

October 6, 2022

Board of Directors
Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District
888 N. First Street, Suite 204
San Jose, CA 95112

Subject: Position on Item 7.1. District Name Change: Discussion and possible action regarding:
(1) selection of a preferred name for the District; and (2) adoption of a resolution requesting
the Board of Supervisors approve the selected name.

Dear Board of Directors:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water), I am writing to express our opposition to the Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District's (District) name change.

The District's boundaries cover the land surrounding Santa Clara Valley north of Morgan Hill, and changing the District's name may portray an inaccurate representation of its jurisdictional boundaries as well as diminish the geographic jurisdiction of other resource conservation districts. Further, the District's current name has been used for nearly three decades after being renamed in 1995 to better reflect its boundaries and work, specifically the District's watershed component. Given that the current name has been in use for nearly 30 years and the community served by the District is familiar with its current name, changing the name may create confusion for the public.

Should the Board decide to pursue changing the district name, we would like to respectfully recommend the District engage and seek input from the Santa Clara Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to ensure the service area boundaries and responsibilities are maintained.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to continuing working together.

Sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officer

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