

Overall Coordination on Unhoused Issues

Valley Water Board of Directors Special Joint Meeting with the City of San José, November 17, 2023





AB 1469 (Kalra) Valley Water Assisting Unsheltered People

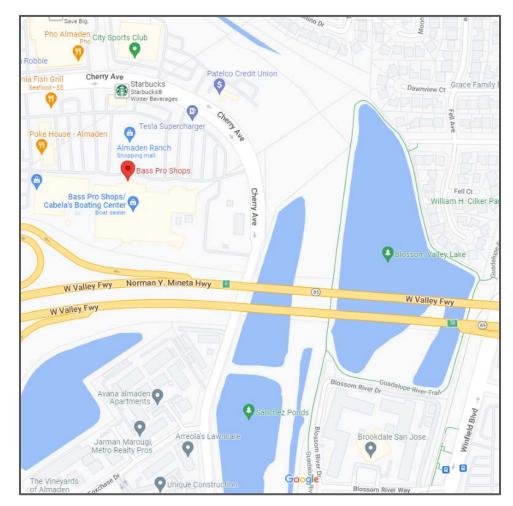
- Amends the District Act to authorize Valley Water to assist unsheltered people in consultation with a city or the County, to provide solutions and improve outcomes
- Allows Valley Water flexibility to use district land and a part of an existing ad valorem property tax for lasting encampment solutions
- Intent is to work with local cities or the County to construct low barrier navigation centers, supportive housing, transitional housing, affordable housing, or other facilities to assist unsheltered people
- Helps Valley Water comply with federal case law that requires a legitimate offer of shelter before relocating an unsheltered person from public land





Cherry Avenue EIH Site

- Location: Guadalupe River Reach 12
- Developable upland area: 2.54 acres
- Owner: Valley Water
- Planned: 100 EIH units with services
- Water Resources Protection Zone

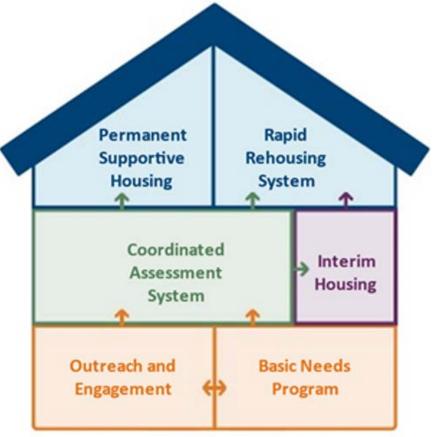






Coyote Creek Cost-Share Agreement

- Incurred costs:
 - City of San José \$9.3M
 - Valley Water \$4.7M
 - Additional Targeted Outreach \$4.8M
- 200 people in the project zone as of May 1, 2023
- As of October 2023:
 - 37 people declined to engage
 - 163 people were provided services
 - 42 people were placed into City EIH
 - 28 people exited the project zone to non-EIH destinations







Valley Water Criteria for Encampment Abatement

- Valley Water safe relocation criteria:
 - The encampment is in the path of, interferes with, or obstructs access to:
 - Flood protection/water infrastructure facilities or projects, or
 - Maintenance projects, facilities, or maintenance access roads, or
 - Designated mitigation or vegetation management sites
 - OR
 - The encampment poses an immediate safety risk involving the safety of Valley Water staff.
- Relocation may also be in response to public safety issues as determined by local jurisdictions or police/fire departments.





City of San José Criteria for Encampment Abatement

- City of San José Setback Guidelines define areas that will be abated.
- Locations and Conditions:
 - School Buffer Zone
 - Definition: Tents, built structures, or other belongings that are erected or stored within 150' of an elementary, middle, or high school property
 - Blocking Public Right-of-Way
 - Definition: Sidewalks; streets; trails; medians; permitted events at City facilities; City facility (park restroom, playground, community center, library, fire station, etc.)
 - Health and Safety Conditions
 - Definition: Fire danger; vehicle or pedestrian danger; unauthorized access to electrical; potential for drowning if flooding occurs; significant reoccurring or unresolved unsanitary conditions; severe vector control issue; adjacent to residential fencing/wall
 - Obstruction to Critical Infrastructure
 - Definition: Infrastructure degradation; public operations and maintenance; construction project (on land or waterways); hospital and trauma centers





QUESTIONS



