Director Kremen, to Mahin Saneinejad, dated 09/29/22, regarding a Fire Incident that Damaged a Fence you share with California Water Service Co. at your Property Line Located at 1295 Eva. Ave. Los Altos, CA 94024.
41		Email from Director Keegan, to Patty Lippe, dated 09/30/22, regarding Water Conservation.
47		Email from Director Hsueh, to Bob Fanjoy, dated 10/05/22, regarding Homeless Activity along Saratoga Creek.

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# **CEO BULLETIN**

**To: Board of Directors**  
**From: Rick L. Callender, CEO**

## **Weeks of September 23 – October 6, 2022**

**Board Executive Limitation Policy EL-7:**

*The Board Appointed Officers shall inform and support the Board in its work. Further, a BAO shall 1) inform the Board of relevant trends, anticipated adverse media coverage, or material external and internal changes, particularly changes in the assumptions upon which any Board policy has previously been established and 2) report in a timely manner an actual or anticipated noncompliance with any policy of the Board.*

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<u>4</u>	Valley Water to Participate in Phase 1 Microplastics Monitoring

### **1. California Coastal Cleanup Day – Saturday, September 17, 2022**

In support of the 38th annual Coastal Cleanup Day (CCD), Valley Water, in partnership with the Creek Connections Action Group (CCAG) and the California Coastal Commission, coordinated another successful cleanup event in Santa Clara County on September 17, 2022 from 9 am to noon.

This year, there were a total of 40 cleanup sites throughout the county. A total of 1,056 volunteers cleaned 53 miles of creek, shoreline, and natural areas, removing approximately 28,130 pounds of trash and recyclables.

Valley Water Youth Commission and Water Ambassadors hosted a cleanup site located at the Guadalupe River behind Valley Water Headquarters. Directors Tony Estremera and Richard Santos also attended that cleanup site and were interviewed by a KRON 4 reporter along with Valley Water Youth Commission Chair, Anika Kulkarni to discuss the importance of creek cleanups and volunteer support. Nick Riqueros, a Water Ambassador, served as a Site-Coordinator this year and hosted a cleanup in his neighborhood in Campbell.

Some of the most interesting items volunteers picked up included the following: toy dinosaur, a fire hydrant, fishing rods, a large ornamental stocking, a stack of Bibles, 4 hockey pucks, 8 fire extinguishers, a street sweeper, a BBQ grill, large recycling bin, pickaxe, rice cooker, ceramic pot, cooler, 4-inch valve, dart board, wine opener, leaf blower, mousepad, beer mug, and a full box of candy.

Staff will continue to leverage the momentum from the volunteers to encourage them to sign up for the Adopt-A-Creek Program, and other Valley Water volunteer efforts, including National River Cleanup Day in May of next year.

The CCAG is a consortium of public agencies and non-profit organizations that share a goal of protecting Santa Clara County's waterways. These agencies include the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Chair), Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation, the City of San José (Parks Recreation and Neighborhood Services, Environmental Services Department), City of Santa Clara, City of Palo Alto, City of Sunnyvale, City of Milpitas, City of Cupertino, and West Valley Clean Water Program (Campbell, Monte Sereno, Saratoga and the Town of Los Gatos).

For further information, please contact Donald Rocha at (408) 630-2338.

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### **2. Planned 3-day Silicon Valley Advance Water Purification Center Shutdown from October 17-19, 2022**

On October 17, 2022, the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center (SVAWPC) will be shut down for three (3) days to perform maintenance activities. During this shutdown Valley Water staff will inspect and hydro-flush the center's 36" influent pipeline. Performing these activities will help assess the condition of the pipeline, remove sediment built up, and enhance the water quality coming to the center's treatment processes.

Annual maintenance activities that require plant shutdowns are coordinated with the San Jose/Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility, which provides the secondary treated wastewater influent to SVAWPC, and are planned to occur when the recycled water demand is low.

During the shutdown, South Bay Water Recycling customers might notice a slight change in the water characteristics due to lack of purified water for blending from the SVAWPC. The SVAWPC is scheduled to return to service by the end of day on October 19, 2022.

For further information, please contact Sam Bogale at (408) 630-3505.

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### **3. Planned Penitencia Water Treatment Plant Shutdown on October 4, 2022**

On October 4, 2022, the Penitencia Water Treatment Plant (PWTP) was shut down to perform critical electrical system maintenance. Carrying out maintenance activities during a planned shutdown is essential to keeping equipment performing at peak capacity and ensuring a reliable plant operation.

PWTP was returned to service on the same day. During the shutdown, retailers that normally receive their water from PWTP were served by the Santa Teresa Water Treatment Plant with no impact to the contract flow rates.

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### **4. Safe, Clean Water Mini-Grant Closeout: Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful's Hellyer County Park Mural Project**

In Fiscal Year 2021, Valley Water awarded Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful a \$5,000 Safe, Clean Water Program D3 Mini-Grant for their Hellyer Country Park Mural Project (Project). Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful (Grantee) completed the Project on May 24, 2022 and submitted the final invoice items on June 3, 2022, allowing for grant closeout.

Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful is a non-profit organization that works with community groups, public agencies, and students to reclaim, restore, and beautify the 64-miles long Coyote Creek that runs through Santa Clara County. The Grantee hosts creek cleanups, plantings, recreational and cultural activities, and educational partnerships. The mini-grant funds assisted in the design and installation of a mural that features nature scenes reflecting a healthy creek to educate people about the valuable natural resources of their local waterways. The mural is located on the exterior walls of the public restroom at Hellyer County Park in San Jose, CA which receives an estimate of 100 visitors daily. This site was selected because it was prone to graffiti and is the site of the Grantee's quarterly BioBlitz events, where participants explore the various species of plants and animals along Coyote Creek. The Grantee hosted a community input day at the park and sent surveys to neighbors to gather feedback for the mural design. In collaboration with muralist Paul J. Gonzalez and the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department, the Grantee was able to beautify the space through the creation of a mural that is full of color and life.

### Key Outcomes:

- Installed a mural spanning 80 feet along the four walls of the park's public restroom.
- Hosted a community paint day with 34 community members and volunteers who participated in painting the mural.
- Hosted a creek cleanup with 116 attendees, who successfully collected 900 pounds trash.
- Documented the project to engage the community through (4) Facebook posts, (3) Instagram posts, (1) Twitter post, (1) LinkedIn post, and a blog:  
<https://www.keepcoyotecreekbeautiful.org/post/hellyer-mural>

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# **BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS and Informational Items**