

January 4, 2017

Gabriel Gonzalez
City Administrator
City of Gilroy
7351 Rosanna St.
Gilroy, CA 95020

Steve Rymer
City Manager
City of Morgan Hill
17575 Peak Ave.
Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Re: Joint City Council-SCRWA-District Board Committee on Recycled Water and
Other Areas of Common Interest

Dear Mr. Gonzalez and Mr. Rymer:

Thank you for meeting with me and Director John Varela on December 16, 2016, to discuss the concept of forming a joint committee comprising members of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board and the City Councils of Gilroy and Morgan Hill. As you will recall, on July 27, 2016 the District Board Chair wrote to the Mayors of Gilroy and Morgan Hill, and to the Chair of South County Regional Wastewater Authority (SCRWA), inviting all three agencies to nominate members to serve on a joint recycled water advisory committee with members of the District's Board. A copy of that letter is attached for your easy reference. The Water District understands that both of you have been very open to the Board's July request and suggested that we all meet before formally moving forward in a collaborative manner.

At our meeting on December 16, you both agreed that a joint committee would be beneficial for South County. The two of you suggested, and we concurred, that a joint committee of our elected officials should also address other matters of common interest, including groundwater management and water supply planning. This committee may also be beneficial to discuss other common concerns such as homelessness as it affects water resources in the South County.

We discussed the membership of this six person committee being comprised of two City Council members each from Gilroy and Morgan Hill and two District Board members. To involve SCRWA directly, at least one of the Gilroy City Council members of this committee should also be SCRWA Board members, and the same requirement would apply to Morgan Hill. Subject to adjustment and approval by the District Board as well as SCRWA and the City Councils of Gilroy and Morgan Hill, the purpose of the joint committee would be established as follows:

The purpose of the Committee shall be to advance common South County water interests and receive input from stakeholders and interested parties when undertaking the following: (1) review current practices and future needs for groundwater management in the Llagas groundwater sub-basin, (2) facilitate policy discussion and sharing of technical information on water supply planning for South County, (3) identify the current and future demand for recycled water as well as jointly identifying funding sources for implementation of the

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South County Recycled Water Master Plan (4) facilitate policy discussion and sharing of technical information on furthering development and use of recycled water in South County, (5) and facilitate policy discussion and sharing of socio-economic information on homelessness in South County.

Thank you for working together to develop a framework that can be presented to my Board of Directors and your city councils. Please let me know what the approval process and the timing may look like for City Council action so our four agencies (with SCRWA included) can form this committee at earliest convenience.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Norma J. Camacho
Interim Chief Executive Officer

Attachment

cc: District Board of Directors (7), N. Camacho, J. Fiedler, R. Callender, C. Elias, G. Hall

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July 27, 2016

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Mr. Dion Bracco
Board Chair
South County Regional Wastewater Authority
1500 Southside Drive
Gilroy, CA 95020

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[Michele L. King, CMC](#)

Subject: Letter of Invitation – Proposed Joint Recycled Water Advisory Committee – Santa Clara Valley Water District, City of Gilroy, City of Morgan Hill, and South County Regional Wastewater Authority

Dear Mr. Bracco:

In May of 2015, the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) Board of Directors (Board) sent a letter to the South County Regional Wastewater Authority (SCRWA) presenting two options to facilitate policy-level discussions to advance the expansion of drought-proof recycled and purified water in the southern portion of Santa Clara County (South County). The District received a response from SCRWA, dated June 5, 2015, extending an interest in continuing with the existing collaborative structure or an ad-hoc committee to support delivery of recycled water in the South County. During this time, the District and SCRWA were working in partnership to develop the 2015 South County Recycled Water Master Plan Update (Master Plan Update).

The Master Plan Update, which includes approximately \$98 million in capital improvement recommendations related to the treatment, distribution, and delivery of recycled water in South County, was accepted independently by the SCRWA and District Boards in July 2016. Given the magnitude of this proposed investment, the need for a higher level of joint oversight is called for. The District invites SCRWA to join in the creation of a Joint Recycled Water Advisory Committee (SCRWA/City of Gilroy/City of Morgan Hill/SCVWD) to facilitate coordination of implementation of the Master Plan Update recommended projects. The District suggests the committee be composed of three members from the District Board and one elected official from each of the following: SCRWA Board, the City of Morgan Hill Council, and the City of Gilroy Council.

The District currently has successful collaboration with certain Cities in similar joint recycled water advisory committees: the Joint Recycled Water Committee (City of Palo Alto/SCVWD), the Joint Recycled Water Committee (City of Sunnyvale/SCVWD), and the Recycled Water Policy Advisory Committee (City of San José/SCVWD/City of Santa Clara). The District looks forward to building upon our existing collaborative structure and partnership through the proposed Joint Recycled Water Advisory Committee.

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I am sending similar invitation letters to the City of Gilroy Mayor and the City of Morgan Hill Mayor who are copied on this letter. To discuss SCRWA's interest in this invitation, and at your convenience, please feel free to contact me at (408) 813-2525.

Sincerely,



Barbara Keegan
Chair/Board of Directors

cc: Board of Directors (7), N Camacho, J. Fiedler, G. Hall, H. Ashktorab
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Dear Mayor Woodward:

The Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) Board of Directors (Board) is seeking a process to facilitate policy-level discussions on the implementation of capital improvement recommendations from the 2015 South County Recycled Water Master Plan Update (Master Plan Update) and for other opportunities to advance the expansion of drought-proof recycled and purified water in the southern portion of Santa Clara County. The District is driven by a goal of meeting 10 percent of the County's water demands with recycled and purified water by the year 2025.

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The District currently has successful collaboration with other recycled water producer and retailers in similar joint recycled water advisory committees in each of the other three public recycled water systems in the County: the Joint Recycled Water Committee (City of Palo Alto/SCVWD), the Joint Recycled Water Committee (City of Sunnyvale/SCVWD), and the Recycled Water Policy Advisory Committee (City of San José/SCVWD/City of Santa Clara). The District looks forward to building upon our existing collaborative structure and partnership through the proposed Joint Recycled Water Advisory Committee.

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