



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Jacky Morales-Ferrand

SUBJECT: HOPE VILLAGE UPDATE

DATE: March 20, 2019

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SUPPLEMENTAL

REASON FOR SUPPLEMENTAL

This memorandum provides a summary of actions that took place since the submittal of the original memo regarding Hope Village and requests the City Council drop this item from the March 26 agenda.

BACKGROUND

On March 18, 2019, the Santa Clara Valley Water District's Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc committee (Ad Hoc Committee) met to consider the County of Santa Clara (County) proposal for the relocation of Hope Village to the Santa Clara Valley Water District ("Valley Water") site near Willow and Lelong Streets and determine whether the proposal should be agendized for the March 26 meeting of the Valley Water Board of Directors. The Ad Hoc Committee moved to:

- Have staff facilitate and assist a meeting with the FAA in requesting that the City extend the Hope Village's time;
- Have staff investigate Valley Water properties that are more amendable for a sanctioned encampment site, discuss with Mr. Miron Conk and work with the City and County to identify additional sites;
- Have Valley Water staff continue to analyze the County's proposal and come back to the Ad Hoc Committee with recommendations; and
- Have the three Ad Hoc Committee members meet with the elected(s) in the respective areas and bring back the information to share with the community.

The Ad Hoc committee did not move to agendize the relocation proposal on the Valley Water Board of Directors March 26, 2019 agenda.

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On March 19, 2019, the County Board of Supervisors had on its agenda an item for Hope Village. However, since the County Hope Village relocation proposal was not added to the Valley Water Board of Directors prior to the March 30 deadline for Hope Village's current lease, the item was deleted from the County Board of Supervisors agenda.

ANALYSIS

As mentioned in the staff report dated, March 15, 2019, the City is not authorized by AB932, which allows alternative structures, like tents. It is now clear that there is no consensus amongst the County, the Water District, and/or the Hope Village volunteer operator regarding relocation of Hope Village. The City cannot extend the County's lease for the current site of Hope Village beyond its current March 30 end date. The FAA has already communicated to the City that Hope Village must be removed when its lease ends in order to comply with the FAA grants. Allowing Hope Village to remain past March 30 could also jeopardize future grants. The volunteer operator of Hope Village has communicated that he does not support the County's proposal for a new site. Given there is no alignment with the operator and the County on the level of services, the design of the structures, nor the cost of the program, the current County proposals for Hope Village are not viable. Since neither the Valley Water Board nor the County Supervisors are moving forward with a plan to allow for the immediate relocation of Hope Village at the Lelong and Willow, the County request for the City to pay half of costs of the operation of a new site is no longer time sensitive.

COORDINATION

This supplemental memorandum has been coordinated with the Office of the City Attorney, and the Department of Aviation.

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