Build the Cleanwater Center



Our wastewater **treatment plant is one of the oldest on the West Coast.** It works around the clock to provide essential wastewater treatment for residents and businesses. The **Cleanwater Center** is one of the **necessary upgrades planned for this aging facility.** Designed to LEED Gold standards, it will be an **operational hub for the 67-person team** who operates, maintains and manages the Plant. **Consolidating critical functions into a modern facility** will achieve numerous operational, sustainability and regulatory goals.

Quick Facts

Requested Funds

Total Project Cost





\$72 M

MEETS GOALS

- City
- County
- Bay Area
- State
- Federal

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PROJECT NEED Sunnyvale's Master Plan to rebuild its aging wastewater facility identified this project as a replacement priority (SunnyvaleCleanwater.com).

LOCATION 1444 Borregas Ave.

PROPOSED SIZE 26,574 square feet

This Essential Project Will:

- Improve operations by consolidating functions currently fragmented across multiple locations
- Replace multiple buildings that no longer meet current building and accessibility codes
- Update the laboratory to follow best practice standards
- Add an educational meeting space to engage with our community about protecting water quality and the Bay
- Create a modern facility that will help attract and retain staff
- Help achieve environmental and regulatory goals



Cleanwater Center:A Vital Hub for Plant Operations

Sunnyvale's Water Pollution Control Plant has provided reliable 24/7 wastewater treatment since its construction in 1956. However, the Plant's existing facilities are reaching the end of their useful life. Upgrades are necessary to reliably meet increasingly stringent environmental and regulatory requirements. The Cleanwater Program is the City's long-term plan to upgrade and replace key facilities. The renovated Plant will be more operationally resilient, use more cost-effective technologies, be more energy efficient, and promote resource recovery. The Cleanwater Center will serve as a vital hub of operations for the team that runs and maintains the Plant. It will include a modern environmental laboratory for testing waste streams, a control room to monitor the thousands of daily measurements, a maintenance shop and warehouse, staff office and training facilities, and public education space.



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March 19, 2025

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Eileen Le Councilmember RE: Request for Support for FY26 Community Project Funding, City of Sunnyvale– Build the Cleanwater Center

Dear Senator Padilla, Senator Schiff, and Representative Khanna,

On behalf of the City of Sunnyvale, I am writing to express my support for the City of Sunnyvale's Build the Cleanwater Center Project.

This project will aim to address Sunnyvale's Water Pollution Control Plant, which is one of the oldest on the West Coast. It works around the clock to provide essential wastewater treatment for residents and businesses. The Cleanwater Center is one of the necessary upgrades planned for this aging facility. Designed to LEED Gold standards, it will be an operational hub for the 67-person team who operates, maintains, and manages the Plant. Consolidating critical functions into a modern facility will achieve numerous operational, sustainability and regulatory goals.

I am pleased to support this project and urge you to provide favorable consideration of this funding request.

Sincerely,

Larry Klein

Mayor

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The Honorable Alex Padilla, Senator
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April 4, 2025

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As a committed advocate for the safety of Sunnyvale residents and the sustainability of the community, I respectfully ask for your support for the Cleanwater Center Project in Sunnyvale. Thank you for your kind consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at (408) 446-2810 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Patrick Ahrens

Assemblymember, 26th District

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March 26, 2025

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RE: Request for Support for FY26 Community Project Funding, City of Sunnyvale - Cleanwater Center

Dear Honorable Members of Congress:

I am excited to offer this letter of support for the City of Sunnyvale's request for Congressional project funding, to assist in the construction of the Cleanwater Center.

This project offers a crucial addition to the City's broader efforts to upgrade its aging wastewater facilities, which have been an essential service and a cornerstone of public health and environmental protection dating back to their implementation in 1956.

Designed to meet LEED Gold standards, the Cleanwater Center demonstrates a major improvement for Sunnyvale's capabilities in managing its wastewater treatment operations in sustainable and efficient ways. This new facility strives to streamline its operations – currently housed amongst multiple outdated buildings – which will enhance operational effectiveness and ensure updated compliance through both modern building and accessibility codes. Additionally, the project will advance laboratory facilities, focus on best practice standards, and build an essential educational space for community members to learn about water quality and environmental stewardship.

The City of Sunnyvale included the importance of this project in its Master Plan, noting the Cleanwater Center to be an essential priority for replacement for the community's betterment. The proposed location – amounting to 26,574 square feet – will provide an operational hub for a 67-person staff, dedicated to the plant's round-the-clock operations.

Through federal investment in this project, the Center will achieve significant benefits for Sunnyvale residents, including improved operations, enhanced staff recruitment and retention, and further achievable environmental and regulation goals. The project aligns with the city, state, county, and federal objectives toward environmental initiatives, further emphasizing its impact and importance. As the former "Green Mayor of Sunnyvale," I wholeheartedly support this request.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my Chief of Staff, Wendy Ho at (408) 299-5030 or via email at wendy.ho@bos.sccgov.org.

Sincerely,

Otto O. Lee