



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Johnny Khamis
District 10

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: September 10, 2018

Approved by:

Date:

9/10/18

**SUBJECT: ~~DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND~~
INFRASTRUCTURE GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND MEASURE:
PROPOSED PROJECT CATEGORIES**

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Staff Recommendation with the addition of a requirement that, contingent upon the outcome of the ballot measure and before any bonds are issued or funds expended for the purposes of Environmental Protection Projects such as “water supply, flood control, open space and environmental protection of lands such as Coyote Valley,” we hold a study session on Coyote Valley, and any other lands targeted for acquisition using bond funds, to hear from environmental leaders and Coyote Valley landowners, review the General Plan with respect to the target properties, understand the economic effects of taking jobs lands and converting them to flood protection open space, and discuss the City’s proper role vis-à-vis flood protection.

ANALYSIS:

It is important that, as the fiduciaries for the City of San José, we do our due diligence before we make spending decisions – we must study those things to which we plan to commit taxpayer dollars before we spend those dollars.

At the City Council meeting where we placed the \$650 million bond measure (now Measure T) before the voters, included in the proposal were projects not previously vetted via a full public discussion, most notably \$50 million for Environmental Protection Projects. I’m calling for, at a minimum, a study session on this topic before any bonds are issued or money spent, to provide the City Council and public an understanding of the environmental justifications, the concerns of the existing landowners, the General Plan framework for the Coyote Valley, and the City’s role, if any, in flood protection, if Measure T were to be approved by voters.

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

August 7, 2018

**Subject: DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND INFRASTRUCTURE
GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND MEASURE SPENDING PRIORITIES**

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Before the City embarked on Community Choice Energy, we held no less than 12 meetings in the community and at City Council – including two study sessions – to fully understand the issues surrounding Community Choice Aggregation and develop a roadmap for San José Clean Energy. During the process, we heard about the benefits and potential pitfalls of CCE and the concept was thoroughly vetted. It is essential that, before we take any action to spend any part of \$50 million to convert jobs lands to flood protection open space, we have extensive stakeholder input and a thorough understanding of the consequences of our potential actions.