



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

NON-AGENDA

April 2, 2021

Board Policy EL-7 Communication and Support to the Board
The BAOs shall inform and support the Board in its work.

Page	<u>CEO BULLETIN & NEWSLETTERS</u>
	CEO Bulletin: None
	<u>BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS</u>
4	BMR/IBMR Weekly Reports: 04/01/21
5	Memo from Rechelle Blank, DOO, Watersheds, to Rick Callender, CEO, dated 3/16/21, regarding Final Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and Approval of the Palo Alto Flood Basin Tide Gate Structure Replacement Project (Project No. 10394001).
	<u>INCOMING BOARD CORRESPONDENCE</u>
10	Board Correspondence Weekly Report: 04/01/21
11	Email from Danny Garza, CC to the Board of Directors, dated 3/26/21, regarding Questions Pertaining to 1936 Alum Rock Ave (C-21-0035).
15	Email from Connie Ludewig, to Director Varela, dated 3/29/21, regarding Creek Litter Abatement (C-21-0036).
16	Email from Cathy Easley, to the Board of Directors, dated 3/30/21, regarding Activity along East Little Llagas Creek in San Martin (C-21-0037).
	<u>OUTGOING BOARD CORRESPONDENCE</u>
21	Email from Director Keegan, to Dan Soszynski, dated 3/24/21, regarding the Homeless Activity and Trash Located along Guadalupe River (C-21-0027).
25	Email from Chair Estremera, to John Kolski, dated 3/26/21, regarding the Stevens Creek Quarry (C-21-0026).
28	Email from Director Varela, to Cathy Easley, dated 3/29/21, regarding the illegal off-road ATV vehicle activity that is occurring on East Little Llagas Creek from East San Martin Ave to Sycamore Ave (C-21-0033).

Board correspondence has been removed from the online posting of the Non-Agenda to protect personal contact information. Lengthy reports/attachments may also be removed due to file size limitations. Copies of board correspondence and/or reports/attachments are available by submitting a public records request to publicrecords@valleywater.org.

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-21-0003	03/22/21	Kremen	Callender Gibson	Rocha Taylor	Provide Vice Chair Kremen with all communication sent to the City of San Jose regarding the District's Retailer Loan Program.	04/11/21		03/29/21 CEO Bulletin: Email from Don Rocha submitted to the CEO Inbox confirming response by staff.



MEMORANDUM

FC 14 (08-21-19)

TO: Rick L. Callender, Esq.
Chief Executive Officer

FROM: Rechelle Blank, P.E.
Deputy Operating Officer

SUBJECT: Non-Agenda Item – Final Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and Approval of the Palo Alto Flood Basin Tide Gate Structure Replacement Project (Project No. 10394001)

DATE: March 16, 2021

The Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) prepared a Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the proposed Palo Alto Flood Basin Tide Gate Structure Replacement Project (Project) to fulfill Valley Water's lead agency responsibilities under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Valley Water is responsible for funding the Project, replacing the tide gate structure, and monitoring the improvement work after construction is complete.

The Project is subject to CEQA as the Project requires discretionary approval requiring the exercise of judgement or deliberation by the Valley Water Board of Directors and the activities would be directly undertaken by Valley Water as a public agency, which include public works construction activities, which may cause either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. The MND is being submitted to the Board for their information prior to the Board meeting scheduled for May 11, 2021.

The Project is located in the City of Palo Alto along the intersection of the San Francisco Bay and the Palo Alto Flood Basin (PAFB). The objective of the Project is to maintain flood protection in the communities surrounding the PAFB and along the US-101 corridor by preventing failure of the existing tide gate structure, upsizing the structure to function with 2 feet of future sea-level rise, and maintaining or improving the current level of flood protection for Matadero, Adobe, and Barron Creeks. The Project would involve construction of a new 132-foot-long tide gate structure slightly inboard (upstream) and southeast of the existing 113-foot-long deteriorating tide gate structure, removal of the existing tide gate structure and levee, and construction of a new levee that ties into the new tide gate structure.

Pursuant to CEQA, Valley Water, as the lead agency for the Project, prepared a Final MND, which is included in this Memo for Board's consideration prior to approving the Project. The Draft MND was circulated for public review from September 14, 2020 to October 15, 2020. Comments on the Draft MND were received from the San Francisco Bay Trail Project, Enid Pearson, Santa Clara County Roads and Airport Department, Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department, City of Palo Alto, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife. The Final MND addresses comments received on the Draft MND. As discussed in the attached Final MND, the Project would result in no or less than significant impacts in all resource areas except biological resources. However, potentially significant impacts on biological resources would be reduced to a less than significant level with implementation of mitigation measures proposed in the Final MND and included in the MMRP (Appendix G of the Final MND).

Prior to approving the Project, CEQA requires the Board to review and consider the information contained in the Final MND. When adopting the Final MND, the Board will also need to adopt the MMRP. Board adoption of the Final MND and MMRP will indicate the Valley Water's formal commitment to implement such measures.

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Rechelle Blank 3/19/2021

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Rechelle Blank, P.E.
Deputy Operating Officer
Watersheds Design and Construction Division

Attachment:

1. Final MND and MMRP

cc: CEQA Administration File, Project File, Roger Narsim, Robert Yamane, Kurt Lueneburger, Alex Hunt

FINAL Mitigated Negative Declaration



Valley Water

MARCH 2021

Palo Alto Flood Basin Tide Gate Structure Replacement Project

Valley Water Project No. 10394001
State Clearing House #202009023

Attachment 1: Final MND and MMRP
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The FINAL Mitigated Negative Declaration for the
Palo Alto Flood Basin Tide Gate Structure Replacement Project
can be viewed from the project website under Reports & Documents:

<https://www.valleywater.org/pafbtidegates>