



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

# NON-AGENDA

## March 10, 2023

**Board Policy EL-7 Communication and Support to the Board**

*The BAOs shall inform and support the Board in its work.*

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<b>22</b>		Email from Bob Fanjoy, copied to the Board, dated 3/3/23, regarding Propane Gas Tanks on Saratoga Creek Trail. (C-23-0054)
<b>24</b>		Email from Matthew Quevedo, San Jose Mayor Mahan's Office, to the Board, dated 3/7/23, regarding graffiti at the perk ponds located at Almaden Expressway and Highway 85. (C-23-0055)
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<b>30</b>		Email from Melanie Renner to Chair Varela, dated 3/7/23, regarding concerns for Valley Water construction project in front of business on Luchessa Avenue, Gilroy. (C-23-0059).
<b>32</b>		Email from Carl Salas, copied to the Board, dated 3/7/23, conveying information regarding City of San Jose 311 services for graffiti and garbage issues. (C-23-0057)
<b>36</b>		Email from James Salata, copied to the Board, dated 3/7/23, regarding issues in Washington Guadalupe Neighborhood. (C-23-0058)
		<b><u>OUTGOING BOARD CORRESPONDENCE</u></b>
		None.

# **CEO BULLETIN**

**To: Board of Directors**  
**From: Rick L. Callender, CEO**

## **Weeks of February 24 – March 9, 2023**

**Board Executive Limitation Policy EL-7:**

*The Board Appointed Officers shall inform and support the Board in its work. Further, a BAO shall 1) inform the Board of relevant trends, anticipated adverse media coverage, or material external and internal changes, particularly changes in the assumptions upon which any Board policy has previously been established and 2) report in a timely manner an actual or anticipated noncompliance with any policy of the Board.*

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### **1. Recurring Report on Personnel Vacancies**

Valley Water strives to attract, develop and retain a talented and diverse workforce. Our employees come from diverse, cultural and professional backgrounds. Valley Water promotes high performance, diversity and equal employment opportunities.

Valley Water Staffing Levels through March 2023:

- 909 - Total Positions
- 850 - Number of positions filled
- 59 - Total Vacant positions
- 6% - Current Vacancy Factor

For further information, please contact Patrice McElroy at (408) 630-3159.

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## **2. Safe, Clean Water Mini-Grant Closeout: Compasspoint Mentorship's Alviso Marina County Park Restroom Mural Project**

In Fiscal Year 2022, Valley Water awarded Compasspoint Mentorship (Grantee) a \$5,000 Safe, Clean Water Program F9 Mini-Grant for their Alviso Marina County Park Restroom Mural Project (Project). Compasspoint Mentorship completed the Project on October 8, 2022 and submitted the final invoice items on January 26, 2023, allowing for grant closeout. Compasspoint Mentorship is a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to connect children and mentors using an educational framework designed to motivate children to convert ideas into world-changing actions. The grant funds allowed the Grantee to install a mural at the Alviso Marina County Park bathroom wall in San Jose, California. The mural design was a collaborative effort led by artist Xiangfei (Simon) Bai and incorporated community input from a survey distributed by the Grantee. The Project serves to beautify the park and educate parkgoers and visitors on the elements of local flora and fauna and the nearby Alviso Slough and Guadalupe River. The Grantee facilitated a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the mural as part of the Day on the Bay 2022 Multicultural Festival, hosted by Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department.

### **Key Outcomes:**

- Restored a bathroom wall near the Villa Maria Picnic area in Alviso Marina County Park with artwork designed and painted by muralist Xiangfei (Simon) Bai.
- Engaged over 50 participants during the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Day on the Bay 2022 event on October 8, 2022.
- Collected over 150 post-survey responses on the day of the ribbon-cutting ceremony.
  - 100% of respondents were happy to have a mural installed.
  - 100% of respondents requested to see new mural projects in the future.
- 30 students participated in painting the mural.

For further information, please contact Donald Rocha at (408) 630-2338.

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## **3. Safe, Clean Water Mini-Grant Closeout: Evergreen Islamic Center's EIC Drinking Water Stations Project**

In Fiscal Year 2021, Valley Water awarded Evergreen Islamic Center (EIC) a \$5,000 Safe, Clean Water Program A2 Mini-Grant for their EIC Drinking Water Stations Project (Project). Evergreen Islamic Center completed the Project on October 9, 2021 and submitted the final invoice items on February 6, 2023, allowing for grant closeout. The Evergreen Islamic Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, faith-based organization that provides cultural, religious, and educational services to the local community in San Jose, California. The grant funds allowed the installation of two water bottle drinking stations at the Evergreen Islamic Center to help promote the use of reusable water bottles and eliminate the use of single use plastic and paper cups among the center's visitors and community members. Each water bottle drinking station features a touchless water dispenser installed with a counter that tracks how many bottles were saved. The EIC facilitated outreach efforts to the local community for a ribbon-cutting ceremony that was held at the EIC. The newly installed water stations are expected to serve approximately 3,000 monthly visitors at the EIC.

### **Key Outcomes:**

- Installed two water bottle refill stations with signage that included Valley Water's logo at the Evergreen Islamic Center, one on the inside and one on the outside of the building.
  - The trackers counted over 1,100 water bottles that were saved within three months of the stations being installed.

- Hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony with community members and Valley Water staff on October 9, 2021.
- Conducted an online survey to gather community feedback on the water bottle drinking stations.
  - Received a total of 70 responses.
  - 98.6% of respondents agree that the water stations at the EIC mosque were helpful.
  - 55.7% of respondents indicated that they “always” use the water stations.

For further information, please contact Donald Rocha at (408) 630-2338.

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#### **4. Water Management Agreements Executed in January 2023**

Pursuant to EL-5.1.6 and EL-5.3.3, Valley Water’s Chief Executive Officer is required to inform the Board on a timely basis when imported water management agreements are executed. The imported water management agreements executed in January 2023 are listed below:

- January 10, 2023 - Amendment #1 to the Conveyance Agreements (#A4702Wa) between the Department of Water Resources, City of Sacramento, Carmichael Water District, and Valley Water: The amendments update the maximum allowable groundwater substitution pumping volumes to correct a drafting error in the original agreements.

For further information, please contact Vincent Gin at (408) 630-2633.

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#### **5. Eisenberg**

**How much money the District has spent on Pacheco in total so far (including legal fees) (again, the sum total), including internal expenses, e.g. staff/consultant expenses.**  
**I-23-0011**

As of February 22, 2023, the expenditures on the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project total \$62,138,984.95.

For further information, please contact Christopher Hakes at (408) 630-3796.

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# **BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS and Informational Items**

**Report Name: Board Member Requests**

Request	Request Date	Director	BAO/Chief	Staff	Description	20 Days Due Date	Expected Completion Date	Disposition
I-23-0010	02/20/23	Eisenberg	Baker	Gin	How much money the District has spent on (and has committed to) the Delta tunnel project (just totals, not requiring me to add up).	03/12/23		
I-23-0012	02/20/23	Eisenberg	Baker	Bogale	This is for a document, not a number: I asked for this before, but could not locate it in the many documents I received in response: I need the current version of the District's contract with the San Jose Water Company, including any/all amendments, exhibits, and attachments? (Amendments alone aren't sufficient without including the contract that is being amended).	03/12/23		
I-23-0013	02/13/23	Eisenberg	Yoke	Bella Mcelroy	Provide Director Eisenberg with answers to the following questions - What is the process for employees to speak with Board Members? and Do we have a policy on emotional support animals in the workplace?	03/05/23		

A monthly assessment of trends in water supply and use for Santa Clara County, California

## Outlook as of March 1, 2023

On February 22, 2023, the State Water Project increased its allocation from 30% to 35% of contract amount. On the same day, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation announced an initial 2023 south-of-delta Central Valley Project allocation of 75% of historic Municipal and Industrial (M&I) use and a 35% agricultural allocation. Thanks to this winter's storms, Santa Clara County's drought classification was changed from moderate to abnormally dry, which is the lowest drought level. Due to increased reliance on imported water in the next ten years while Anderson Reservoir storage is unavailable, meeting the Board of Directors call for 15% water use reduction relative to 2019 remains essential.

### Weather

- Rainfall in San José:
  - » Month of February, City of San José = 2.75 inches
- Rainfall year total = 17.24 inches or 166% of average to date (rainfall year is July 1 to June 30)
- March 1 Northern Sierra snowpack was 150% of normal for this date

### Local Reservoirs

- Total March 1 storage = 86,380 acre-feet

Reservoir Storage	All Ten Valley Water Reservoirs	All Reservoirs Except Anderson
Storage as % of unrestricted capacity	52%	73%
Storage as % of restricted capacity (1)	138%	95%
Storage as % of the 20-year average for March 1	96%	127%

(1) Per the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's order, the capacity of Anderson Reservoir was restricted to the deadpool storage as of October 1, 2020

- No imported water delivered into Calero Reservoir during February 2023
- Total estimated releases to streams (local and imported water) during February were 31,840 acre-feet (based on preliminary hydrologic data)

### Treated Water

- Below average demands of 4,740 acre-feet delivered in February
- This total is 90% of the five-year average for the month of February
- Year-to-date deliveries are 9,750 acre-feet or 90% of the five-year average

### Groundwater

- Groundwater levels are increasing in most areas due to the recent storms and seasonal recovery, Valley Water's managed recharge, and ongoing water conservation by the community. While groundwater levels in all monitoring wells are higher than last month, many are lower relative to January 2022, indicating that groundwater levels are still impacted by drought. The end of 2023 groundwater storage is estimated to be in low Stage 1 (Normal) of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan. Valley Water continues to plan for dry and rapidly evolving conditions

	Santa Clara Subbasin		Llagas Subbasin
	Santa Clara Plain	Coyote Valley	
February 2023 managed recharge estimate	6,500	1,300	1,700
YTD managed recharge estimate	12,300	1,800	2,700
YTD managed recharge as % of five-year average	150%	80%	102%
January 2023 pumping estimate	3,000	800	1,600
January 2023 pumping as % of five-year average	70%	109%	92%
Current index well groundwater levels compared to February 2022	24 Feet Higher	9 Feet Higher	17 Feet Higher

All volumes are in acre-feet. All data is for 2023 except where noted. YTD = Year-to-date.

## Imported Water

- To date in February, the State Water Project operated Banks pumping plant with an average daily export of 7,143 acre-feet, resulting in a total export of 185,718 acre-feet from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (data through February 26th)
- To date in February, the Central Valley Project operated Jones pumping plant with an average daily export of 7,323 acre-feet, resulting in a total export of 190,406 acre-feet from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (data through February 26th)
- Pumping operations in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta continues at reduced levels to protect fisheries and comply with environmental regulations during the month of February

WY 2023 Imported Water Allocations	Allocation	Allocation (acre-feet)	Details
State Water Project	35%	35,000	Increased from 30% to 35% on February 22nd
Central Valley Project	35% Ag 75% M&I	11,585 97,500	-
State-wide Reservoir Storage	Capacity	Current Storage (acre-feet)	Average for Date (as of 2/28/23)
Shasta Reservoir	60%	2,734,108	84%
Oroville Reservoir	72%	2,564,053	116%
San Luis Reservoir	76%	1,546,048	94%
Semitropic Groundwater Bank	Capacity	Current Storage (acre-feet)	Date of Data
	72%	252,332	1/31/23
Estimated SFPUC Deliveries	January 2023 (acre-feet)	2023 Total to Date (acre-feet)	Five-Year Annual Average (acre-feet)
	2,566	2,566	47,500

## Conserved Water

- Saved 80,078 acre-feet in FY22 through Valley Water's long-term conservation program (baseline year is 1992)
- Long-term program goal is to save nearly 100,000 acre-feet by 2030 and 110,000 acre-feet by 2040
- On June 9, 2021, the Board called for a 15% reduction in water use compared to 2019 and for retailers, cities, and the County to implement local water restrictions. On May 24, 2022, the Board approved an ordinance to enforce outdoor water waste restrictions against runoff, midday watering, and watering after rainfall, and a limit of two days a week of watering for non-functional turf. On September 13, 2022, this ordinance was amended to include the State's ban against watering commercial, industrial, and institutional non-functional turf amongst its list of enforceable restrictions
- Countywide water savings compared to 2019 (Valley Water's baseline) and 2020 (State's baseline)

Baseline Year	Santa Clara County	
	2019	2020
January 2023 Savings	6%	6%
Cumulative*	7%	12%

\*Cumulative for 2019 baseline begins in June 2021 and for 2020 baseline begins in July 2021

## Recycled Water

- Estimated February 2023 production = 863 acre-feet
- Estimated year-to-date through February 2023 = 1,617 acre-feet or 102% of the five-year average
- Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center produced an estimated 1.6 billion gallons (4,803 acre-feet) of purified water in 2022. Since the beginning of 2023, about 469 acre-feet of purified water has been produced. The purified water is blended with existing tertiary treated recycled water for South Bay Water Recycling Program customers

## Alternative Sources

- As of December 10, 2019, Valley Water's wastewater contract right from Palo Alto/ Mountain View remains at 11,200 acre-feet/year

## CONTACT US

To find out the latest information on Valley Water projects or to submit questions or comments, email [info@valleywater.org](mailto:info@valleywater.org) or use our **Access Valley Water** customer request system at <https://deliver.com/2yukx>.



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# **INCOMING BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

**Report Name: Correspondence (open)**

Correspond No	Rec'd By District	Rec'd By COB	Letter To	Letter From	Description	Disposition	BAO/ Chief	Staff	Draft Response Due Date	Draft Response Submitted	Writer Ack. Sent	Final Response Due Date
C-23-0030	01/18/23	01/18/23	All	STEPHEN QUAN	Email from Stephen Quan, to the Board of Directors, dated 01/18/23, regarding Dam Levels and the Drought.	Refer to Staff	Baker	Williams	01/26/23	01/31/23	n/a	02/01/23
C-23-0045	02/23/23	02/24/23	All	MELISSA MALLORY	EMail from Melissa Mallory regarding unhouse along Los Gatos Creek Trail.	Refer to Staff	Blank	Yerrapot u Codiann e	03/04/23	03/03/23	n/a	03/10/23
C-23-0049	02/28/23	03/01/23	All	DON HALSEY	Email from Don Halsey to the Board requesting that the ponds at the Blackberry Farm golf course be filled.	Refer to Staff	Baker	Williams	03/09/23		n/a	03/15/23
C-23-0051	03/02/23	03/02/23	Santos	DIANNE CHIECHI	Email from Dianne Chiechi regarding unhoused at the end of Beringer at 1600 Hamilton Pl.	Refer to Staff	Blank	Yerrapot u Codiann e	03/10/23		n/a	03/16/23
C-23-0052	03/02/23	03/06/23	Beall	BONNIE BAMBURG Urban Programmers	Email from Bonnie Bamburg to Director Beall requesting information on comic book that talked about the waters in the County and that you should not eat fish from these ponds and lakes.	Refer to Staff	Gibson	Rocha	03/14/23		n/a	03/20/23
C-23-0055	03/07/23	03/08/23	All	MATTHEW QUEVEDO	Email from Matthew Quenvodo from Mayor Matt Mahan's Office, to the Board, regarding graffiti at the perk pond located at Almaden and 85.	Refer to Staff	Gibson	Lugo	03/16/23		n/a	03/22/23
C-23-0059	03/07/23	03/07/23	Varela	MELANIE RENNER	Email from Melanie Renner to Chair Varela regarding concerns for the poorly run project in front of business at 40 E. Luchessa Ave, Gilroy.	Refer to Staff	Hakes	Baker Aryee	03/15/23		n/a	03/21/23