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Subject: San Francisco Bay Water Board comments on Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project (SCH No. 2023110513)

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Dear Mr. Martin:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the environmental impact report (EIR) notice of preparation for the Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project (CCFPP) (State Clearinghouse No. 2023110513) that Valley Water is preparing pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act.

Please note that if the project includes construction or replacement of impervious surfaces (including gravel roads), the EIR should include a post-construction stormwater management plan to describe how the project would meet the Municipal Regional Stormwater NPDES Permit ("Municipal Regional Permit" or MRP) (Order No. R2-2022-0018; NPDES Permit No. CAS612008), Provision C.3 requirements, and should address the following issues (at a minimum).

- The post-construction stormwater management plan should show the stormwater runoff sources, pathways, and amounts, and should include nature-based stormwater capture and detention, retention, and/or treatment units that are appropriately designed and sized for flow-based, volume-based, or a combination of flow- and volume-based units pursuant to MRP Provision C.3. Please include maps, diagrams, worksheets to show calculations, and narrative text to describe the plan.
- The post-construction stormwater management plan should be developed to address stormwater runoff of the impervious surfaces in both this project (the CCFPP) and the Coyote Creek Flood Management Measures Project (CCFMMP) currently under construction for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Order Compliance Project (which is a prerequisite project for construction of the Anderson Dam seismic retrofit project). This combined plan is necessary for Valley Water to meet the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) Deputy Director's conditional approval of the CCFMMP (Letter dated November 10, 2022). The conditional approval allowed Valley Water to proceed with CCFMMP construction and to consolidate post-construction stormwater management requirements for the CCFMMP with those of the CCFPP. The following excerpt from State Board's approval letter shows the State Board's requirement (in this excerpt, "Flood Management Plan" refers to the CCFMMP, and "Flood Protection Plan" refers to the CCFPP):
 - "Within three years of completing construction of the impervious surfaces required by the Flood Management Plan, Valley Water shall, as part of Flood Protection Project, construct stormwater capture and treatment units to mitigate the impacts of the impervious surfaces installed as part of the Flood Management Plan. The Executive Officer of the San Francisco Regional Water Board may extend this timeline upon receipt of sufficient information supporting such a request."
- We recommend Valley Water develop a post-construction stormwater management plan early in the design phase of CCFPP to meet the MRP criteria for both the CCFPP and the CFMMP. To that end, we encourage Valley Water to work with partners with the City of San José and private landowners, as well as the owners of schools and parks, to evaluate whether there are opportunities for stormwater units to be constructed in areas up-gradient to the project study area boundaries if other landowners have shared goals such as: meeting MRP C.3

requirements; learning opportunities; and stormwater reuse for park enhancements. Such multi-partner approaches that may have multiple benefits could align with Valley Water's One Water goals.

We look forward to working with you on this project.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions about our comments or other issues for the project.

Regards,
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Subject: Reminder: Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project Public Meeting

EXTERNAL:

Notice of Preparation and Scoping Meeting on the Environmental Impact Report for the Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project

Dear Neighbor,

Valley Water is making good progress on the Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project. The next step is to get your comments during the 30-day environmental review phase, so we would like to invite you to the Notice of Preparation (NOP) and Scoping Meeting on the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project (CCFPP). The CCFPP includes installing flood risk reduction improvements along approximately nine miles of Coyote Creek between Montague Expressway and Tully Road in San José.

This EIR will include the remaining sections of the creek not currently in construction. Meeting participants will learn about the project, environmental review process, and be given the opportunity to provide written comments or ask questions about the scope and content of the information, which will be addressed in the Draft EIR.

The meeting is taking place on December 6, 2023, at 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at:
Franklin McKinley School District (boardroom)
546 Wool Creek Drive
San Jose, CA 95112

You can also participate via Zoom: <https://valleywater.zoom.us/j/86495914100>
Call in: (669) 900-9128
Webinar ID: 864 9591 4100

Your feedback will help identify and evaluate the project's potential environmental effects, feasible mitigation measures, and alternatives that may lessen one or more potentially significant impacts.

Valley Water published the NOP online (<https://delivr.com/2nyrr>) for a 30-day public review period. Comments must be submitted in writing by December 22, 2023, via email to CCFPPcomments@valleywater.org or via mail to:

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Please see the below map (click to enlarge) for details on the flood risk reduction measures. To learn more about the Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project, please visit www.valleywater.org/coyote-creek.
We look forward to your participation.
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