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Presentation High School sophomore wins Gold Medal Ava Injaty plans to start Taekwondo nonprofit for low-income students

By William Bellou
Publisher

Local resident Ava Injaty recently won a gold medal at the International Taekwondo Federation 2023 World Championships in Finland.

Injaty is now transforming her personal win into wins for other students. The sophomore at Presentation High School is building a nonprofit organization along with her twin brother to give back to her community.

Ava had the honor of being the only world champion from Team USA at the ITF 2023 World Championships. In 2022, she won a bronze medal at the Taekwondo World Cup in Slovenia. At each of these international competitions, Ava faced off against top
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Ava Injaty

San Jose teacher wins vacant seat on San José-Evergreen Community College District Board

By William Bellou
Publisher

San Jose teacher Clay Hale has won a vacant seat on a Santa Clara County college board.

Hale said he intends to seek a full four-year term on the November 2024 ballot.

Hale ran for the District 7 seat on the seven-person board when it became vacant due to the resignation of San Jose City Councilmember Omar Torres, who won election to his city's governing body last November.

Hale was one of five candidates seeking to serve out the remainder of Torres' term through the



end of next year. He took the top spot on election night with 47% of ballots cast and has maintained that share of the vote ever since.

Hale, 28, who works for the East Side Union High School District, will be sworn into his seat December 12.

"Because of you and your hard work — from the day we launched our campaign to election night — we now have a teacher's voice at the table advocating for the education all our students deserve," said Hale. "Our campaign was driven by our commitment to
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Plans for golf course homes could get a boost

County leaders adopt blueprint for idea that could include as many as 4,000 housing units in Evergreen Valley

Will Santa Clara County's adoption of its blueprint for future housing development give a big boost to replacing a San Jose golf course with thousands of homes?



The shuttered Pleasant Hills Golf Course sits at the northeast corner of South White Road and Tully Road in San Jose. The area could be used for a future housing development. *Photo by Juan Estrada, Green Foothills*

The consensus among city officials is that the prospect for wide-ranging housing development, including retail and open spaces, has a good chance of becoming a reality for the long-shuttered 117-acre Pleasant Hills Golf Course site in east San Jose.

Santa Clara County's housing plan for the years 2023 through 2031 calls for blueprinting a plan that

mandates local jurisdictions to craft for residential development, specifically apartments and homes.

The golf course, which closed in 2004, is located at the northeast corner of South White and Tully roads, in the Lake Cunningham area of Evergreen Valley.

"The decommissioned Pleasant Hills golf course promises to be one
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160th Remembrance Day Anniversary Ceremony to be held Saturday, Nov. 18 at Oak Hill Memorial Park

The Phil Sheridan Camp #4, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) will conduct its annual Remembrance Day ceremony at the Grand Army of the Republic cemetery plot, located at Oak Hill Memorial Park (300 Curtner Avenue, San José, California) on Saturday, November 18 at 10 a.m. The ceremony is planned to last approximately 30 minutes.

On November 19, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln arrived at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. His agenda, on that day, was to dedicate seventeen acres of land to form a National Cemetery, to preserve and honor the dead, and to deliver a simple speech, whose impact is still felt and revered today.

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This is the basis on which Remembrance Day observances were established. This year's Remembrance Day Ceremony will be in recognition of the 160th anniversary of President Lincoln's delivery of the Gettysburg Address.

At Oak Hill Memorial Park over four hundred and twenty Civil War veterans lie at rest in just the Grand Army of the Republic Plot alone. Of special significance were those individuals who, after fighting on the field of Gettysburg itself, came west to dwell among us; to become members of our community; and to provide a tangible reminder to our reunited Nation. They carried on the hopes, the dreams, and the unrealized vitality of all those comrades who fell in battle on the hallowed ground of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. This is the connective link that brings our nation's history together.

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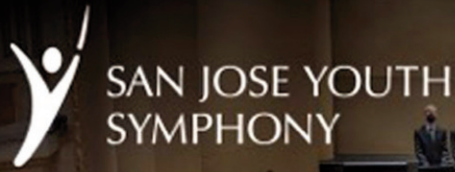
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Santa Clara Co. to help homeless veterans with acquisition of housing facility in San José

As American families celebrated Veterans Day, local and state officials from Santa Clara County celebrated its big step to end veteran homelessness by acquiring the Homeless Veterans Emergency Housing Facility, HVEHF, in San José.

“The County of Santa Clara cares about our veterans and the acquisition of this site is a key step in making sure every veteran has housing,” said Santa Clara County Supervisor Otto Lee. “Homelessness continues to be our greatest challenge, but knowing those who served our nation are unhoused is heartbreaking - and why this matter is such a high priority.”

The County Board of Supervisors approved purchase of this site on September 19, 2023 in an effort to enhance a core resource for the more than 64,000 veterans in the South Bay. Since 2009, the HVEHF has provided transitional housing at this site,

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servicing more than 6,000 veterans and being a key linkage to Veterans Affairs, VA, support.

California State Senator Dave Cortese shared, “I am incredibly proud of the County of Santa Clara’s continued commitment to those who served our country through the acquisition of the Homeless Veterans Emergency Housing Facility on

Kirk Avenue. Since we opened this facility back in 2009, it has served as a lifeline for thousands of veterans, offering transitional housing and access to VA services. With this acquisition and expansion, we are one step closer to ending veteran homelessness in our County.”

Supervisor Lee added, “This 4.3 acre site at 10 Kirk Avenue will not

only serve as transitional housing for our veterans, but will be renovated and more housing and veteran services will be co-located to serve many more veterans in the near future. They have served our country honorably and it is only right for our County to take care of them in their time of need upon their returning home.”

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Santa Clara County Parks celebrates 25 enchanting years of Fantasy of Lights

By William Bellou
Publisher

Santa Clara County Parks is thrilled to announce the commemoration of the 25th anniversary of Fantasy of Lights, an awe-inspiring holiday extravaganza. Anticipation is high with an estimated influx of more than 25,000 vehicles expected to drive-thru Vasona Lake County Park in Los Gatos.

From Tuesday, December 5 through Saturday, December 30, families are invited to experience the magic of a 1.5-mile drive-thru adorned with sparkling holiday lights and over 50 themed holiday displays. Favorite attractions, including a thrilling dinosaur den with an erupting volcano, an engaging display of playful penguins, Santa shooting hoops and a dazzling tunnel of moving lights, are set to captivate attendees of all ages.

To secure admission, tickets must be purchased in advance as no tickets will be sold at the gate. Tickets can be purchased by the desired day and time of entrance (30-minute periods between 6:00pm and 9:30pm).

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Vasona Lake County Park is located at 333 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos, CA95032. For directions, ticketing and more information visit www.parkhere.org or call (408) 355-2201. Fantasy of Lights is proudly presented by Santa Clara County Department of Parks and Recreation.

Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department has provided recreational opportunities, beautiful parks and precious natural resources for Santa Clara County residents for more than 60 years. This golden legacy has resulted in one of the largest regional park systems in the State of California.

Gold medal

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competitors from around the world. The journey to competing started in 2014, with intensive training starting last September.

Competing in countries like Slovenia and Finland and going through intensive training in Western Ukraine have given Ava the opportunity to grow as an athlete and as a person.

Her success while pursuing her athletic goals has been possible, in part, due to the support of her community at Presentation High School. She wants to help make these same dreams a reality for students who may not otherwise have the chance to shine on a competitive level.

Ava Injaty says that Taekwondo has opened her up to many opportunities and helped her grow. Photo by Milagros Malave Photography.

"Taekwondo has opened me up to so many more opportunities and helped me grow more, both as a person and as an athlete, than I could have ever imagined," Ava said.



The nonprofit will hold Taekwondo classes for students from low-income communities. Ava and her twin Ryan, both of whom are International Taekwondo Federation (ITF) certified instructors, will teach these classes twice a week.

The plan is to launch the school in the spring of 2024 before Ava goes back to training for her next competitions in Argentina in 2024 and Croatia in 2025.

Golf course

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of the most significant sites for residential development within the unincorporated county during the 2023-2031 planning period," Santa Clara County staffers stated in a document prepared for an Oct. 17 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

The backers of a plan to rezone the property and develop thousands of residences are real estate executives Tony Arreola and Mark

Lazzarini of Lakeside Community.

It's possible that nearly 4,000 housing units could be developed on the golf course site, according to estimates contained in the county staff report, and could include stores, restaurants, and other retailers.

The developers said they have begun a process to obtain input from neighbors and other interested parties about the concept of rezoning the golf course land.

Editor's note: The golf course development is a city-led project.

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Choir of Foxworthy Baptist Church celebrates 40 years of sharing *The Christmas Gift* musical show Dec. 8

Starting December 8, the Choir of Foxworthy Baptist Church will celebrate 40 years of sharing *The Christmas Gift* San Jose musical production with the local community at their church located at 1774 Foxworthy Avenue in San Jose.

In 1984, Pastor Don Fugate, and his wife, Diann had a dream of sharing a musical Christmas gift with the community. That year, *The Christmas Gift*, The San Jose musical production, was presented multiple times at The Montgomery Theater in downtown San Jose. By the third year, the production had moved to The Civic Auditorium.

Since the church didn't charge

admission, they could only reserve one night in 1987 and instead, made the decision to transform the church auditorium into a theater, complete with proscenium and curtain, where they presented the musical 8 times over two weekends. That plan has remained in place every year since then.

Major milestone

This 40th anniversary production marks a major milestone for the church and its singers. There are still five singers who have participated in all previous productions.

In the first half of the musical, the choir sings many favorite Christmas songs including *White Christmas*,



Walkin' in a Winter Wonderland and *Snow*. There is always a "Children's Medley" that features favorite Christmas characters like Frosty, Rudolph and the Grinch. There are also comedic videos included in the production; even

falling snow!

During the intermission, the audience is treated to homemade cookies, coffee, tea and punch.

The second half of the musical centers on the manger and the birth of Jesus. Through songs and Scrip-

ture, the Christmas story is vividly portrayed. Pastor Don Fugate shares a brief Gospel presentation and sends the audience home with a smile on their faces and joy in their hearts.

Even during the COVID shutdown in 2020, *The Christmas Gift* to San Jose was still presented to the community. The choir videotaped their production and showed it daily in December on the church's website, on Facebook, YouTube and on CRE-ATV. There were over 8,000 views of the musical that year!

Over the past 39 years, more than 80,000 people have attended the musical production and it has been enjoyed by multiple generations. Children who attended those early productions are coming back with their children. Multiplied thousands have prayed the "Sinner's Prayer" with Pastor Don and have committed their lives to Jesus Christ.

356 singers and cast members have been part of *The Christmas Gift* to San Jose through the years. In honor of the 40th anniversary, they will have a special Alumni Banquet at Orchard City Banquet Hall on Thursday, December 7th. The church is inviting all former cast members to join them for the banquet and to sing with them on Opening Night.

This year's free performances will be shared 6 times over the weekend of December 8-10; Friday, December 8th @ 7pm; Saturday, December 9th @ 2pm & 7pm; Sunday, December 10th @ 11am; 2pm & 7pm.

Along with sharing the musical at the church, *The Christmas Gift Choir* will be singing at Christmas in the Park, at Santana Row and will be featured in the Los Gatos Holiday Parade.

Pastor Don Fugate shares, "It has been an honor to share the joy of the season and the Good News of the Gospel with our community all of these years."

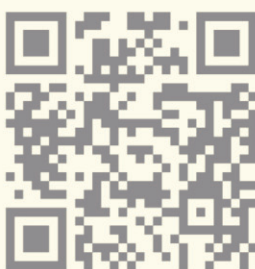
Editor's note: For further information, check out the church website at www.foxworthy.org or call Pastor Don Fugate at (408) 455-2948.

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Dreams do come true for ballerina Clara

The 'Nutcracker' will be presented at SJ Center for the Performing Arts December 8-10

By William Bellou
Publisher

This year's 58th The Nutcracker by San Jose Dance Theatre, will not only entertain audiences with the classic Christmas story of a girl's dream of a waltz of flowers and the Sugar Plum Fairy, but it will also be a dream come true for this year's Clara, Anika Sison.

Dancing the role of Clara in "The Nutcracker" has always been a dream and goal for Anika, since she saw her first Nutcracker performance at four years old at the San Jose Center for Performing Arts. At the time, she had been taking dance lessons for two years at a local dance studio. Fast forward to almost 10 years later, she'll finally dance in the role of Clara in the same theater where she saw her first Nutcracker, and with the same production that inspired her to focus on her ballet training.

"I remember the first time that she saw the Sugar Plum Fairy enter the stage. She watched every movement intensely, her jaw dropped, and I don't think she blinked that much" laughed her mom, Cathe Huynh-Sison. After the show, Anika asked her mom how she can dance like the Sugar Plum Fairy on stage. "You have to work really hard in your ballet class, stay focused, and get to pointe level," her mom answered. Determined, focused and competitive from a young age, Anika has worked very hard through the years. She auditioned for the 53rd production of "The Nutcracker" and was cast in the roles of Soldier and Lamb in her first Nutcracker performance. The following year, she transitioned her training to San Jose Dance Theatre, a ballet company and academy, to focus on her classical ballet training at the age of 9. She blossomed under the guidance of Linda Hurksman, the former Artistic Director of SJDT.

Now in SJDT's Pre-Professional Program (under the guidance of SJDT's current Artistic Director, Mariana Zschoerper, and Associate Artistic Director, Augusto Silva), Anika trains full-time 5-6 days each week while maintaining rigorous middle school academic courses at St. John Vianney Catholic School. "Anika has proved herself to be a dedicated and focused dancer throughout her years at our ballet academy. While she is blessed with natural ability, she also has a very sharp mind. We have seen her blossom in her training and become a truly impressive dancer," mentioned Elizabeth Sweeney, Executive Director of San Jose Dance Theatre. "Anika has come a long way since she was a little lamb in the Nutcracker Marzipan divertissement."

About The Original San Jose Nutcracker

San José Dance Theatre is thrilled to return this live production of The Nutcracker on stage at the magnificent San Jose Center for the Performing Arts in Downtown San Jose, December 8-10, 2023. This year, San Jose Dance Theatre audiences will be awed by the grace and talent of a professional company dancing beside the youth ensemble. They

are accompanied again by a live orchestra under the direction of Scott Krijnen conducting the Cambrian Symphony.

Editor's note: Tickets to the Original San Jose Nutcracker production are available at www.sjnutcracker.com



Taking on the role of Clara in this year's Nutcracker are **Anika Sison** (left, Cast 1) and **Ranya Farooque** (right, Cast 2)

Clear trackable goals are important to track City's progress on crucial issues

By Matt Mahan

In Silicon Valley, dashboards, metrics, daily standups, and other performance management tools are as common as bureaucracy is in government. It's my goal to change that.

Without setting clear goals, tracking progress, and reacting to real-time performance data at City Hall, we can't move the needle on the issues that matter most.

As you know, I ran for office to hold City Hall accountable for delivering better outcomes; to set clear and achievable goals with a reasonable timeframe; to measure results and to focus on the basic priorities that matter most to all of our residents. And last week, we took a step in the right direction.



From the Mayor
Matt Mahan
Mayor, San Jose

City Council voted unanimously to embrace a new tool of transparency and performance management. We will soon see scorecards and dashboards become accessible online so that anyone can track our progress. They will focus on the basic responsibilities of government: providing community safety, cleaning up our neighborhoods, ensuring everyone has at least basic shelter, and attracting and facilitating investment in jobs and housing.

In addition to regularly surveying the community to ensure our residents' priorities and experiences are at the center of our work, these tools of transparency will track data like crime rates, the number of people exiting and entering homelessness, blight response times, permit timelines and other key success metrics to show whether what we are doing is moving the needle.

And the truth is, we have a long way to go. Not just in solving our biggest issues, but in understanding the best way to track and share our work with all of you and build a more iterative and performance- and outcome-driven

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San Jose Youth Symphony's Philharmonic Orchestra Season Opener Concert Dec. 2

Orchestra performs Brahms, Wranitzky, Mendelssohn and Blacher; Ticket purchases now available online

The San Jose Youth Symphony's Philharmonic Orchestra, under the artistic leadership of Music Director and Conductor Yair Samet, presents its 2023-24 Season Opener Concert to be held on Saturday, December 2, 2023, 7 pm, at the Mexican Heritage Plaza Theater, 1700 Alum Rock Avenue, San Jose, CA.

The orchestra will open with Brahms's light and engaging Academic Festival Overture, and close with Blacher's big, beautiful and exciting Orchestral Variations on a Theme of Paganini.

This concert will also feature three winners from the 2023 Young Artists' Competition, proudly sponsored by the San Jose Symphony Foundation*. Outstanding young soloists, Isaac Chan & Dylan Nguyen, violists, will perform Wranitzky's Concerto for Two Violas and Orchestra; and An-Po Chen, violinist, will perform Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto.

Isaac Chan is a high school senior at Milpitas High School and has been playing viola since he was 7 years old. He has been with the San Jose Youth Symphony since 2019 and is currently in his third year with the Philharmonic Orchestra.



Dylan Nguyen is also a student at Milpitas High School and started to learn piano at age 5 first and then viola at age 8, with private teacher, Hien Ngo. He has been with the San Jose Youth Symphony's Philharmonic Orchestra for the past two years.

An-Po Chen, violinist, is 16 years old and currently attending Archbishop Mitty High School. This is his second season with the San Jose Youth Symphony's Philharmonic Orchestra.

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County Horsemen's Association Fall Festival attracts hundreds to experience joy of horses

By William Bellou
Publisher

The Santa Clara County Horsemen's Association Fall Festival attracted hundreds of people to experience the joy and wonder of horses on Oct. 14 at the associations McKean Road property.

The event featured a mounted drill team performance, English jumping demonstration, horse crafts, grooming and photo booth stations, dozens of horse breeds, and fresh grilled lunch. It was truly a community celebration!

Adults and children attending the event had a chance, many for the first time, to meet horses and community members looking for a slower pace of life.

"There is nothing more exciting than being present in the moment when children's faces light up when they watch a horse nibble on a carrot from their outstretched hands or witnessing an adult's heart skipping a beat when they see horses running in the field, said event coordinator Rachael Parakh. "The open house made incredible lifelong memories for individuals, couples, and families from all nationalities, who gave us the grand honor of attending our event. We wanted each and everyone to feel welcome with us in the

countryside and to fall in love with horses! In fact, that's the focus of our mission: "to promote good fellowship between horsemen and a greater understanding of horses."

The oldest Horse Association, Santa Clara County, was formed in 1939 and has played an important role in the Almaden Valley and helped to establish the California State Horsemen's Association. Their clubhouse serves as a meeting hall for weddings, school dances, banquets, and community organizations. Their arena hosts many equestrian playdays and buckle shows for surrounding riders.

The organization is currently partnering with the Santa Clara County Parks Department to bring shared-use trail safety to park visitors and working with Almaden Quicksilver and Santa Clara Preservation Alliance to highlight the historic value of the area and ranching culture.

To learn more about their association or to see a list of local places to ride horses, head to their new website: horsemens.org.

Editor's note: The next Bay Area horsemen's event will be hosted by the San Martin Horsemen's Association with Caroling on December 16th at Harvey Bear Ranch.

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Times **Feature**

Holidays at the Ainsley House Nov. 16 – Dec. 21

By William Bellou
Publisher

The Ainsley House is getting ready to open this holiday season with Holiday events for the whole family, including Holiday Teas & Tours, Holiday Boutique, Evening Open Houses, and Photos with Santa November 16 - December 21.

The Ainsley House, located in Campbell, CA, will be decorated with the theme Christmas Cravings. Discover how each room in the House is inspired by favorite Holiday cravings. You will find a gingerbread room, candy cane corner, a Christmas Spice spectacular, and more.

Tours

Tours through the Ainsley House will be unguided and self-paced. The Ainsley House and Boutique will be open Thursdays-Sundays, from 11 am-3 pm beginning Nov. 16; closed on Thanksgiving Day.

Tour admission is \$10 for adults (18-64), seniors (65+) \$8 youth aged 7-17 \$6, Museum members are free. The Holiday Boutique is located in the Carriage House as well as in several rooms on the first floor of the Ainsley House.

In the Boutique you will find unique seasonal gifts, ornaments, jewelry, scarves, and much more. The Boutique will be open during public visiting hours.

The Campbell Museum

Foundation's annual Holiday fundraiser: Holiday Teas and Tours will take place December 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, and 10. Seating will take place at 12pm. The tea menu includes

finger sandwiches, champagne, a special Ainsley blend tea, and tasty treats in the Carriage House, followed by a self-guided tour of the Ainsley House. Admission is \$60/ General Public and \$55/ Museum Member.

Admission proceeds go toward supporting education programs and preservation efforts at the Campbell Historical Museum and Ainsley House. Reservations are required for the teas and can be made at www.campbellmuseums.com. Reservations for the Holiday Teas and Tours are open now.

Santa Claus will make a special appearance at the Ainsley House on Saturday, December 2 from 9 a.m.-12pm. He will greet families and kids in the Sunporch room of the Ainsley House surrounded by a decorated Holiday scene. Reservations to take photos with Santa will be 9a.m.- 10am, 10 a.m., 11a.m.and 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

While families wait to see Santa, there will be hot chocolate and holiday craft tables. Santa reservations can be made at www.campbellmuseums.com and admission is \$10 per family.

For more info, visit www.campbellmuseums.org.

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prioritize the needs and well-being of our students, faculty, and staff above all else. I am grateful and humbled by your support."

A first-time candidate with little name recognition in this year's race, he said that by being an out educator, he will be a strong advocate for the college district's LGBTQ students, staff, and faculty.

"We are really excited our community gave an opportunity for a teacher to create a more equitable education opportunity for students," Hale said.

I welcome your thoughts and feedback on these new tools. They will be available online starting in December for everyone to view and track our progress on the basics and, in the meantime, you can find the draft scorecards and dashboards by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/48r354ve>

Thank you for staying engaged and pushing for better outcomes.

Mayor

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culture in government. This is the first iteration of what I know will be a long process. But as we get it right, City Hall will deliver results better, faster and more efficiently than ever.

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Valley Water makes progress at Anderson Dam

By John Varela

It has been just over two years since Valley Water broke ground at Anderson Dam with the promise to protect the public and secure Santa Clara County's water supply. Since then, our agency has made tremendous progress on this vital public safety and water supply project.

Currently our work at the site is focused on building a new, larger outlet tunnel next to the dam. As of mid-October, contractors excavated more than 1,000 feet of the 1,736-foot-long tunnel, which will provide greater control over reservoir water levels.

We anticipate the work on the outlet tunnel will take another two years to finish, and once that is done, Valley Water will begin rebuilding the dam and spillway.

Rebuilding Anderson Dam is Valley Water's top priority. This project will help ensure public safety, protect our regional water supply and provide environmental benefits for generations to come.

At the beginning of September, our agency reached a milestone with the release of the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project Draft Environmental Impact Report. This document identifies environmental impacts associated with our plan to rebuild Anderson Dam to modern-day seismic safety standards.

Following this document's release, our agency



Pictured is the new concrete "soil nail wall" next to the base of Anderson Dam, which reinforces the earthen slope to support a 24-foot tunnel that will be excavated through to the inside of the reservoir. *Photo contributed by Valley Water*

held a successful and well-attended public meeting in Morgan Hill to provide information and give the community an opportunity to share thoughts and concerns. I'd like to thank everyone who attended and provided us with their feedback.

Valley Water also recently released a terrific video highlighting our tunneling work. You can view the video on our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/@Valleywater/videos.

I know this project is of great interest to our community. We look forward to keeping you informed of our progress.

John L. Varela is Chair of the Valley Water Board of Directors. For further information, contact John L. Varela at jvarela@valleywater.org.

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