

## **Regional Water Issues, February 2021**

*The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce supports Hacienda's position on the topic of regional water supply and urges our members to reach out to the Pleasanton City Council to communicate your support of the City's participation in regional water issues that impact Pleasanton.*

### **Hacienda General Manager James Paxson:**

"I wanted to write in support of direction to continue Pleasanton's participation in the regional studies, including the potable reuse study under consideration, being conducted to look at diversification of water supplies in the Tri-Valley. We have been very encouraged by the ongoing dialogue that Pleasanton has been participating in with the other water retailers and the water wholesaler over how to better locally secure this important resource in the Tri-Valley. Pleasanton's contributions to the liaison meetings and studies conducted with other entities managing water have allowed the city to be able to effectively add value to this discussion and our hope is that this will continue. Aside from the general importance this matter has to the well-being of Pleasanton residents, a secure water supply is imperative for ongoing economic and business development.

As you are well aware, Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley are heavily dependent on the State Water Project as a supply of water to the community. While this source of water is critical and will likely never be replaced, the current level of reliance on this as the majority source of water is problematic. As we have repeatedly seen over the last several years, water deliveries from the State Water Project have been heavily impacted resulting in a significant curtailment of water supplied to our area. As a means of helping to secure water locally, it is very important that Tri-Valley communities continue to examine the best means of diversifying the region's water portfolio with options that can be locally developed and managed. The studies currently under contemplation, including the potable reuse study, will provide key guidance to the community about how to best pursue diversification of the water supply using such sources. Continuing with the participation in these studies does not commit Pleasanton to a particular outcome but does mean that it has the ability to inform the direction that research takes and gives it access to study results that will be needed to make informed decisions.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I hope that the City Council concurs, moves forward with participation in the studies under consideration and retains its function as an important contributor in this critical regional discussion."