



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

# NON-AGENDA

December 29, 2023

**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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# **BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS and Informational Items**

Request	Request Date	Director	BAO/Chief	Staff	Description	20 Days Due Date	Expected Completion Date	Disposition
I-23-0033	12/21/23	Beall	Yoke	Mcelroy	Provide Director Beall with a copy of Valley Water's reasonable accommodation policy.	01/10/24		
R-23-0011	08/08/23	Eisenberg	Taylor	Chinte Salandan an	CEO 2023 travel with the following: For each time away, please provide: 1. Dates 2. Locations traveled to 3. Total cost 4. Whether the district paid in part or in whole (how much, and was it as a legitimate business expense or as a taxable perk) 5. If for official reasons, if not clear from the outside, please provide a brief (one sentence or even partial sentence is fine) description of the nexus -- e.g. "met with these senators in washington dc: warren, booker, and feinstein" 6. If the district only paid in part, I do not need to know what was happening during the personal time 7. Please provide the budget for travel for that time period and how the actuals compared with the budgeted (this should be very simple)	08/29/23		10/11/23 Information Only: BMR request was updated to change from BAO travel information to only CEO: CEO 2023 travel with the following: For each time away, please provide: 1.Dates 2.Locations traveled to 3.Total cost 4.Whether the district paid in part or in whole (how much, and was it as a legitimate business expense or as a taxable perk) 5.If for official reasons, if not clear from the outside, please provide a brief (one sentence or even partial sentence is fine) description of the nexus -- e.g. "met with these senators in washington dc: warren, booker, and feinstein" 6.If the district only paid in part, I do not need to know what was happening during the personal time 7.Please provide the budget for travel for that time period and how the actuals compared with the budgeted (this should be very simple); 09/08/23 Information Only: Two additional weeks need. Anticipated completion date of September 22.



# MEMORANDUM

FC 14 (01-25-23)

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Kirsten Struve

**SUBJECT:** Department of Water Resources Certifies  
Final Environmental Impact Report for the  
Delta Conveyance Project

**DATE:** December 26, 2023

On December 21, 2023, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) approved the Delta Conveyance Project (Project) and certified the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The environmental review process included a 142-day public comment period on the Draft EIR, in which DWR received more than 700 letters and 7,000 individual comments. In certifying the EIR and approving the Project, DWR has decided the environmental review complies with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the Final EIR reflects public input and DWR's independent judgment and analysis (Attachment 1). In their approval of the Project, DWR selected the Bethany Reservoir Alignment; adopted the Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Program; and adopted a Statement of Overriding Considerations.

The Bethany Reservoir alignment, which is presented as Alternative 5 in the EIR, was selected because of engineering feasibility, conceptual design, constructability, and because it reduced key environmental impacts. The Project consists of two intakes with state-of-the-art fish screens in the north Delta that would convey water through a single tunnel with a maximum diversion capacity of 6,000 cubic feet per second to the Bethany Reservoir for delivery through existing SWP export facilities.

According to DWR, the Project will modernize the state's water infrastructure to:

- Capture and move more water during wet seasons to better endure dry seasons,
- Minimize future losses from climate-driven weather extremes,
- Protect against earthquakes disrupting water supplies,
- Continue meeting regulatory water quality and fishery requirements, and add new operating rules for further fishery protections,
- Include a Community Benefits Program to ensure local communities get the means and resources to achieve tangible and lasting benefits.

Now that the environmental review is complete and the Project has been approved, DWR will pursue state and federal permits or authorizations, including those required by the State Water Resources Control Board, the Delta Stewardship Council, and compliance with state and federal Endangered Species acts. DWR will also continue to develop a Community Benefits Program. The Delta Construction Authority will provide a new cost estimate and a benefit-cost analysis in mid-2024.

Valley Water is among the 17 public water agencies from the Bay Area, Central Valley, Central Coast, and Southern California participating in the planning stage of the Project. The Certified Final EIR and other informational resources are available at: <https://www.deltaconveyanceproject.com/planning-processes/california-environmental-quality-act/final-eir>.

DocuSigned by:

*Kirsten Struve*

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Kirsten Struve

Assistant Officer

Water Supply Division

Attachment 1: Decisions Regarding the Delta Conveyance Project

# **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-23-0303	12/27/23	12/27/23	All	DANNY GARZA	Email from Danny Garza to the board, dated 12/27/23, regarding possible creek obstructions on Lower Silver Creek.	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Codianne	01/04/24	-	n/a	01/10/24
C-23-0299	12/26/23	12/26/23	All	REGAN WILLIAMS	Email from Regan Williams to Director Varela dated 12/26/23 regarding Wild Hogs in Morgan Hill	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Mccarter	01/03/24	-	n/a	01/09/24
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	Email from	Refer to Staff	Richardson	Mccarter	11/11/23	11/16/23	n/a	11/17/23

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				BEERLI	Rochelle Beerli to Chair Varela, dated 11/03/23, conveying questions about Pacheco Dam.							
C-23-0266	10/31/23	10/31/23	All	JOHN GUISLIN	Email from John Guislin to the board, dated 10/31/23, expressing concern for Creek Flooding mitigation along San Francisquito Creek.	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Yerrapotu	11/08/23	11/06/23	n/a	11/14/23
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	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Codianne	09/30/23	09/25/23	n/a	10/06/23



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					regarding the unhoused at Church st./Howson Creek Monterey Road/Howson Creek, Gilroy.							
C-23-0212	08/24/23	08/24/23	Santos	ERIC HA	Email from Eric Ha to Director Santos, dated 8/24/23, regarding unhoused individual setting fire behind property.	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Codianne	09/01/23	08/30/23	n/a	09/07/23
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	Refer to Staff	Blank Yerrapotu	Codianne	05/20/23	05/22/23	n/a	05/26/23



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					the creeks in Santa Clara.							
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 MALLORY	EMail from Melissa Mallory regarding unhouse along Los Gatos Creek Trail.	Refer to Staff	Blank	Codianne Yerrapotu	03/04/23	03/03/23	n/a	03/10/23

## Michele King

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**From:** Danny Garza [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 20, 2023 11:40 AM  
**To:** Richard Santos; Tony Estremera; Ricardo Barajas; Board of Directors  
**Cc:** Peter.Ortiz@sanjoseca.gov; Angel.Rios@sanjoseca.gov; Jennifer Maguire; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan  
**Subject:** Beautiful and Safe Creek

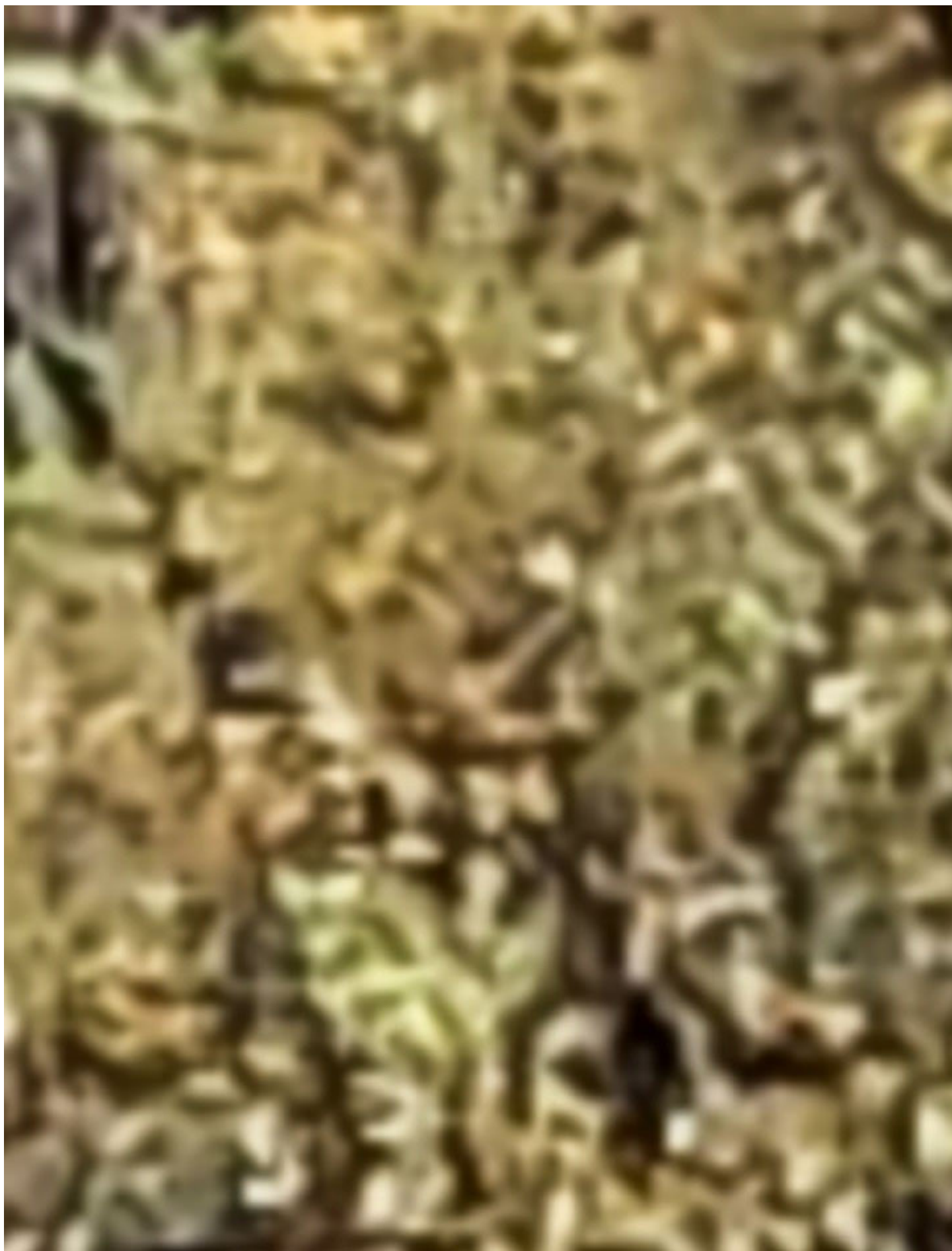
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Good Afternoon Water Board and Councilmember Peter Ortiz,

Here are two images that I just took of the Habitat and Creek Water Runoff Level in our Lower Silver Creek.

First our Ducks are playing, Floating, and Resting on the Southern side of our Pedestrian Bridge.





Second, we can see that even after the most recent short heavy Rainfall, there remains almost 95% of the Creek ability to flow through the Creek Underpass at the Meckee Road and King Road Intersection.





It appears that our Creek Clean-ups and vigilant attention to the health of the Community through improving the Health of Lower Silver Creek is paying off mightily.

Plata Arroyo Neighborhood Association and Gateway East N.A.C. would like to Congratulate your efforts in keeping the Natural Habitat CLEAN AND CLEAR !!!!!

Our 'Thanks' is not going to be enough to express how happy we are with the Clean-ups in the Lower Silver Creek.

In Community Spirit,  
Danny Garza

President  
Plata Arroyo Neighborhood Association and Gateway East N.A.C.

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## Michele King

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**From:** Aja Yee <aja@keepcoyotecreekbeautiful.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 21, 2023 4:47 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors; Linh Hoang; Meghan Azralon  
**Subject:** 1/28 and 2/4 - Creek and Trail Cleanups  
**Attachments:** 240128-Cleanup-Flyer.jpg; 240128-Cleanup-IG Post.jpg; 240204-Cleanup-Flyer.jpg; 240204-Cleanup-IG Post.jpg

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Hi,

Please see the information below for the creek and trail cleanups on Sunday, January 28 and February 4.

Thank you for your continued support. Happy holidays!

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### **Global Community Engagement Day Cleanup - Creek and Trail Cleanup**

Location: TBD  
Sun Jan 28  
9AM to 12PM

Cleanup the Creek and Trail for Global Community Engagement Day!

Help us beautify Coyote Creek and surrounding trails through a community cleanup. Meet new people; improve a neighborhood park; watch the overwintering birds; build community around a shared sense of service.  
Free litter kits!

Community service hours available.

Groups Welcome

RSVP: <https://240128-cleanup.eventbrite.com/?aff=vw>

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### **The Cleanup is Mightier than the litter! - Creek and Trail Cleanup**

Location: Tully Ballfields, 880 Tully Road, San Jose  
Sun Feb 4  
9AM to 12PM

Come help us clean the Coyote Creek and Trail!

Help us beautify Coyote Creek and surrounding trails through a community cleanup. Meet new people; improve a

neighborhood park; watch the overwintering birds; build community around a shared sense of service.

Free litter kits!

Community service hours available.

Groups Welcome

RSVP: <https://240204-cleanup.eventbrite.com/?aff=vw>

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**Aja Yee**

Event Coordinator

Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful

650-246-4769

[www.keepcoyotecreekbeautiful.org](http://www.keepcoyotecreekbeautiful.org)





# COYOTE CREEK CLEANUP

**FEBRUARY 4: 9-12PM**

KEEP  
COYOTE  
CREEK  
BEAUTIFUL



CLEANUP LOCATION PROVIDED UPON REGISTRATION

**The CLEANUP**

**is Mightier**

**than the litter!**

**February**

**4th**

**9am-12pm**

**RSVP  
AT**

 **KEEP COYOTE CREEK BEAUTIFUL**

**WWW.KEEPCOYOTECREEKBEAUTIFUL.ORG**







# COYOTE CREEK CLEANUP

**JANUARY 28: 9-12PM**





CLEANUP LOCATION PROVIDED UPON REGISTRATION

# Global Community Engagement Day Cleanup

January 28th, 2024 | 9am-12pm



RSVP  
AT

KEEP COYOTE CREEK BEAUTIFUL

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## Michele King

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**From:** Ron Cachopo <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 23, 2023 12:09 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Codianne  
**Cc:** Cecilia Rocha; Board of Directors; Diana Martin  
**Subject:** Re: Broken fence along Saratoga Creek - 1400 Bowe Ave - Santa Clara

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Hi Jen,

Going shopping Saturday morning noticed a four foot round hole in the fence just to the left where the new gate was installed.

No debris sited at this time.

Is it possible to have someone take a look?

Thanks, Ron P. Cachopo

Santa Clara Hampton Place

[REDACTED]  
Santa Clara, CA 95051

On Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 05:34:17 PM PST, Ron Cachopo <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Jen,

Arriving home from work Today noticed a young lady walking out from the hole in the fence where the new gate was installed.

Also, there is debris inside the fence.

Not sure if someone has taken up residence there or just visiting.

I will monitor and keep you posted.

Thanks, Ron P. Cachopo

Santa Clara Hampton Place

[REDACTED]  
Santa Clara, CA 95051

On Friday, November 10, 2023 at 07:49:08 PM PST, Ron Cachopo <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Jen,



FYI: Noticed another small hole in a piece on the fence close to the El Camino. (Looks like it is the same type of hole that starts in the lower left hand side of the fence at ground level.)

Thanks, Ron P. Cachopo

Santa Clara Hampton Place

[REDACTED]  
Santa Clara, CA 95051

On Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 06:23:57 PM PDT, Ron Cachopo <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Jen,

Was someone going to come out and look at the Large Size hole in the fence next to where the new gate was installed?

Thanks, Ron P. Cachopo

Santa Clara Hampton Place

[REDACTED]  
Santa Clara, CA 95051

On Saturday, September 16, 2023 at 05:19:56 PM PDT, Ron Cachopo <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Jen,

FYI: Noticed and additional Large Size hole in the fence next to where the new gate was installed. (The hole is several feet long and wide. Also, there are many different items inside of the fence.)

Thanks, Ron P. Cachopo

[REDACTED]  
Santa Clara, CA 95051

On Saturday, September 2, 2023 at 12:57:58 PM PDT, Ron Cachopo <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Jen,

Returning home from shopping on Saturday noticed a open piece of fence across from the Moonlight shopping center parking lot close to the El Camino. (It is a good size opening.)

Also, There is a ladder up against the fence near the newly replaced Gate with a large plastic pallet on the inside of the fence for people to climb down.

Lastly, Looks like there are shopping carts butted up against various parts of the fence to facilitate climbing the fence easier.

Can you please have someone take a look and button it up the fence?

Thanks, Ron P. Cachopo

Hampton Place Santa Clara

[REDACTED]  
Santa Clara, CA 95051

On Sunday, July 30, 2023 at 06:09:35 PM PDT, Ron Cachopo <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Jen,

Noticed arriving home from shopping late Sunday afternoon a large opening in the Saratoga Creek Fence.

The opening is located to the left hand side of our main entrance complex gate. (PS: There is an abandoned Shopping Cart near the opening.)

Can you have someone take a look and button it up?

Thanks, Ron P. Cachopo

Santa Clara Hampton Place

[REDACTED]  
Santa Clara, CA 95051

On Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 05:30:40 PM PDT, Ron Cachopo <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Jen,

Leaving for work this morning and noticed the Fence Gate entering into the Saratoga Creek was ripped open on the bottom allowing easy access to the Saratoga Creek. (The Damaged Gate is located across from our Automatic Gate closest to the Moon Lite Shopping Center.

Is it possible to have someone take a look and make the repair?

Thanks, Ron P. Cachopo

Santa Clara Hampton Place

[REDACTED]  
Santa Clara, CA 95051

On Saturday, April 1, 2023 at 12:57:15 PM PDT, Ron Cachopo <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Jen,

I E-mailed you back on March 11, 2023 regarding open piece of fence along the Saratoga Creek on 1400 Bowe Ave, Santa Clara.

My brother noticed returning home from shopping on Saturday April 1, 2023 a piece of open fence along the Saratoga Creek across the Moonlite Shopping Center side gate entrance on our Santa Clara Hampton Place Condominium Complex.

Our Manager for the Santa Clara Hampton Place Complex is Diana Martin at Common Interest. (I have cc'd here on this E-mail).

Is it possible to have someone button up the fence?

Thanks, Ron P. Cachopo

Santa Clara Hampton Place

[REDACTED]  
Santa Clara CA 95051

On Saturday, March 11, 2023 at 12:35:54 PM PST, Ron Cachopo <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Jen,

I E-mailed you back on October 29, 2022 regarding open piece of fence along the Saratoga Creek on 1400 Bowe Ave, Santa Clara.

My brother noticed returning home from shopping on Saturday March 11, 2023 a piece of open fence along the Saratoga Creek across the Moonlite Shopping Center side gate entrance on our Santa Clara Hampton Place Condominium Complex.

Our Manager for the Santa Clara Hampton Place Complex is Diana Martin at Common Interest. (I have cc'd here on this E-mail).

Is it possible to have someone button up the fence?

Thanks, Ron P. Cachopo

Santa Clara Hampton Place

[REDACTED]  
Santa Clara, CA 95051

On Monday, October 31, 2022 at 01:18:55 PM PDT, Jennifer Codianne <jcodianne@valleywater.org> wrote:

Hi Ron,

Staff will investigate and I will get back to you as soon as I know more.

Thanks,

Jen

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**From:** Ron Cachopo <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 29, 2022 12:44 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Codianne <JCodianne@valleywater.org>  
**Cc:** Cecilia Rocha <CRocha@valleywater.org>; Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>; Diana Martin <dmartin@commoninterest.com>  
**Subject:** Broken fence along Saratoga Creek - 1400 Bowe Ave - Santa Clara

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Hi Jen,

I E-mailed you back on July 28, 2021 regarding Homeless People entering the fence along the Saratoga Creek on 1400 Bowe Ave, Santa Clara.

My brother noticed returning home from work on Thursday 10-27-22 people entering a piece of broken fence along the Saratoga Creek by the telephone pole across the main entrance on our Santa Clara Hampton Place Condominium Complex.

Our Manager for the Santa Clara Hampton Place Complex is Diana Martin at Common Interest. (I have cc'd here on this E-mail).

Is it possible to have someone button up the fence?

Thanks, Ron P. Cachopo

Santa Clara Hampton Place

[REDACTED]

Santa Clara, CA 95051

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**From:** [Candice Kwok-Smith](#)  
**To:** [Board Correspondence](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Wild Hogs in Morgan Hill  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 26, 2023 5:24:51 PM

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Regan Williams <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** December 22, 2023 at 6:20:12 PM PST  
**To:** John Varela <[jvarela@valleywater.org](mailto:jvarela@valleywater.org)>  
**Subject:** Wild Hogs in Morgan Hill

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Mr Varela,

My family and I live in Holiday Lake Estates in Morgan Hill and our yard has been devastated by the wild hogs. I see them on a nightly basis in my yard causing damage. I put up a hog fence to try and keep them out, but they forced their way into my yard anyway. They have cost/will cost us thousands of dollars in damage. We had never seen a pig in our neighborhood until last year. My neighbor across the street has lived there for over 30 years and had never seen a pig until last year too. The number of pigs has skyrocketed and we are seeing them during the day now. My teenage girls are afraid every morning they leave for school because the pigs are routinely by their car out front. The hogs have only been a problem for us since the reservoir was drained.

We need help! We live in the city limits and therefore we can't shoot them! We need someone that has connections to Morgan Hill and Valley Water...to advocate for us and help get rid of this growing problem before someone gets hurt by a pig! I know you care about Morgan Hill...please help us!

I have talked to Fish and Game and they will issue Valley Water a permit to trap the pigs on the lake bed. We need to control the hog population before it gets any further out of hand.

I have spent the last 28 years serving the public and I'm usually the one helping others solve their problems. Now, I'm the one asking for help for my family and neighbors.  
Sincerely,

Regan Williams  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone



## Michele King

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**From:** Danny Garza [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 1:52 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors; Richard Santos; Tony Estremera; Peter Ortiz; Angel Madero; Joe Nieto Yahoo Acct; Terrychavarria; Carlos Diaz "Knightsounds"  
**Subject:** Help us prevent flooding in Lower Silver Creek

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Honorable Board,

As you are aware, the Plata Arroyo Neighborhood Association and Gateway East N.A.C. has adopted Reach 3 of Lower Silver Creek and has been assigned the Lower section of Reach 4.

Reach 3 is in the Plata Arroyo Neighborhood Association.

Reach 4 is in the Mayfair Neighborhood Association.

These are images taken today, of the possible Creek Obstructions that may lead to possible Flooding in our area soon.



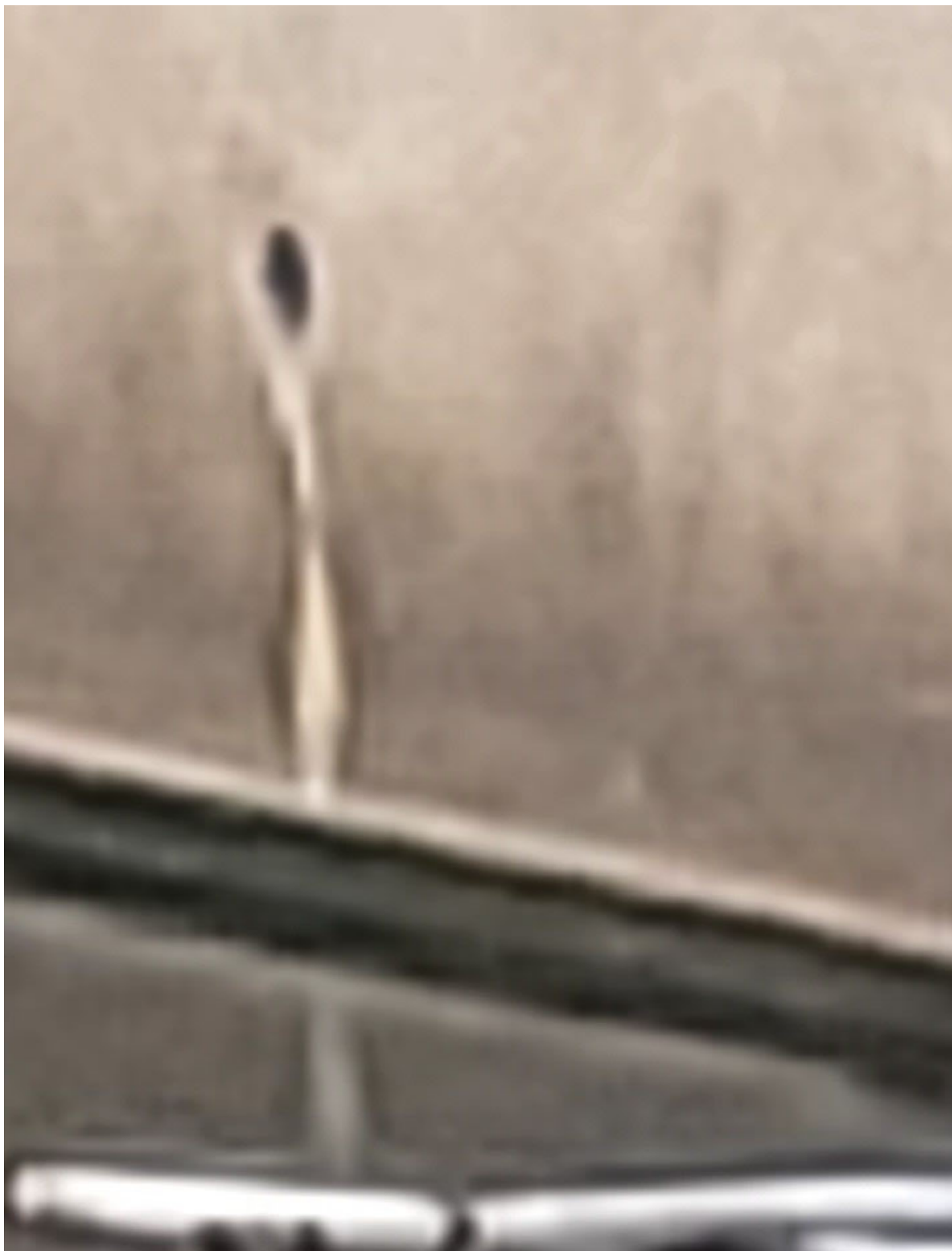
As you can plainly view, the Obstructions were not here before in any of the previous Email Images I have sent.

What is here -

01. At the bottom of the image - Dirt Island that was not here before

02. At the middle of the image - Debris starting to 'form a Dam across the Creek' from one Creek Bank to the other Creek Bank

03. At the Top of the image is a previously crossing of Rocks, collected over time and Water rushing



This image is about 200 feet North of the Alum Rock Avenue Bridge that spans Lower Silver Creek.

As you can see, Debris is moving Down Stream toward the other Lower Silver Creek Obstructions.

This Debris Pile is going to end up blocking the Waterway.

We need the Water District to be proactive and remove the Obstruction in this Email.

Of course, we aren't professionals in the Water District, but we have an idea of the Water Ambassadors Program and want to seriously be in partnership to keep the Community Safe.





This set of Small Boulder is set to aquire some of the Debris Pile Upstream, after the Alum Rock Bridge. Soon, this year, there is going to be a problem on Lower Silver Creek. This is going to be a major Blockage.





Underneath the Pedestrian Bridge is a set of zsmall Boulders that are starting to create a successful Dam. Soon the Debris from Upstream will be at this location as well.







The width of Lower Silver Creek has been severely reduced to almost half of the original measurements.

Let's remove all of the above possible points of Obstruction and save the Community a set huge Heartaches.

[It is better and Cheaper for everyone if we are Proactive rather than Reactive.]

Thank you for your immediate attention.

In Community Spirit,  
Danny Garza

Water Ambassador  
and  
President  
Plata Arroyo Neighborhood Association and Gateway East N.A.C.

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# **OUTGOING BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

**Michele King**

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**Subject:** FW: Quick question

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

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 20, 2023 11:27 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Quick question

**Sent on Behalf of Director Santos:**

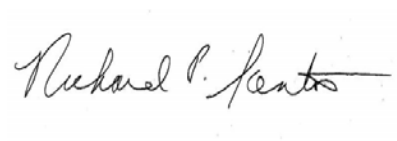
Dear Danny,

Thank you for reaching out to us about volunteer opportunities in the City of Milpitas. We are not aware of any groups doing volunteer work with us or on our behalf in the Milpitas area over the next couple of months. In fact, the best time for youth to earn community hours through Valley Water is during our annual National River Cleanup Day in May and Coastal Cleanup Day in September. During these events, youth volunteers can sign up to participate in a cleanup site by visiting [www.cleanacreek.org](http://www.cleanacreek.org). There are other agencies and groups that Valley Water collaborates with that may have opportunities to earn volunteer service credits over the next couple of months:

- Valley Water's Creek Stewardship Program works with a group in Milpitas called VTSEVA (Volunteering Together for Service). They are one of our Adopt-A-Creek partners and organize creek cleanups and other volunteer opportunities in the community. Please visit <https://www.vtsworld.org/signup> for more information.
- The City of Milpitas has several ways to volunteer listed on its website. For more information, please visit <https://www.milpitas.gov/501/Volunteer> for more information.
- The Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department may have some options within Milpitas at Ed R. Levin County Park. Please visit <https://parks.sccgov.org/get-involved/volunteer-opportunities> for more information.
- Service clubs such as Rotary, Lions, and Kiwanis have local chapters in Milpitas and may have opportunities for youth volunteers.

Once again, thank you for reaching out and for keeping our waterways litter-free. If you have further questions please contact Don Rocha at [drocha@valleywater.org](mailto:drocha@valleywater.org).

Stay safe and healthy,



Richard P. Santos  
Director, District 3  
Valley Water Board of Directors

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**From:** Danny Garza <[REDACTED]>  
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**Subject:** Quick question

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Good Morning Dick,

I was wondering if the Water District has Community hours to give in the Milpitas Area?

I have a young man that needs 4 hours by the Middle-January

If the Water District does not have hours, do you know of a Neighborhood, Park, Community Organization that can use a younger volunteer.

In Community Spirit,  
Danny

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