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State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Drinking Water
Attn: Jose Lozano
850 Marina Bay Parkway, Building P, 2nd Floor
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July 26, 2021

Re: 2021 Consumer Confidence Report Certification

Dear Mr. Lozano:

Enclosed you will find the City of Santa Clara's 2021 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), along with the publication it was distributed in to all addresses, including P.O. boxes, within City limits. The CCR was an insert in Inside Santa Clara newspaper and the newspaper was distributed in zip codes 95050, 95051, 95052, 95054, 95055 and 95056 on the fourth week of June. Additional copies are available at public counters at City Hall.

Electronic distribution of CCR was through the Department's City Web site, under the Water Quality page, and posted the week of June 25, 2021 where it remains accessible.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at dasuncion@santaclaraca.gov or (408) 615-2009.

Sincerely,

Diane Asuncion
Compliance Manager

**Consumer Confidence Report
Certification Form**

(to be submitted with a copy of the CCR)

(To certify electronic delivery of the CCR, use the certification form on the State Water Board's website at http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/CCR.shtml)

Water System Name:	City of Santa Clara
Water System Number:	4310012

The water system named above hereby certifies that its Consumer Confidence Report was distributed on **June 25, 2021** to customers (and appropriate notices of availability have been given). Further, the system certifies that the information contained in the report is correct and consistent with the compliance monitoring data previously submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water.

Certified by:	Name:	Diane Asuncion	
	Signature:		
	Title:	Compliance Manager	
	Phone Number:	(408) 615-2009	Date: 07/26/2021

To summarize report delivery used and good-faith efforts taken, please complete the below by checking all items that apply and fill-in where appropriate:

- ☒ CCR was distributed by mail or other direct delivery methods.
- ☒ "Good faith" efforts were used to reach non-bill paying consumers. Those efforts included the following methods:
 - ☒ Posting the CCR on the Internet at <https://www.santaclaraca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/74372/637602322390730000>
 - ☒ Mailing the CCR to postal patrons within the service area **95050, 95051, 95052, 95053, 95054, 95055, 95056 (addressed and PO boxes)**
 - ☐ Advertising the availability of the CCR in news media (attach copy of press release)
 - ☐ Publication of the CCR in a local newspaper of general circulation (attach a copy of the published notice, including name of newspaper and date published)
 - ☒ Posted the CCR in public places: **City Hall**
 - ☒ Delivery of multiple copies of CCR to single-billed addresses serving several persons, such as apartments, businesses, and schools (**Delivered via Inside Santa Clara, official City newspaper delivered to all residents and businesses**)
 - ☐ Delivery to community organizations (attach a list of organizations)
 - ☐ Other (attach a list of other methods used)
- ☒ For systems serving at least 100,000 persons: Posted CCR on a publicly-accessible internet site at the following address:
<https://www.santaclaraca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/74372/637602322390730000>
- ☐ For investor-owned utilities: Delivered the CCR to the California Public Utilities Commission

This form is provided as a convenience for use to meet the certification requirement of the California Code of Regulations, section 64483(c).

Drinking Water Must Meet Standards

The quality of drinking water is carefully regulated by the Federal Government. In 1974, Congress passed the Safe Drinking Water Act, requiring the USEPA to establish uniform standards for drinking water. The Safe Drinking Water Act was further amended in 1986 and 1996, adding even more stringent standards. In California, these standards are enforced by State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water.

THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF DRINKING WATER STANDARDS.

PRIMARY STANDARDS are designed to protect public health. These standards specify the limits, called "Maximum Contaminant Levels" (MCLs) for substances in water that may be harmful to humans or affect their health if consumed in large quantities.

SECONDARY STANDARDS are based on aesthetic qualities of water such as color, taste and odor. These standards specify limits for substances that may affect consumer acceptance of the water. Both Primary and Secondary Standards are listed in this report.

It is important to the City of Santa Clara that you, the water consumer, have current and factual information about your water supply. In this latest issue of our report, we hope to further your understanding and strengthen your confidence in the quality and integrity of the water supplied to you by the City of Santa Clara. We take great pride in delivering the safest and highest quality water available.

Source Water Information

Q: Where does our water come from?

A: The City of Santa Clara has three separate sources of drinking water. Often, these sources are used interchangeably or are blended together. Altogether these sources provide an average of 16 million gallons of water per day to the homes, businesses, industries and institutions of Santa Clara. In 2020, about 41% of our water was treated surface water purchased from the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water), imported from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and from the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's (SFPUC) Hetch-Hetchy System, imported from the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Water purchased from Valley Water serves primarily the southwesterly portion of the City. SFPUC Hetch-Hetchy water typically serves the area north of Highway 101. The remaining 59% is pumped from the City's system of 21 active wells serving the rest of Santa Clara. The map shows the general areas served by the different water sources.

THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA HAS THREE SEPARATE SOURCES OF DRINKING WATER.

CITY WELLS

The majority of water consumed in the City of Santa Clara is pumped from the City's system of deep wells. Well water is pulled up from groundwater (water that is located in aquifers which are waterfilled spaces between sand, gravel, silt and clay) deep in the ground. Aquifers are replenished by rainwater that infiltrates down from the land surface..

HETCH HETCHY SYSTEM

The City purchases water from the Hetch Hetchy System. The San Francisco Regional Water System (SFRWS) conducts watershed sanitary surveys for the Hetch Hetchy source annually and for non-Hetch Hetchy surface water sources (UNHHS) every five years. The latest sanitary surveys for the non-Hetch Hetchy watersheds were completed in 2021 for the period of 2016-2020. All these surveys together with our stringent watershed protection management

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.



activities were completed with support from partner agencies including National Park Service and US Forest Service. The purposes of the surveys are to evaluate the sanitary conditions and water quality of the watersheds and to review results of watershed management activities conducted in the preceding years. Wildlife, stock, and human activities continue to be the potential contamination sources. You may contact the San Francisco District office of the State Water Resources Control Board's Division of Drinking Water (SWRCB-DDW) at 510-620-3474 for the review of these reports.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

The Santa Clara Valley Water District, now Valley Water, provides treated surface water to local municipalities and private water retailers who deliver the water directly to homes and businesses in Santa Clara County. Valley Water's surface water is mainly imported from the South Bay Aqueduct, Dyer Reservoir, Lake Del Valle, and San Luis Reservoir, which all draw water from the Sacramento - San Joaquin Delta watershed. Valley Water's local water sources include Anderson and Calero Reservoirs. Water from imported and local sources is pumped to and treated at three water treatment plants located in Santa Clara County.

Valley Water's source waters are vulnerable to potential contamination from a variety of land use practices, such as agricultural and urban runoff, recreational activities, livestock grazing, and residential and industrial development. The imported sources are also vulnerable to wastewater treatment plant discharges, seawater intrusion, and wildfires in open space areas. In addition, local sources are also vulnerable to potential contamination from commercial stables and historic mining practices. No contaminant associated with any of these activities has been detected in Valley Water's treated water. The water treatment plants provide multiple barriers for physical removal of contaminants and disinfection of pathogens. For more information, visit Valley Water's website at www.valleywater.org.

	UNIT	MCL	State PHG/ Fed (MCLG)	analysis for City SC Well Water range average	analysis for SCVWater District range average	analysis for HETCH HETCHY range average or [max]	Common Sources of:			
Primary Standards For Source Water Sampling:										
MICROBIOLOGICAL										
Giardia lamblia	cyst/L	TT	0	NA	NA	ND - 0.1	ND	0 - 0.05	0.01	naturally present in environment
RADIOACTIVITY										
Gross Alpha	pCi/L	15	(0)	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	erosion of natural deposits
INORGANIC CHEMICAL										
Arsenic	PPB	10	0.04	ND - 1.7	0.4	ND	ND	ND	ND	erosion of nat'l deposit/runoff
Barium	PPM	1	ND	0.09 - 0.18	0.1	ND	ND	ND	ND	erosion of nat'l deposit/oil drilling
Chromium	PPB	50	(100)	ND - 3.6	1.9	ND	ND	ND	ND	erosion of nat'l deposit/plating
Fluoride	PPM	2	ND	0.09 - 0.14	0.1	ND - .11	ND	ND - 0.7	0.3	water additive/erosion of nat'l deposits
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	PPM	10	ND	0.52 - 6.1	4.0	ND - 0.8	ND	ND	ND	erosion of nat'l deposit/runoff/leaching
Secondary Standards: "Consumer Acceptance Contaminant Levels"										
Chloride	PPM	500	NA	35 - 52	43.3	56 - 66	61	< 3 - 15	8.7	runoff/leaching nat'l deposits/seawater
Color	UNITS	15	NA	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	naturally occurring organic material
Manganese	PPB	50	NA	ND - 14	3.5	ND	ND	ND	ND	leaching from natural deposits
Odor	UNITS	3	NA	ND	ND	1	1	ND	ND	naturally occurring organic material
Sp. Conductance	uS/cm	1600	NA	560 - 690	602.5	473 - 534	504	30 - 260	160	subst.forming ions/seawater intrusion
Sulfate	PPM	500	NA	41 - 57	50.5	60 - 73	66	1 - 34	17	runoff/leaching nat'l deposits/ind. waste
Tot.Dissolved Solids	PPM	1000	NA	350 - 380	357.5	268 - 326	297	< 20 - 137	72	runoff/leaching from natural deposits
Turbidity	NTU	5	NA	ND - 0.39	0.2	02 - .12	0.04	0.2 - 0.5 ⁽¹⁾	[1.3] ⁽²⁾	soil runoff
Consumer Information										
pH	UNITS	NS	NS	7.8 - 7.9	7.85	7.6 - 8.0	7.8	8.6 - 9.8	9.3	
Alkalinity (as CaCO3)	PPM	NS	NS	180 - 220	197.5	68 - 86	74	6.7 - 138	55	
Ammonia (Total)	PPM	NS	NS	NA	NA	0.45 - 0.56	0.51	NA	NA	
Bicarbonate Alkalinity (as HCO3)	PPM	NS	NS	220 - 270	240	81 - 104	93	NA	NA	
Boron	PPM	NS	NS	NA	NA	34 - 205	159	NA	NA	
Bromide	PPB	NS	NS	NA	NA	ND - 110	ND	NA	NA	
Calcium (as Ca)	PPM	NS	NS	60 - 74	66.3	20 - 23	21	2.9 - 22	12	
Chlorate	PPB	NS	NS	NA	NA	78 - 279	155	67 - 1200	262	
Hardness	PPM	NS	NS	220 - 300	255	98 - 111	104	8.0 - 79	45	
Hexavalent Chromium	PPB	NS	0.02	0.11 - 3.4	2	ND	ND	NA	NA	
Magnesium	PPM	NS	NS	16 - 31	21.8	11 - 12	12	0.2 - 6.8	4	
Molybdenum	PPB	NS	NS	NA	NA	1.9	1.9	NA	NA	
Phosphate	PPM	NS	NS	NA	NA	1.09 - 1.19	1.14	NA	NA	
Potassium	PPM	NS	NS	ND - 1	0.3	2.7 - 3.2	2.9	0.3 - 1.3	0.8	
Silica	PPM	NS	NS	NA	NA	8 - 13	10	2.8 - 7	4.8	
Sodium	PPM	NS	NS	23 - 41	28	52 - 63	56	2.4 - 22	14	
Strontium	PPB	NS	NS	NA	NA	NA	NA	14 - 242	110	
Temperature	Deg. C	NS	NS	10.4 - 25	19	13 - 22	18	NA	NA	
Total Organic Carbon	PPM	NS	NS	NA	NA	1.4 - 2.4	1.9	1.7 - 3.4	2.9	
Primary Standards As Measured In City Of Santa Clara Distribution System:										
	Units	MCL	State MCL (Fed PHG)	Range	Average					Common Sources of:
MICROBIOLOGICAL										
Total Coliform	% pos (+)	5.00%	(0)	0 - 1.1%	< 5%					naturally present in environment
DISINFECTION BYPRODUCTS, RESIDUALS, PRECURSORS										
Trihalomethanes	PPB	80	NA	0 - 45	[28]					byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Haloacetic Acids	PPB	60	NA	0 - 29	[14.6]					byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Chlorine residual	PPM	4		0.0 - 3.2	1.07					drinking water disinfectant
INORGANIC CHEMICAL as measured at 77 Residential Taps in 2019:										
Copper	PPM	AL = 1.3	0.3	90th percentile =	0.28ppm		Number Exceeded =	0		corrosion of plumbing systems
Lead	PPB	AL = 15	0.2	90th percentile =	ND		Number Exceeded =	0		corrosion of plumbing systems
SCHOOLS REQUESTING LEAD TESTING IN 2018: 33 Schools (172 samples taken)										
Lead	PPB	AL = 15	0.2	90th percentile =	ND		Number Exceeded =	1 ⁽³⁾		corrosion of plumbing systems
Unregulated Contaminants As Measured In City Of Santa Clara Distribution System:										
	Units	Notification Level	Range	Average						
Chlorodifluoromethane	PPB	NA	ND - 0.58	0.1						
Chlorate	PPB	800	ND - 98	38.1						
Chromium	PPB	NA	ND - 4.9	0.8						
Hexavalent Chromium	PPB	NA	ND - 4.1	1.5						
Molybdenum	PPB	NA	ND - 3.7	1.0						
Strontium	PPB	NA	ND - 430	157.5						
Vanadium	PPB	50	ND - 5.3	2.1						
Manganese	PPB	50	ND - 20	1.6						
Total Haloacetic Acids (9)	PPB	NA	ND - 58	23.6						

City of Santa Clara

WATER QUALITY TABLE

(1) Turbidity is measured every four hours. These are monthly average turbidity values. (2) The highest turbidity of the unfiltered Hetch Hetchy water in 2020 was 1.3 NTU. (3) John Sutter Elementary - 26ppb. Repeat sampling following plumbing repairs was non-detect for lead.

Definitions and Notes

Primary Drinking Water Standard (PDWS) = MCLs and MRDLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, and water treatment requirements.

MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL (MCL) = The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCLs are set as close to the PHGs (or MCLGs) as is economically and technologically feasible. Secondary MCLs are set to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water.

MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL GOAL (MCLG) = The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs are set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

MAXIMUM RESIDUAL DISINFECTANT LEVEL (MRDL) = The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

MAXIMUM RESIDUAL DISINFECTANT LEVEL GOAL (MRDLG) = The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

PUBLIC HEALTH GOAL (PHG) = The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. PHGs are set by the California Environmental Protection Agency.

REGULATORY ACTION LEVEL (AL) = The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

TREATMENT TECHNIQUE (TT) = A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS = Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps EPA and State Water Resources Control Board to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether the contaminants need to be regulated.

pCi/L = picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

PPM = Parts Per Million

PPB = Parts Per Billion

P = Present

A = Absent

<DLR = less than Detection Limit for Reporting

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM = drinking water delivery system

RESIDENTIAL TAPS = household faucets used for lead and copper sampling

DISINFECTION BYPRODUCTS = chemical by products of disinfection

SECONDARY STANDARDS = secondary MCLs are set to protect the aesthetics of drinking water

NTU = Nephelometric Turbidity Unit. Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of water quality.

uS/cm = microSiemens per centimeter

NA = not applicable or available

ND = not detected

NS = no standard

Copper and Lead Tap Monitoring was performed at 77 residential taps in September-October 2019.

HARDNESS = the sum of polyvalent cations present in the water, generally magnesium and calcium. The cations are usually naturally occurring.

SODIUM = refers to the salt present in the water and is generally naturally occurring.

City of Santa Clara WATER QUALITY TABLE

Attention

This report contains important information about your drinking water. Translate it, or speak with someone who understands it.

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ਬ੍ਰਿਯਾ ਵਰਕੇ ਕਿਸੀ ਤੋ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਅਨੁਵਾਦ ਕਰਾਓ।

Chi tiết này thật quan trọng.
Xin nhờ người dịch cho quý vị.

यह सूचना महत्वपूर्ण है।
कृपा कार्के किसी से :सका अनुवाद करायें।

이 안내는 매우 중요합니다.
본인을 위해 번역인을 사용하십시오.

この報告書には上水道に関する重要な情報が記されております。翻訳を御依頼なされるか、内容をご理解なさっておられる方にお尋ね下さい。

此份有關你的食水報告,內有重要資料和訊息,請找他人為你翻譯及解釋清楚。

Mahalaga ang impormasyong ito. Mangyaring ipasalin ito.

Attention: Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre su agua beber. Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Water Quality Consumer Confidence Report 2021



Report Contains Water Quality Monitoring Results

The City of Santa Clara is committed to providing our customers with a safe and reliable supply of high-quality drinking water.

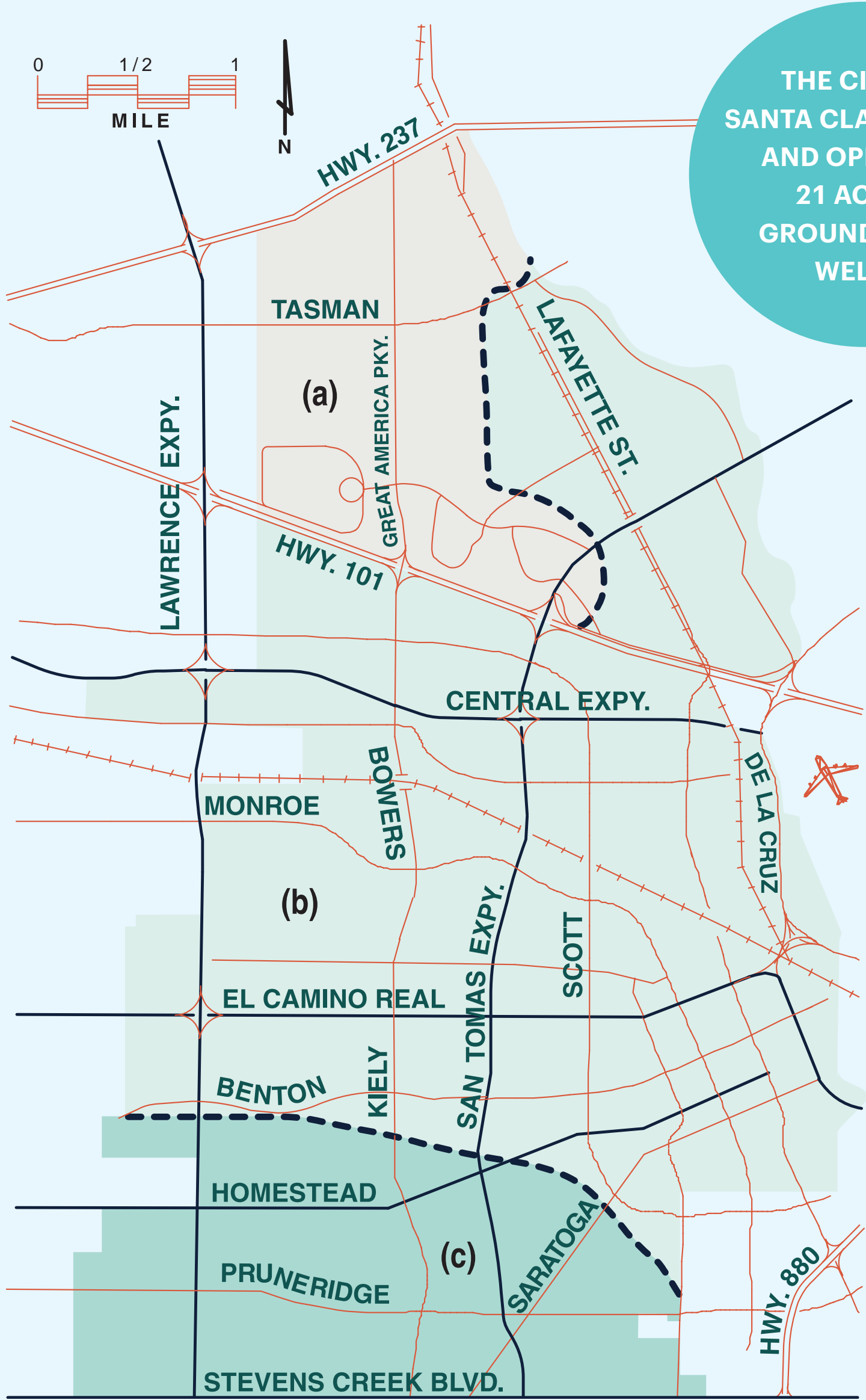
Each year we publish our annual water quality report known as the Consumer Confidence Report (report). It contains the latest water quality monitoring results obtained through the end of calendar year 2020. It answers some of the most common water quality questions asked by our customers. We hope it will provide the facts and perspectives you need to make an informed evaluation of your tap water.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulations and California law also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that provide the same protection for public health.

INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOR PEOPLE WITH COMPROMISED IMMUNE SYSTEMS:

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. USEPA/Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium, and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

City of Santa Clara, California



THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA OWNS AND OPERATES 21 ACTIVE GROUNDWATER WELLS.



Some Santa Clara Water is Flouridated

Q: Is fluoride added to our water?
A: Fluoride is nature's cavity fighter. Fluoridation adjusts the naturally occurring fluoride in drinking water to the ideal level for protecting your teeth. Fluoridated drinking water benefits people of all ages by preventing tooth decay.

In November of 2005, the SFPUC Hetch Hetchy system completed construction of a fluoridation facility in the east bay. The water purchased by the City from the SFPUC is fluoridated, while water from Valley Water is not fluoridated. If your zip code is 95054, you are in the area receiving fluoridated water. However, this area is also served by well water that has not been fluoridated. Refer to the map that shows the area supplied with water from both the Hetch-Hetchy system and the City's wells. The majority of the City will continue to receive water without added fluoride.

State law requires the addition of fluoride to all water systems in California serving 10,000 customers or more. In 2025, Valley Water plans to add fluoridation to the Rinconada Water Treatment Plant which services the southern portion of Santa Clara. Fluoridation of the remaining water sources in the City would require installation of fluoride injecting equipment at each of the City's 21 active wells. The law includes a provision for state funds to finance this fluoridation equipment; however, it may be some time before the state can provide funding to move forward with a fluoridation program for the remainder of the City.

Contact your health provider if you have concerns about dental fluorosis. For additional information about fluoridation or oral health, visit the CDC website www.cdc.gov/fluoridation or the State Water Board website www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/Fluoridation.shtml.

Water Quality Monitoring

INFORMATION ABOUT THE DRINKING WATER SOURCE ASSESSMENT AND PROTECTION PROGRAM:
The City completed a Drinking Water Source Assessment and Protection (DWSAP) Program for the groundwater sources. The DWSAP was completed in August 2002 and submitted to the State Water Board in December 2002. A copy of the DWSAP is available at the City's Water Utility offices at 1500 Warburton Avenue, Santa Clara. You may request a summary of the individual assessments by contacting the Water Utility at (408) 615-2000 or by email at watercompliance@santaclaraca.gov.

The City's groundwater sources are considered most vulnerable to contamination by leaking underground tanks containing fuel or dry-cleaning chemicals; old, unrecorded septic systems; storm drain dry wells located at various places around the City; many old, shallow, private wells, abandoned and not properly destroyed; and possibly some contaminants from a small landfill dump left over from the early years of the 20th century.

LEAD
There have been no exceedances of the ACTION LEVEL for lead in the City of Santa Clara groundwater sources or supplies purchased from other agencies. It is possible for lead levels in your home to be higher than other homes in the community because of plumbing materials used in the original construction of your home. If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Santa Clara is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or at <http://www.epa.gov/lead>.

SCHOOL LEAD TESTING
As of January 2018 State law requires water suppliers to sample all schools on public land by mid-2019. As of April 2019, City staff has completed all required sampling and provided results to the school districts following the testing. All samples with the exception of one sample taken at John Sutter Elementary School were well below the EPA action level for lead of 15 parts per billion (ppb). The fixture was immediately taken out of service and replaced by SCUSD staff, resampling at the site resulted in a ND (non-detect) for lead. Please contact your school administrator for information about lead testing and results for your local school. For additional information visit: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/leadssamplinginschools.html

"NITRATES" - INFORMATION ABOUT NITRATES IN GROUNDWATER RESOURCES
Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 mg/L is a health risk for infants less than six months old. Such nitrate levels in drinking water can interfere with the capacity of the infant's blood to carry oxygen, resulting in serious illness; symptoms include shortness of breath and blueness of the skin. Nitrate levels above 10 mg/L may also affect the ability of the blood to carry oxygen in other individuals, such as pregnant women and those with certain specific enzyme deficiencies. If you are caring for an infant, or you are pregnant, you should ask for advice from your health care provider.

PFAS
Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl substances, collectively known as "PFAS" are a group of chemicals that have been widely used in industrial applications and consumer products such as carpets, clothing, furniture fabrics, paper packaging for food, firefighting foams, and other materials including waterproof/stain resistant/ nonstick cookware. Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) are two common types of PFAS. The City has completed monitoring for PFAS compounds at select well sites based on proximity to a potential source of contamination (airports which are known to have used aqueous film foaming agents for fire suppression and training). No PFAS compounds have been detected.

CRYPTOSPORIDIUM AND GIARDIA IN WATER RESOURCES:
Cryptosporidiosis is a disease of the intestinal tract brought on by a parasitic microbe (a protozoan) called Cryptosporidium. The disease is transmitted through contaminated water, food or direct contact with human or animal waste. If you are healthy with a normal immune system, the flu-like symptoms usually last about two weeks. Symptoms include diarrhea, stomach cramps, upset stomach and slight fever. However, immuno-compromised people, infants, small children, and the elderly are at greater risk of developing life-threatening illness.

The water purchased by the City from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) Hetch Hetchy system has been tested for Cryptosporidium and Giardia. The source waters and treated waters are tested at least monthly and occasionally show very low levels of Cryptosporidium in the waters serving the East Bay, South Bay and San Francisco Peninsula. Giardia, another parasitic organism causing similar symptoms, is monitored with the same frequency and very low levels are occasionally detected in the same source waters.

The general public is at very low risk and there have been no reported cases of Cryptosporidiosis and Giardiasis attributed to the City's public water supply. This advisory applies to water received from the Hetch Hetchy system in the area of the City north of Highway 101. The CDPH issues guidance for people with serious immune system problems. Currently, available guidance from the state and county health agencies recommends that people with such conditions consult with their doctor or primary health care provider about preventing Cryptosporidium and Giardia infection from all potential sources. Water consumers may choose to boil their drinking water at a rolling boil for at least one minute as an extra precaution.

For information about Cryptosporidiosis and Giardiasis, or copies of available guidance, contact the Santa Clara County Department of

Environmental Health at 408 918-3400. You may also contact the USEPA Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

CONTAMINANTS THAT OCCUR IN DRINKING WATER OBTAINED FROM SURFACE SOURCES AND UNDERGROUND SOURCES:
Sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or human activity.

- Contaminants that may be present in source water include:**
- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife;
 - Inorganic contaminants such as salts and metals, that can be naturally-occurring or resulting from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming;
 - Pesticides and herbicides, that may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and residential uses;
 - Organic chemical contaminants including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, that are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, agricultural application, and septic systems;
 - Radioactive contaminants, that can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulations and California law also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

For Additional Information On Water Quality

City of Santa Clara 1500 Warburton Ave. Santa Clara, CA 95050 408-615-2200 SantaClaraCA.gov	Water Quality Report Questions Diane Asuncion 408-615-2000 watercompliance@santaclaraca.gov	Resources If you would like to learn more about drinking water quality, treatment and regulation, contact these organizations:	Valley Water: valleywater.org
Water Utility 1500 Warburton Ave. Santa Clara, CA 95050 Office hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday 408-615-2000	Water Emergencies 408-615-2000 Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. 408-615-5640 other days and times	American Water Works Association: awwa.org	Water Education Foundation: watereducation.org
Water Billing Questions 408-615-2300	Valley Water Water Conservation Save20gallons.org 408-630-2554 – Water Conservation Hotline and Rebate Information	State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water: waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/programs/index.shtml	Water Quality Information Center: http://wqic.nal.usda.gov/
	Sign up for a free Water-Wise House Call from Valley Water by calling 1-800-548-1882	United States Environmental Protection Agency: water.epa.gov/drink	Public Input To provide input on decisions that affect drinking water quality, provide input to the Santa Clara City Council at a Council meeting or in advance to mayorandcouncil@santaclaraca.gov or call 408-615-2250. A list of all City Council meetings, agenda items and study sessions can be viewed on the City website SantaClaraCA.gov .
		San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, Water Quality Bureau: sfwater.org	eNotify Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/eNews to sign up to receive news from Water Utility.





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Santa Clara**
The Center of What's Possible

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SantaClaraCA.gov

Dear Santa Clara Community,

We find ourselves in a pivotal moment for Santa Clara as the community navigates through the COVID-19 pandemic. On June 15, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom terminated the State Blueprint for a Safer Economy and fully reopened California's economy, with capacity and physical distancing restrictions lifted and relaxed masked guidance. With this action, the Governor has stated that the State of Emergency proclamation will remain in place statewide. We continue to monitor the State's direction to fully understand the impact this next phase of the pandemic will have on City services.

Reopening Plans Underway

While the City continued to be open during the pandemic, as we transition past COVID-19 health restrictions, the City continues to provide online and some in-person services. Many City facilities are open for in-person services, such as recreation programming at the Community Recreation Center, Youth Activity Center and Teen Center, in-person programs at the Senior Center, utility payment services at the drive-thru City Hall window, and lobby pickup services at all Santa Clara City libraries. We are excited to be moving in this direction, as we gradually return to conduct "pre-COVID" services. One thing is for sure, our Santa Clara staff team is resilient and will be ready to pivot during this transition as we have during COVID with maintaining the delivery of services safely.

At the date of this printed publication, the Governor's Executive Order Provision N-29-20 indicates how the public participates in public meetings remains in place. The Governor recognizes the importance of an orderly return to the conduct of public meetings for state and local agencies and boards. In the meantime, the City continues to hold City Council meetings and other public meetings virtually on Zoom. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/OpenSantaClara for the latest reopening plans and information.

Balancing the Budget

In May, the City of Santa Clara released the Proposed Biennial Operating Budget for fiscal years 2021/22 and 2022/23. With the hard work of our Finance Department in coordination with City departments, we finished this fiscal year with cautious optimism. In summary, the two-year proposed budget used a balanced approach with a combination of new revenues, expenditure cuts, and reserves. Through federal stimulus funding, the City avoided deeper cuts and preserved essential core services for our community. This measured approach allows us to monitor the COVID-19 economic recovery and push the projected remaining deficit of \$14.6 million to FY 2023/24.

The proposed budget represents Phase 2 of a multi-step strategy to address the pandemic-induced deficit. Phase 1 was approved in March 2021, bringing the ongoing deficit from \$42 million to \$29 million. We already have been impacted two fiscal years by declining revenue (e.g., FYs 2019/20 and 2020/21). Unfortunately, more difficult budget solutions are necessary to bring the budget into balance. The use of one-time federal stimulus funds avoids more severe service impacts that would otherwise have been required. At the same time, we look towards recovery in late 2021 as economic conditions are projected to significantly improve as the vaccine rollout accelerates.

The public hearing and planned budget adoption was held on June 22, 2021. The proposed biennial budget would reduce the budget deficit to \$14.6 million over ten years if approved by Council. Santa Clara: The Center of What's Possible During the pandemic, the City has completed park projects, expanded COVID-19 relief programs for residents and businesses, increased affordable housing opportunities, and celebrated with the community virtually for events normally held in-person. I encourage all Santa Clarans to enjoy some exciting open spaces completed this past year including the Reed & Grant Sports Park, the rehabilitated playground at Homeridge Park, Creekside Park, Nuevo Community, and the Raymond G. Gamma Dog. The Mayor's State of the City address will be presented virtually on June 30, 2021, and the City Council will recognize members for COVID-19 Hero of the Year awards.

In closing, I am proud of the exemplary work of our City employees and our ability to persevere during the most unusual and challenging of times. Santa Clara is truly The Center of What's Possible! I am grateful to the community for your ongoing support and patience as we navigated through these challenging times. We will continue to work together to provide exceptional services to all Santa Clarans as we begin to transition to a new phase of this pandemic together.



Sincerely,

Deanna J. Santana

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City Manager

City Mission Statement

The mission of the City of Santa Clara is to promote a living and working environment that allows for the best quality of life by serving the community with resourceful, efficient, progressive and professional leadership.



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Santa Clara Continues Efforts for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion



The Santa Clara City Council established a community-based Task Force on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (Task Force) on Sept. 29, 2020. The Task Force is charged with identifying key issues facing the City involving historically disenfranchised communities, helping the City engage Santa Clara's diverse community on equity issues, and making recommendations to policies that help the City achieve racial equity. To build a coalition of community partners representing diverse perspectives, the Task Force has established local community partnerships with the African American Community Services Agency and the Bill Wilson Center.

The Task Force hosts community listening sessions to engage residents in an open dialogue on how equity and meaningful

change can be achieved in Santa Clara. Through a series of community listening sessions, the Task Force will seek the community's input on what the City of Santa Clara can do to build a more inclusive community and invite community members to share their experiences and ideas. Participation by the community will help ensure that the feedback and voices of underrepresented communities are the main focus of the Task Force's considerations in developing policy and strategy recommendations.

Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/equitytaskforce for meeting information and more ways to participate.

THE GENERAL FUND PAYS FOR CORE CITY SERVICES SUCH AS POLICE, FIRE, LIBRARY, PARKS, STREETS, RECREATION, ETC.

A public hearing was held on the proposed FY 2021/22 and FY 2022/23 Biennial City Operating Budget on Tuesday, June 22.

This was an opportunity for residents to comment on the City budget. The public hearing can be viewed on Santa Clara City Television (Comcast cable channel 15 or AT&T channel 99) and online on the City's website, the City's YouTube channel, or the City's Facebook page. The proposed budget can be read online at SantaClaraCA.gov and printed copies are available at the City libraries and at the City Clerk's office in City Hall.

STADIUM AUTHORITY BUDGET APPROVED

The Santa Clara Stadium Authority Board approved the Annual Operating, Debt Service and Capital Budget for fiscal year 2021/22 at a public hearing in March.

The \$64.7 million Operating Budget includes \$0.6 million that is paid to the City of Santa Clara General Fund from senior

and youth fees and ground rent revenues. This budget assumes no performance rent being paid to the City. The General Fund pays for core City services such as police, fire, library, parks, streets, recreation, etc.

The \$38.1 million Debt Service Budget includes \$24.9 million in principal debt payments. Lastly, the Capital Budget of \$14.6 million comprises of a number of projects to be completed at Levi's® Stadium.

More detail about the Stadium Authority Budget can be found on the City website SantaClaraCA.gov/scsa.

BALANCING THE BUDGET

Mid-Year Council Priority Check-In

On August 17, the City Council will meet for a Priority Setting Session Check-in and revisit their discussion on the City's priorities from earlier this year.

During the City Council Priority Setting Session in February, the City Council discussed citywide goals to help focus the City's initiatives and current resources. This year, as the City addressed the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mayor and Council unanimously confirmed that COVID-19 assistance and relief was the most urgent and important priority and that further conversation regarding additional priorities would be had at a later date. The Council will review their goals against the City's fiscal and staffing resources to determine their focus moving forward.

Join the Council at their Mid-Year Council Priority Check-in on Aug. 17, 2021. Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/CouncilGoals](https://santaclaraca.gov/CouncilGoals) for more details.

A Vision for the El Camino Real

The El Camino Real is the City's most visible and identifiable commercial corridor. The City's General Plan vision for El Camino Real is to transform the area from a series of automobile-oriented strip malls to a tree-lined, pedestrian and transit-oriented corridor with a mix of residential and retail uses. The Community Development Department has led, with consultants Raimi and Associates, a two-year community engagement process, to develop a draft Specific Plan that implements the General Plan vision for the area by creating goals, policies, and design standards for future development. The City Council held a public hearing on the El Camino Real Specific Plan on June 15, 2021.

Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/ECR](https://santaclaraca.gov/ECR) to view the draft Specific Plan as well as information on the prepared draft Environmental Impact Report. Contact Lesley Xavier, Principal Planner at LXavier@santaclaraca.gov with questions.

Chief Advisory Committee

The Santa Clara Police Department values its partnership with the community and recognizes public engagement contributes toward a successful law enforcement agency.

To continue the Police Department's mission to collaborate with the community to make Santa Clara a better and safer place for residents, business community and visitors, the Police Department established a 15-member Chief's Advisory Committee in Fall 2018 with inaugural members serving through Fall 2021.

The Chief's Advisory Committee advises the Chief of Police on issues, matters and public policies which influence or impact the ongoing relationship between the Police Department and the community we serve, including:

- Crisis Communication Plan
- Smoking Ordinance
- Unmanned Aircraft System Policy
- Street Racing and Sideshow Activity Ordinance
- City of Santa Clara's new website
- Recreation Vehicle (RV) parking in the City
- Mental health issues facing our region
- Commit to Action initiative
- Community camera program
- California law enforcement telecommunications system guidelines
- New and pending legislation

**PUBLIC
ENGAGEMENT
CONTRIBUTES
TOWARD A
SUCCESSFUL LAW
ENFORCEMENT
AGENCY**

Members of the next two-year term will serve from October 2021 through October 2023. To be considered, apply by July 16, 2021.

Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/ChiefAdvisoryCommittee](https://santaclaraca.gov/ChiefAdvisoryCommittee) to learn more about the Chief's Advisory Committee. Email cac@santaclaraca.gov to provide any feedback or share ideas with the Chief's Advisory Committee.

2021 STATE OF THE CITY

Virtual Event

JUNE 30, 2021

3:30 P.M.

Santa Clara Mayor Lisa M. Gillmor invites the community to celebrate Santa Clara at the virtual State of the City on June 30, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.

This virtual ceremony will recognize some of Santa Clara's COVID-19 Heroes of the Year for all six districts and citywide. The Santa Clara City Council will recognize these heroes for providing aid and services to the Santa Clara community during this ongoing public health emergency.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

The public can participate in the State of the City event without leaving home:

Watch online and on Santa Clara City Television

The City will present State of the City on the City's Facebook page [Facebook.com/CityofSantaClara](https://www.facebook.com/CityofSantaClara) and YouTube channel [YouTube.com/CityofSantaClara](https://www.youtube.com/CityofSantaClara). All events will also be broadcast on Santa Clara City Television on Comcast cable channel 15 and AT&T U-verse channel 99

Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/StateOfTheCity to find out more.

If you have questions, email manager@santaclaraca.gov or contact the City Manager's Office at 408-615-2210.



A Magical Partnership

to Bring an All-Inclusive Playground to
Santa Clara's Central Park



"OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MAGICAL BRIDGE FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTES TO THE EFFORTS TO ENHANCE PARK ASSETS AND PROMOTE AN INCLUSIVE SPACE FOR SANTA CLARANS."

- JAMES TEIXEIRA, DIRECTOR OF PARKS & RECREATION

Potential Bicycle "Super Highway" Coming to Santa Clara

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) in collaboration with the City of Santa Clara, Caltrans, the City of San Jose and County of Santa Clara, is leading the Central Bikeway Study to study a potential bicycle "superhighway" route between Santa Clara and San Jose.

Bicycle superhighways are separated, low-stress bikeways that connect long distances. Two online community meetings were held in October 2020 with the project scheduled for completion by early 2022. Draft route alternatives are now available for review at vta.org/centralbikeway.

A community meeting will be held this summer. We encourage everyone to attend to provide your input on a preferred alternative.



The City of Santa Clara's Central Park will be home to a future all-inclusive playground providing play features for children and adults of all abilities and ages. The City of Santa Clara and the Magical Bridge Foundation partnered to create an innovative playground designed to reflect the needs of every community member at Central Park, located at 969 Kiely Boulevard in Santa Clara.

With the support from philanthropists, corporate giving and the local community, we hope to reach and exceed the goal for the Magical Bridge Playground at Central Park. The Magical Bridge

Playground will provide a welcoming and safe place for everyone at every stage of life, including those living with autism, visual and hearing impairments, those with physical limitations, the medically fragile, and even the aging community," said Jill Asher, Executive Director and Founder of Magical Bridge Foundation.

Since 2013, the Santa Clara City Council has committed to enhancing community sports, recreation, and art assets. To achieve this goal, the City of Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Department has developed playground design standards to promote and support community health and wellness, child development, the natural environment and inclusion for all ages and abilities. Working together with inclusion experts, the Magical Bridge Playground will surpass minimum ADA requirements and benefit everyone in the community, regardless of ability.

"Our partnership with the Magical Bridge Foundation contributes to the ongoing efforts of the Parks & Recreation Department to develop and enhance our recreational assets in Santa Clara. With more than 44 parks and a new inclusive playground at Bowers Park, the addition of this playground

at Central Park will provide another amazing play space to enjoy," said James Teixeira, Director of the City of Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Department.

Inside the new playground will be a donor wall, similar to what has been created in Palo Alto and Redwood City's Magical Bridge Playgrounds. Donations of \$300 or more will be recognized with a tile on this wall. The donor wall is a wonderful way to support the project and leave a lasting legacy to the community.

ABOUT THE MAGICAL BRIDGE PLAYGROUND

On March 29, 2019, the City of Santa Clara entered into a grant agreement with the County of Santa Clara for a Magical Bridge all-inclusive playground in Central Park for approximately \$4.5 million. The Magical Bridge project at Central Park will be funded through the City of Santa Clara Capital Improvement Project funds for \$1.8 million, the County of Santa Clara All-Inclusive Playground Grant for \$1.765 million, and donations raised by the Magical Bridge Foundation through individual, community and corporate support.

The schematic design includes a project scope of a children's zone for ages 2-5, spin zone, swing zone, slide mound, imagination zone (two-story playhouse), improvements to the existing amphitheater terrace seating, a donor entry plaza, improved picnic area, and rehabilitation of the adjacent Arbor Center restroom.

Based on funds raised by Magical Bridge Foundation, additional work that may be provided will include: hilltop area improvements, laser harp, sway boat, additional renovation to the amphitheater, a lookout balcony, an adult fitness station, park pathway and lighting upgrades.

The construction plans and specifications are projected to be completed in Fall 2021. The construction bid and award is anticipated to come to the City Council in Winter 2021. The construction will take approximately 18 months, beginning in early 2022, with the anticipated playground to open in Spring 2023.

Visit magicalbridge.org/santa-clara to donate and help support the project.

**DONATE AND
HELP SUPPORT
THE PROJECT!**

Work on the Pruneridge Avenue Complete Streets Plan is Underway!

The goal is to study and identify potential options for bicycle and pedestrian improvements along Pruneridge Avenue between Pomeroy Avenue and Winchester Boulevard. Community input is an essential part of the project. In February 2021, the City held two virtual community meetings and published an online community survey to obtain initial community feedback on the project.

The project will create draft street design concepts and supporting parking and traffic studies, with project completion estimated in late 2023. These concepts may consider options that include parking and/or lane reductions. This is a planning-level document and does not include design, environmental review, or construction of any alternative.

We encourage residents to attend a community workshop in late July 2021 to learn more about potential design concepts.



Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/PruneridgeAvePlan for more information and for upcoming community meetings, or email Carol Shariat, Principal Transportation Planner, at PruneridgeAveStudy@AltaGO.com or call 408-320-7060.



Summer Fun in Santa Clara

VISIT OUR
REHABILITATED
PLAYGROUNDS AND
NEW PARKS FOR THE
COMMUNITY

Homeridge Park, after the rehabilitation

Through the combined efforts of the City Council and Parks & Recreation Commission to prioritize recreational assets, the City of Santa Clara is excited to share the completion of the following amazing spaces for all to enjoy.

HOMERIDGE PARK has a new playground that features a nature and forest theme and includes slides, teacup style merry-go-round, swings and sand play area. The project was developed and constructed by Suarez & Munoz Construction. The park is located at 2985 Stevenson St., Santa Clara.



CREEKSIDE PARK is a small park located adjacent to Meadow Park and along the Redwood Creek Trail. Amenities include two picnic tables and BBQs, as well as a seating area atop the park's grassy hill. This

park was constructed by Irvine Company. The park is located at 3225 Scott Blvd., Santa Clara.

RAYMOND G. GAMMA DOG PARK – The Raymond G. Gamma Dog Park opened June 24, 2021. The City of Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Department will finish construction on the Raymond G. Gamma Dog Park in the summer season. Through community input we've created a dog park that the City's four legged friends will love. This rehabilitated facility will feature artificial canine turf, obstacles that they can run through and play on, dog wash stations, small and large dog areas. The Raymond G. Gamma Dog Park is located at 888 Reed St., Santa Clara.

As the City recreates and rehabilitates its park play environments, the City utilizes community input, focusing on inclusion, age-friendly designs, integrating the environment and sustainability efforts. We acknowledge how important and vital parks, playgrounds and recreation is to the community's health and well-being. To celebrate virtually, the City created videos to welcome the community to their new and rehabilitated spaces. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/DogParks to learn more about the City's dog parks.

Visit YouTube.com/CityofSantaClara to view the videos, or visit SantaClaraCA.gov/ParkProjects to learn more about park projects.



Summer Reading Challenge



Not all heroes wear capes, but they all wear masks. Some heroes, like nurses and doctors, are easy to recognize. But grocery store clerks, delivery drivers and others also saved the day during the pandemic. This summer the Library invites you to celebrate these heroes while participating in **"Heroes Read Here,"** our annual Summer Reading Challenge for all ages.

Visit SCLibrary.org/summerreading for more information and to register.



Buchser Tennis Courts

The City of Santa Clara in a joint-use agreement with the Santa Clara Unified School District, the City will operate the Buchser Tennis Courts. The City's tennis operator, Lifetime Activities will offer programs, lessons and reserved use times. During summer non-school hours, the courts will be open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to sunset. While school is in session, the courts will be open 5 p.m. to sunset.

The Buchser Tennis Courts are located at 1111 Bellomy St., Santa Clara. Visit LifetimeActivities.com for programs and lessons.

Senior Center Reopens!

As of June 14, 2021, Santa Clara residents age 50+ that possess a Senior Center Card can make a reservation for computer lab, billiards room, table tennis, bean bag toss, ladder ball, Monday through Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. The Senior Nutrition Program will continue to offer curbside distribution Monday – Friday, from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Additional activities and programs will be announced over the summer, including the fitness center.

For additional information, call the Senior Center Front Desk at 408-615-3170.

SUMMER RECREATION FUN

Take a summer recreation class, join a summer camp, take swim lessons and more!

CHECK OUT SUMMER OFFERINGS AT
SANTACLARACA.GOV/RECCLASSES



Chalk Art Contest 2021!

Stay tuned for more information in late June!
SantaClaraCA.gov/ChalkArtContest

Sustainability Corner



Sustainable Santa Clara

Over the past two years, this has included adding sustainability as one of the City Council's seven priority pillars, developing a Citywide Sustainability Program that takes a holistic and collaborative approach to conservation and climate action, as well as launching a comprehensive update to the Climate Action Plan. The City has recently approved the purchase of 68 new electric fleet vehicles, so watch out for them around town! Santa Clara residents are committed, too! More residents drive electric vehicles, conserving energy and water, and being thoughtful about reducing, reusing, recycling, and composting.

Stay updated on the City's efforts and ways to get involved by visiting SantaClaraCA.gov/Sustainability as we work together to build a healthy and resilient future.

Climate Action Plan

As the City continues to build upon sustainability, one significant effort underway is updating the 2013 Climate Action Plan (CAP).

In early 2020, the City began an in-depth process of assessing the past CAP goals and accomplishments and looking out towards future needs. This re-envisioned CAP considers stakeholder and community voices that help customize how Santa Clara will meet State climate regulations and strategically find ways to set local targets that meet the needs of the community while demonstrating bold actions that ensure a safe and viable future for all. The CAP process will continue to engage the community for feedback and will go before the City Council for approval in the winter of 2021/22.

Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/ClimateActionPlan for more details.



Find Resources for Sustainable Gardening



Are you looking for inspiration for your garden?

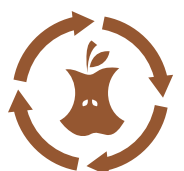
Want to learn ways to attract butterflies, conserve water, improve soil and use fewer pesticides? South Bay Green Gardens is a one-stop online shop for sustainable gardening information. The City of Santa Clara created a website in partnership with other local agencies to provide gardeners at all levels with a wide variety of resources to support sustainable landscaping.

Visit SouthBayGreenGardens.org for information on landscape designs, water-efficient irrigation, pest management, tree care, managing rainwater, sustainable garden features, water-wise plants and more. You can also search for local classes that cover a variety of gardening topics.

Learn to Compost at Home

Composting can improve your garden! Learn how to build, maintain, and troubleshoot a home compost bin at a free workshop on Saturday, September 25, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Everett N. "Eddie" Souza Community Garden. To register, visit ucanr.edu/compost or call the Santa Clara County Compost "Rot Line" at 408-918-4640.

NEW! A free compost giveaway event for residents will be held on September 26, 2021. Visit Residential Composting & Home Composting Workshops at SantaClaraCA.gov/CleanSC for more information.



Silicon Valley Power Increases Carbon-Free Power to Santa Clara Customers



To combat climate change, maximize efficiency and maintain electric reliability, it is essential to have diverse carbon-free generation resources. Silicon Valley Power (SVP) has always focused on long-term strategic investments in clean energy and recently introduced a new project that supports the City of Santa Clara's sustainability goals.

**SVP'S NEW
SOLAR PROJECT
WILL PROVIDE 92,000
MEGAWATT HOURS
OF CLEAN ENERGY
ANNUALLY FOR THE
NEXT 20 YEARS**

In February 2021, SVP brought a new 40 megawatt (MW) utility-scale solar project online called *Central 40*. It is located in nearby Merced County and will provide approximately 92,000 megawatt-hours of clean energy annually for the next 20 years. That is enough to power about 16,300 homes or nearly one-third of the residences in Santa Clara.

One of SVP's goals is to operate the utility in a safe, reliable, efficient and environmentally responsible manner. These clean energy projects support this goal, and the City's sustainability goals to expand the delivery of clean energy at an affordable rate. SVP has been providing power to the Santa Clara community for 125 years and continues to adapt to the community's needs and the State of California's evolving climate goals. SVP is working to add 500 MW of solar, hydropower and wind to our power portfolio over the next five years.

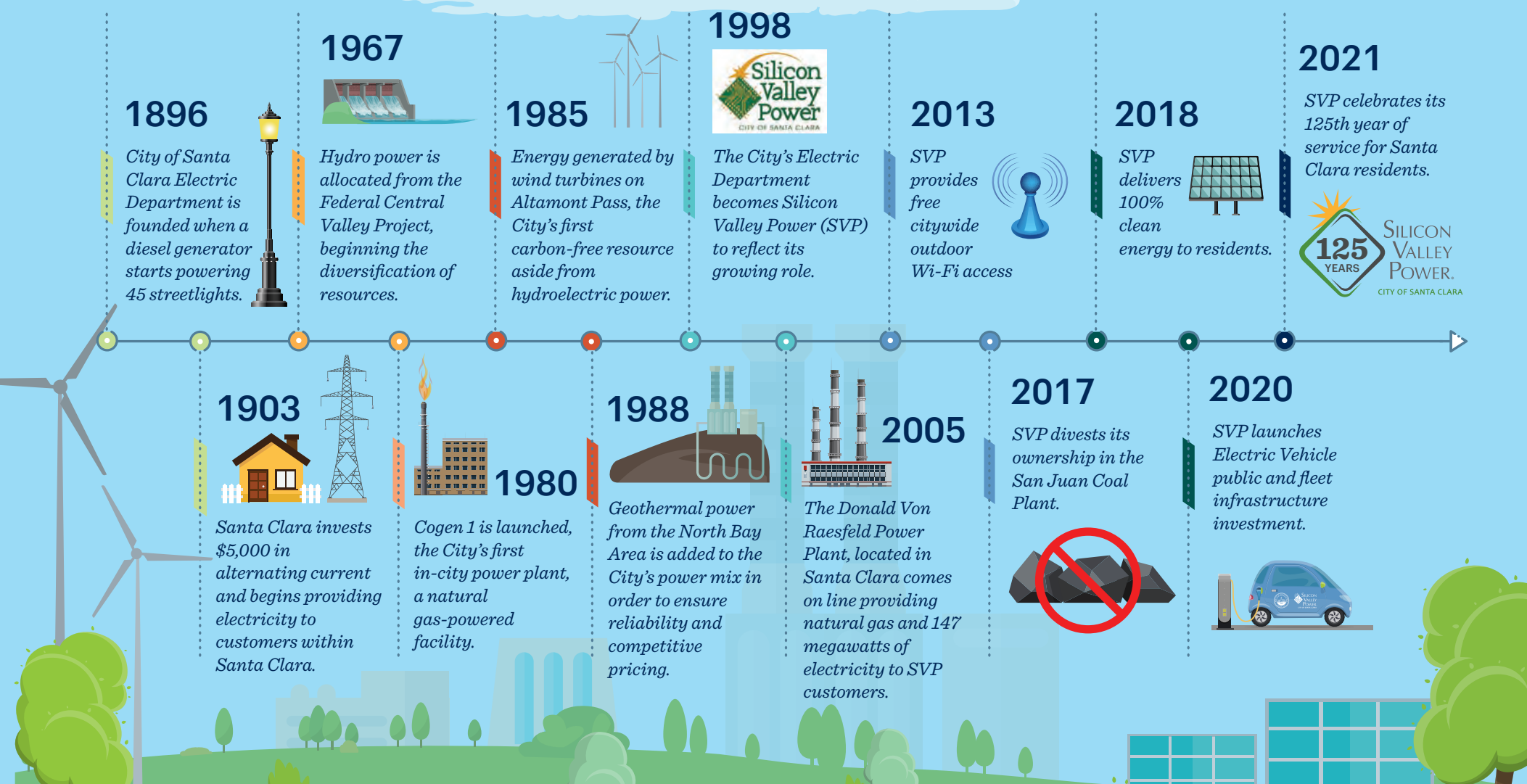
Visit [SiliconValleyPower.com/ElectricGeneration](https://www.siliconvalleypower.com/ElectricGeneration) for more information on SVP's generation resources.



Silicon Valley Power also signed a 30-year extension agreement of a federally owned hydropower project with the Western Area Power Administration, the United States Department of Energy's power market administrator. The utility has been purchasing power from this hydropower project since 1967, and this extended agreement will provide carbon-free power as part of the utility's power mix until 2054. This project provides 5 to 10 percent of the City's annual electrical needs, depending on rainfall.

SILICON VALLEY POWER CELEBRATES 125 YEARS OF SERVICE

and some incredible milestones along the way



Every Drop Counts! Make Water Conservation a Way of Life

Santa Clarans have done very well over the years conserving water. As a reminder, California is experiencing a drought with its second consecutive dry year with limited precipitation this past winter which makes for a dry winter. On June 9, 2021, Valley Water's Board of Directors declared a water shortage emergency condition in Santa Clara County, urged the County of Santa Clara to proclaim a local emergency and called for a mandatory 15% reduction in water use compared to 2019.

Climate change and local and statewide weather conditions have provided the current drought conditions, which now requires everyone to redouble our efforts to make water conservation a way of life. Together, we can relieve pressure on/and stretch our limited water supplies -conserve today and save tomorrow. Together, we can stretch our limited water supplies -- conserve today and save for tomorrow.



Here are some easy ways to conserve water at home:

INDOORS

- Only wash full loads of laundry or dishes.
- Take shorter showers.
- Only fill bathtubs halfway.
- Turn off the water when brushing teeth or shaving.
- Check toilet for leaks frequently, and fix it as soon as a leak is found.
- Install low flow showerheads and faucet aerators (available for free at City Hall 1500 Warburton Ave).
- Upgrade to high-efficiency clothes washers, dishwashers, and toilets.
- Talk to your family and friends about saving water. If everyone does a little, we all benefit a lot.

OUTDOORS

- Water your yard between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. to reduce evaporation and interference from wind.
- Install a smart sprinkler controller.
- Use mulch around plants and trees to reduce evaporation.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean up outdoor spaces like driveways and decks.
- Inspect sprinklers for leaks and make sure they only water the areas needing water.
- Be sure your hose is fitted with an auto-shutoff nozzle (available for free at City Hall 1500 Warburton Ave).
- Remove grass and install drought-resistant plants (Rebate available – Santa Clara residents are eligible for \$2/sq. ft. of landscape converted).
- Re-use water when you can. Install a rain barrel to capture water for later use, such as irrigation for lawns, gardens, or indoor plants (rain barrel rebate is available).

Santa Clarans can also participate in the City's Rain Barrel Rebate Program: As a reminder, rebates are issued as direct reimbursement or utility bill credit of up to \$100. Rain barrels must hold a minimum of 50 gallons.

Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/RainBarrelRebate for more information or to download an application.

Convert your lawn through the Landscape Rebate program. Santa Clara residents are eligible to receive up to \$2 per square foot for the first 1,000 sq. ft of lawn converted to low water using landscape.

Visit Valley Water at WaterSavings.org to learn about rebate programs, conservation tips and how to get free water-saving tools.

New On-call Bulky Item Collection Program

A new on-call program for bulky item collection is now available for residents living in single-family homes and townhomes in Santa Clara. This program is in addition to the City's Annual Cleanup Campaign and is designed for the on-call collection of large items such as old furniture, appliances or mattresses. For \$125, residents can schedule the removal of up to three bulky items and two debris bags of material (debris bags are provided). Homeowner Association participation may vary.

To check eligibility, program guidelines, or arrange for a collection, visit the Residential On-Call Bulky Item Collection webpage at MissionTrail.com/santaclara or call Mission Trail at 408-727-5365.



City Offers

Rehabilitation Loans and Grants to Eligible Homeowners



**BEFORE
REMODELING**



**AFTER
REMODELING**

Does your home need reroofing, plumbing, electrical, foundation, handicapped access modifications, water conservation devices or other repairs? Homeowners who cannot afford to pay for these or other repairs may qualify for low-interest rehabilitation loans and grants from the City of Santa Clara Neighborhood Conservation & Improvement Program (NCIP). Since 1976, the City has assisted more than 1,600 homeowners in rehabilitating their homes, addressing health and safety issues, and ensuring compliance with the current Building Code. The Housing & Community Services Division manages this multi-purposed program designed for citywide owner-occupied single-family homes with gross incomes at or below 80% of the County's median income. The program offers grants for accessibility improvements

and emergency repair needs and low-interest deferred loans for more significant projects.

The NCIP is a partnership between the City of Santa Clara and individual homeowners. The partnership goals are to identify rehabilitation needs, select a contractor and design team, and provide financial and technical assistance in managing the construction process. After determining eligibility, the rehabilitation staff will inspect the home for health and safety hazards.

Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/Housing](https://santacruz.ca.gov/Housing) for more information or call the Housing and Community Services Division at 408-615-2490.

FOR MORE ON HOUSING, SEE **CONTRACTORS NEEDED** AND **PROJECT SENTINEL** ON THE BACK PAGE

Santa Clara City Library Offers In-Person Services

Are you looking for a new book? Do you need to use a computer or print out an important document? The Library has you covered. All three Library locations are currently offering limited in-person services. If you know which items you want, you can reserve them at sclibrary.org in advance and pick them up during open hours. You can discover new materials with a “grab and go” variety bag filled with books you may never have heard of before. If you need to use a computer, each library has a computer lab available for quick web access and document printing.

Visit SCLibrary.org/Open for information and hours.



Summertime Safety

Nothing says "summer" like a campfire or bonfire, but these fun activities also present several safety hazards. According to a United States Fire Administration report, summer is one of the most dangerous seasons for fire-related injuries and deaths. Fortunately, there are plenty of ways to protect yourself and your loved ones while still having a great time.

The Santa Clara Fire Department Community Risk Reduction Unit encourages the community to follow these safety measures to ensure a fun and safe summer experience.

KEEP THESE TIPS IN MIND AS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ENJOY SUMMER VACATIONS, CAMPING, PICNICS AND THE FOURTH OF JULY

FIRE SAFETY



BUILD CAMPFIRES AT LEAST 25 FEET away from tents, shrubs and anything that can burn





If you want to see fireworks, **GO TO A PUBLIC SHOW PUT ON BY EXPERTS.** Sparklers can reach 1,200° F and cause third-degree burns.



Use chimineas, outdoor fireplaces, and fire pits outdoors only and **AT LEAST 10 FEET AWAY** from your home or anything that can burn.

Use propane, charcoal and wood pellet BBQ grills outdoors only. **Indoor use can cause a fire or carbon monoxide poisoning.**

Place your grill away from siding and deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Do not store or use a grill on a porch or balcony.

Fireworks are Illegal in Santa Clara

Fireworks, including those classified as “safe and sane” by the California State Fire Marshal, are illegal in the City of Santa Clara. They cannot be possessed, manufactured, stored or used. Prohibited fireworks include bottle rockets, roman candles, firecrackers and sparklers. The fine for the first citation is \$300 and/or imprisonment for up to six months.

Due to the high call volume on July 4th, officers are unable to make contact with every reporting party. However, if provided the exact location of where fireworks are being set off, a member of the police and/or fire department will respond to look for expended fireworks, people standing around and/or someone willing to “point out” who set the fireworks off. Without on-viewing the illegal behavior, responding personnel will be required to take an educational approach to the contact. If police or fire personnel witness illegal behavior, they will use discretion on education and/or enforcement.

Residents are asked to report the sale of fireworks and fireworks related injuries, damage or fire. Please do not report noise complaints without an exact location of where the fireworks are being set off.

- **Injury** – call 9-1-1
- **Fire** – call 9-1-1
- **Property damage** – call the non-emergency number 408-615-5580
- **Sale of fireworks** – call the non-emergency number 408-615-5580
- **Knowledge of an exact location where fireworks are being set off** – call the non-emergency number 408-615-5580

Remember, stay safe on July 4th and attend fireworks performed by licensed professionals. Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/Fireworks](https://www.santacruz.ca.gov/Fireworks) for more information.

Celebrate National Night Out



**NATIONAL NIGHT
OUT IS ON TUESDAY,
AUG. 3, 2021**

On the first Tuesday of August each year, thousands of people in communities throughout the U.S. – including Santa Clara – participate in a one-night event to make their neighborhoods better places to live. This year National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2021.

The goal of National Night Out is for residents to meet their neighbors, deter crime and be more involved with the community. Each neighborhood can choose what type of event to organize, such as a potluck, barbecue, block party, street dance, family games, sports activities, theme parties or other ideas for getting people together to have fun and make new friends.

Neighborhoods that register by July 23, 2021, may invite a Santa Clara Police Department or Santa Clara Fire Department member to attend their neighborhood event as a guest.

To close a street for a Neighborhood Block Party, an application with a petition signed by all residents affected must be submitted at least four weeks in advance.

Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/blockparty to apply and for more information. A permit is required for amplified music.

Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/amplifiedmusic for details about the permit and restrictions.

This event is subject to all California Department of Public Health and Santa Clara County Public Health orders and guidelines. As the guidelines or orders adjust, the event shall be modified to remain in compliance. Please follow the National Night Out website for event guidance.

The Police Department will communicate COVID-19 related event protocol as the event nears. Register online at SantaClaraCA.gov/NationalNightOut. For inquiries, contact the Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit at 408-615-4876 or email crimeprevention@SantaClaraCA.gov.

Bicycle Thefts are on the Rise

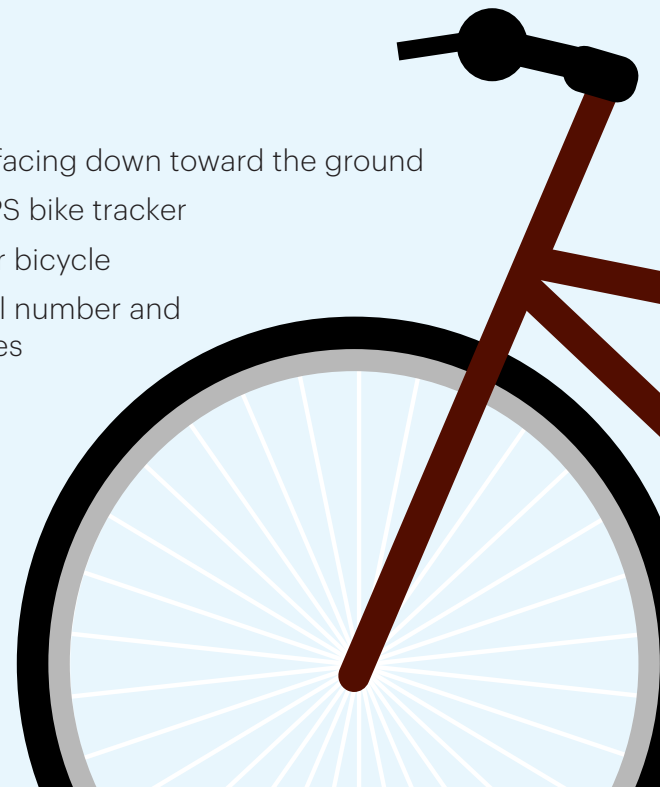
One of the more unexpected side effects of the pandemic has been a surge in cycling for recreation and commuting. Unfortunately, as more people are buying bicycles, more bikes are being stolen from garages, porches, balconies, yards, storage spaces and basements.

How to Prevent Bike Theft

- Store your bicycle in a secure area, preferably inside, when not in use
- Secure your bicycle to a designated bicycle rack; do not lock your bike to itself
- Lock your bicycle with a high-quality "U-lock" and feeding a lock through both the frame and wheel of the bike so it cannot be ridden away

- Position the keyway end facing down toward the ground
- Consider an anti-theft GPS bike tracker
- Take photographs of your bicycle
- Record your bicycle serial number and unique identifying features
- Register your bicycle at project529.com/garage

Without taking these steps, the chances of law enforcement being able to return a recovered stolen bicycle is slim.



Play an Important Role:

Apply to be a Crossing Guard!

Crossing Guards play a vital role in community safety. Every day, hundreds of children walk, bicycle or scooter to school. Crossing guards have the primary function to help children safely cross the street on their way to and from school; however, our well-trained colleagues are also present to:

- Discourage children from behaving in an unsafe manner near traffic, such as darting into the street without looking or crossing against a traffic signal;
- Encourage children to walk their bicycle or scooter in crosswalks;
- Use existing gaps in traffic to help students cross safely. When the natural traffic flow does not allow enough time for children to cross a street safely, a Crossing Guard may create gaps by stopping traffic temporarily;
- Alert motorists that pedestrians of unsafe traffic safety behaviors; and,
- Observe and report any incidents or conditions that present a potential safety hazard.

The Santa Clara Police Department is seeking dependable individuals to safeguard the children of our community. If you like being outdoors and helping the community, this may be the perfect part-time job for you!



Crossing Guards generally work no more than 15 hours per week in an as-needed, non-benefitted capacity. Applicants must have a valid California driver's license and be at least 21 years of age. Hours and locations vary. The rate of pay is \$15.65 - \$17.21 per hour. Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/Jobs](https://www.santaclaraca.gov/jobs) for a complete job description.

For more information, contact Community Service Officer Taylor Carpenter at tcarpenter@santaclaraca.gov or call 408-615-4875.

Contractors Needed

The City of Santa Clara is seeking locally licensed and bonded general contractors and contractors with expertise in electrical, plumbing, roofing, plastering, concrete, window, flooring, painting and HVAC. Interested contractors are invited to apply to rehabilitate Santa Clara houses, whose homeowners cannot afford to make repairs on their own. Each year the City helps eligible residents with affordable loans and grants through the Neighborhood Conservation & Improvement Program. In addition to financial assistance, the City supervises contractor work.

For more information on becoming an approved contractor for this program, call 408-615-2490.



Project Sentinel

Local Agency Provides Landlord/Tenant Counseling and Conflict Resolution

Project Sentinel, a non-profit agency funded by the City of Santa Clara, provides information and dispute resolution services to tenants and landlords. Other services

include housing discrimination and COVID-19 rent relief resources. Staff members are available to answer questions and help to resolve disputes such as deposits, repairs, rent increases, nonpayment of rent, other rental housing issues. Information and referral for subsidized and affordable housing and counseling on first-time home buying and mortgage default are also available. Contact Project Sentinel at 408-720-9888 for assistance. All services are free, confidential and neutral.



ELECTED OFFICIALS

Lisa M. Gillmor, Mayor
Kathy Watanabe, Councilmember, District 1
Raj Chahal, Vice Mayor, District 2
Karen Hardy, Councilmember, District 3
Kevin Park, Councilmember, District 4
Suds Jain, Councilmember, District 5
Anthony Becker, Councilmember, District 6
Hosam Haggag, City Clerk
Pat Nikolai, Police Chief

CITY COUNCIL APPOINTEES

Deanna J. Santana, City Manager
Brian Doyle, City Attorney

CITY COUNCIL 2021 PRIORITIES

- Promote and Enhance Economic, Housing and Transportation Development
- Deliver and Enhance High Quality Efficient Services and Infrastructure
- Enhance Community Sports and Recreational and Arts Assets
- Enhance Community Engagement and Transparency
- Ensure Compliance with Measure J and Manage Levi's Stadium
- Manage Strategically Our Workforce Capacity and Resources
- Promote Sustainability and Environmental Protection