

## VW Support for SJ City Council Emergency Drought Declaration (Item 2.9 on 11/30/2021 Agenda)

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Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers:

On behalf of Valley Water, I would like to express Valley Waters appreciation to the City of San José for including on tomorrow's City Council agenda the subject, "[Emergency Drought Declaration](#)" (Item 2.9), in response to Santa Clara County's drought conditions.

On June 23, 2021, you received electronic communication from Valley Water that included a signed letter from our Chair of the Board of Directors, as well as an expanded list of recommended water use prohibitions that were outlined in the previously adopted Valley Water resolution. Valley Water's goal is a uniform, comprehensive approach to water conservation across the County, and to also help promote actions residents can take to be proactive in saving water and money.

Increased conservation is necessary to protect local water supplies and guard against groundwater overdraft, subsidence, and dry domestic wells—especially if the drought extends into next year—and we are grateful for the City Council's leadership and decisive action in underscoring the seriousness of our region's water supply condition. Tomorrow's Council actions and ongoing work by City staff will help ensure we can all timely respond to the extreme drought conditions to meet local needs and address the current and anticipated water shortages.

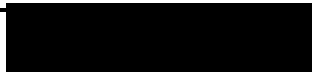
While we do not know how long this drought will last, we do know that the time for action is now, and we are prepared to assist you with community engagement on this important topic. Valley Water stands ready to support continued efforts to work with you and other cities to achieve reduction in water use across the County. Please know our Board of Directors very much appreciates your leadership and quick action, and we thank you again for your consideration of these matters of critical importance.

Sincerely,

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