



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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July 18, 2025

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CEO BULLETIN

CEO BULLETIN



To: Board of Directors
From: Melanie Richardson, Interim CEO

Weeks of July 4, 2025 – July 17, 2025

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.

Human Resources provides a monthly report on staffing levels and vacancies per the Board's request. The following is the information as of June 30, 2025.

Valley Water Staffing Levels:

876 - Total Positions
840 - Number of positions filled
36 - Total Vacant Unpaused Position Codes
4% - Vacancy Factor
1 - Separations

Note - The agency has 921 positions and 45 are paused.

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

2. Safe, Clean Water Mini-Grant Closeout: Chopsticks Alley Art Inc.'s Educational Programming Using Art as a Communication Tool for the Pan-Asian Community (Project)

In Fiscal Year 2025, Valley Water awarded Chopsticks Alley Art Inc. (Grantee) a \$10,000 Safe, Clean Water Program F9 Mini-Grant for their Educational Programming Using Art as a Communication Tool for the Pan-Asian Community (Project). The grantee completed the Project on February 28, 2025, and submitted the final invoice items in April 2025, allowing for grant closeout.

Chopsticks Alley Art Inc. is an arts-based nonprofit organization focused on celebrating Southeast Asian cultural heritage. Grant funds were used to host a free month-long arts program at Olinder Community Center in San José, which targeted the Pan-Asian community, specifically working with multi-generational and low-income families. The Project provided weekly educational lessons that engaged participants through hands-on art activities and focused on environmental stewardship, water conservation, and pollution prevention. The four no-cost lesson plans offered three languages including English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. The Grantee conducted surveys to gather feedback to develop an impact report highlighting lessons learned and Project success.

Key Outcomes:

- Engaged over 134 participants in meaningful, hands-on art activities that emphasized environmental themes.
- Reached a broad age demographic, including youth, adults, seniors, and differently abled participants, fostering an inclusive learning environment.
- Collaborated with Valley Water to develop informational materials that accompanied each class, providing actionable tips for conserving water and protecting local waterways.
- Expanded Valley Water's reach within the community by engaging new audiences and creating broader awareness about water environmental stewardship.
- Received positive feedback from participants.

For further information, please contact Rachael Gibson at (408) 630-2844.

3. Safe, Clean Water Mini-Grant Closeout: Compasspoint Mentorship's Hellyer County Park Mural - Northern Restroom (Project)

In Fiscal Year 2024, Valley Water awarded Compasspoint Mentorship (Grantee) a \$5,000 Safe, Clean Water Program F9 Mini-Grant for their Hellyer County Park Mural – Northern Restroom (Project). The grantee completed the Project on August 4, 2024, and submitted the final invoice items on October 15, 2024, allowing for grant closeout.

Compasspoint Mentorship is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides summer camp programs in Alviso and at Santa Clara University. The organization also focuses on public art initiatives and has installed murals in various parks throughout Santa Clara County. The mini-grant funded the installation of a mural on a restroom wall in the Velodrome area at Hellyer County Park in San Jose. The mural was designed by artists Xiangfei (Simon) Bai and Dongzhu Li with input from the local community. The grantee collaborated with the Santa Clara County Parks & Recreation Department to secure permits and finalize the scope for the Project. The mural helps beautify the park and educate parkgoers by displaying elements of local flora and fauna. The Project included a one-week long youth camp that incorporated activities like mural painting, trash cleanups, and discussions around environmental stewardship and water conservation. The grantee held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on August 4, 2024 to unveil the newly installed mural.

Key Outcomes:

- Engaged over 25 students in the mural planning, design, and installation.
- Installed one mural that features local flora and fauna to educate parkgoers on the local ecosystems.
- Hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony with approximately 12 participants with attendees from the Santa Clara County Parks & Recreation Department.

For further information, please contact Rachael Gibson at (408) 630-2884.

4. Third Quarter Fiscal Year 2024-25 Financial Status Update

Valley Water's third quarter Fiscal Year 2024-25 closed on March 31, 2025. The third quarter financial status update presentation summarizes cash and investment balances, the debt portfolio and includes a comparison, and analysis, of the budget to actual status of revenues and expenditures for all funds as of March 31, 2025.

The presentation was provided to the Board Audit Committee on June 17, 2025 and has been submitted to the Clerk of the Board as a Non-Agenda item for your reference.

For further information, please contact Darin Taylor at (408) 630-3068.

5. Estremera

**Staff to prepare a letter for the Chair's signature to CCWD Board Expressing Interest in Partnerships on Water Storage
R-25-0006**

The letter from Chair Tony Estremera to Contra Costa Water District President Ernesto Avila expressing interest in partnering on water storage opportunities dated July 2, 2025, was out via email and postal mail on July 2, 2025.

The response for R-25-0006 is included in the Board's non-agenda package on July 11, 2025.

For further information, please contact Marta Lugo at (408) 630-2884.

6. Ballard

**At the 6/24/25 board meeting Director Ballard requested policies that help guide Valley Water's overall process to determine rates.
R-25-0008**

Resolution 99-21 (otherwise known as the Water Utility Taxing and Pricing Policy) is the key Board policy document that guides Valley Water's water rate structure. Key provisions of the Pricing Policy include:

1. The general approach is to charge recipients for the benefits received
2. Implementation of the pooling concept, which means that water sources and water facilities contribute common benefit to users within a zone regardless of cost
3. Implementation of the water resources management concept, which means that a key objective of taxing and pricing structures is to achieve effective utilization of water resources
4. Ability to create new zones of benefit or superimpose a new zone over existing zones
5. Ability to implement specific charges for specific benefits
6. Ability to implement incentives/subsidies to optimize available resources
7. The Agricultural Charge is limited to 10% of the M&I charge in a given zone.

A copy of Resolution 99-21 is included in the non-agenda packet for July 11, 2025.

On a related note, on July 13, 2021, the Board approved implementation of a Low-income Residential Water Rate Assistance Program that would provide \$1 million per year in funding, in response to the Board's earlier direction to research potential options in which Valley Water could assist low-income residential households in Santa Clara County negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic with paying their water bill. The proposal included working with a non-profit organization to develop and implement a Low-income Residential Water Rate Assistance Program (WRAP). The WRAP focused on low-income households, with criteria for income eligibility developed by the non-profit organization in consultation with Valley Water. Valley Water partnered with Sacred Heart Community Service (SHCS) to administer the WRAP, which was in place until December 31, 2024, when the contract expired. However, with increasing water rates and continued inflation, there is still a community need for financial assistance to assist residents of Santa Clara County with paying their water bills. Consequently, as part of the Fiscal Year 2026 budget process, the Board approved funding so that Valley Water can continue to administer the WRAP program with approximately \$1 million per year for community relief funding, and up to \$333,333 per year for program development, implementation, and administration costs.

For further information, please contact Darin Taylor at (408) 630-2884.

INCOMING BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board 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-25-0096	07/10/25	07/10/25	All	CLYSTA SENEY	Email from Clysta Seney to the board, dated 07/10/25, expressing concerns about data centers and their impact on water usage and the generation of noise and vibration on the environment.	Refer to Staff	Baker	Struve	07/18/25	-	n/a	07/24/25
C-25-0099	07/15/25	07/15/25	All	KATJA IRVIN Water Committee - Sierra Club, Loma Prieta Chapter	Letter from Katja Irvin, Conservation Chair, Sierra Club Loma Prieta, to the board, dated 07/15/25, providing comments on the draft Water Supply Master Plan (WSMP) 2050.	Refer to Staff	Baker	Struve	07/23/25	-	n/a	07/29/25

From: [Clysta Seney](#)
To: MayorAndCouncil@santaclaraca.gov; [Board of Directors](#); [Office of Supervisor Susan Ellenberg](#)
Subject: Questions on Regional Approach to Data Centers
Date: Thursday, July 10, 2025 2:39:05 PM
Attachments: [478a2040-5d65-11f0-a40e-a1af2950b220.png](#)

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Dear City of Santa Clara Mayor and Council and Valley Water Board Members and Supervisor Ellenberg;

I am concerned about the number of data centers and the cumulative impacts of data center 1) demands on water usage and 2) generation of noise and vibration on the environment.

What is being done to monitor the impacts of this industry from a regional perspective? With the efforts of the federal government to open up cryptocurrency data center demand could increase exponentially. The attached article from the BBC about known issues in America is disturbing.

Is there a think tank or regional governmental group working on this for us? And, what is being done within your jurisdictions?

Thank you,

Clysta Seney



From: [Appraiser Martinez](#)
To: [Board of Directors](#)
Subject: Continuing Trusted Appraisal Services After Stan Tish
Date: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 10:20:50 AM

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Hello,

I hope this message finds you well. I'm Bill Martinez, owner of Martinez & Associates, a real estate appraisal firm I've led since 2005. I worked closely with Stan Tish, MAI, for over a decade on numerous appraisal assignments, and I had deep respect for his integrity and expertise.

Following Stan's passing, I wanted to reach out personally to let you know that I am continuing to provide the same high-quality valuation services our clients have relied on. If you have any current or upcoming appraisal needs, I'd be honored to assist.

Warm regards,
Bill Martinez, ASA
Martinez & Associates
www.Martínezassociates.net
(415) 805-3400

From: [Dashiell Leeds](#)
To: [WSMP 2050](#)
Cc: [Board of Directors](#); [Katja Irvin](#); [James Eggers](#); [Mike Ferreira](#); [Gita Dev](#)
Subject: Re: Sierra Club comments on Draft Water Supply Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 3:21:26 PM
Attachments: [Sierra Club comments on Draft WSMP 2050 .pdf](#)

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Dear Valley Water WSMP Team,

The Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the Draft Water Supply Master Plan (WSMP) 2050. We commend Valley Water staff and the Board of Directors for making many updates that improve upon the WSMP 2040. Still, we see many opportunities to provide additional contextual information. We also have some suggestions for future Monitoring and Assessment Program topics.

Our complete comments on the Draft WSMP are provided in the attached document.

Please contact Katja Irvin (grg.conservation@lomaprieta.sierraclub.org) for clarification regarding these comments.

Sincerely,

Katja Irvin
Conservation Chair, Guadalupe Group
Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter



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SANTA CLARA, SAN MATEO, AND SAN BENITO COUNTIES

July 15, 2025

Draft Water Supply Master Plan (WSMP) 2050 Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter Comments

The Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the Draft Water Supply Master Plan (WSMP) 2050. We commend Valley Water staff and the Board of Directors for making many updates that improve upon the WSMP 2040. Still, we see many opportunities to provide additional contextual information. We also have some suggestions for future Monitoring and Assessment Program topics. Our comments are as follows.

Planning Context for the WSMP 2050

It would be helpful to **add a section to the WSMP to provide context about the relationship between the WSMP and other water supply related plans and regulations**. This could be added to the Introduction.

- Explain the relationship between the WSMP and the Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP), and the associated Drought Response Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan. How will the updated WSMP impact these plans?
- Describe the significance of the upcoming Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan and proposed Voluntary Agreements (alternative implementation pathways) in relation to water supplies delivered by the State Water Project (SWP), Central Valley Project (CVP), and San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC).

Affordability

- The Draft WSMP describes affordability/cost concerns related to potable reuse and water conservation, identifies cost as one of the most important factors when prioritizing portfolios, and focuses on the Lower Cost Strategy. However, the Draft WSMP does not include any policies to address affordability related to high-cost projects and does not include any triggers or indicators (metrics) related to affordability.
- On June 24, 2025 the Valley Water Board of Directors received information on a consultant study regarding Valley Water's Water Use Projections, Water Demand Elasticity, and Customer Affordability Study. The presentation describes upcoming

Affordability Analyses including “Modeling local/statewide affordability metrics – AR20, hours at minimum wage, and lowest quintile income for Santa Clara [C]ounty, by Retailer.” This could be a starting point for metrics in the WSMP.

For these reasons, **we recommend a future Monitoring and Assessment Program (MAP) topic to develop specific affordability policies and metrics** for integration into the Draft WSMP, after the consultant studies are completed.

Water Supply System

- In section 2.2, Local Surface Water, information should be added to explain that Anderson Reservoir and Calero Reservoir can also be used to store imported Delta water from the San Luis Reservoir.
- In section 2.3, Groundwater, the Draft WSMP says “The estimated operational storage capacity of the groundwater subbasins is up to 548,000 AF. Valley Water’s managed recharge capacity is up to approximately 144,000 AFY.” However, there is no explanation of how these two numbers relate to each other, or what it means for water supply. Some explanation should be added to make this information useful in the context of the WSMP.
- In Section 2.4, Imported Water, the Draft WSMP says “... imported water is pumped out of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and brought into the county through the complex infrastructure of the SWP and CVP.” A figure (map) showing this infrastructure should be added to illustrate this complexity. *Figure 2-5 Imported Water Delivery from 2010 to 2024* should also be updated to show years on the x-axis and to add notations for dry and wet years, to make the chart more useful and readable.
- In section 2.7, Water Conservation and Demand Management, there is a discussion about the Water Conservation Strategic Plan which includes a “link” to www.watersavings.org. This link does not work. Typing www.watersavings.org into a browser leads to <https://www.valleywater.org/watersavingsorg>, but there is no information about the Strategic Plan on that webpage. Please provide a working link that links directly to the Strategic Plan.

Water Supply Challenges

- In section 3.2.2, Forecast Development, the Draft WSMP says that Plan Bay Area 2040 projections are used for housing development and CII growth in the model because Plan Bay Area 2050+ blueprint projects are not available at a census tract level. Hopefully this break-down will be provided soon. If the refined projections are made available, **we suggest including a MAP topic to update WSMP demand projections to use the latest regional planning analysis.**

- *Table 3-3. Forecasted Santa Clara County water demands through 2050* shows demand starting at 330,000 AFY in 2030 with conservation. This appears to be unreasonably high given current demand is less than 300,000 AFY and demand has not been at 330,000 AFY since 2014. Figure 3-4 illustrates this well, with the steep demand curve increase between now and 2030. This should be updated to a more reasonable 5-year increase like the increases shown in Table 3-3 (5,000 – 10,000 AFY increases every 5 years). At least **this 30,000 AFY jump in demand between now and 2030 needs to be explained.**
- In section 3.3.3, Regulation, there is a discussion about the Bay-Delta Plan which has been modeled into the water supply needs assessment assuming implementation of voluntary agreements (Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program). **The model needs to be revisited once the Bay-Delta Plan is approved, preferably as a MAP topic** (if the adopted Plan differs from this current assumption).

Water Supply Needs Assessment

- In section 4.3.1, WEAP, it says that WEAP uses the historic hydrologic sequence of 1922 through 2015. It would improve the model to use data through at least 2020. According to section 4.3.2, this is not possible due to missing data from SFPUC. This needs to be addressed or the model will become increasingly out of date. **The model needs to be revisited once the SFPUC data is available, preferably as a MAP topic.**
- In section 4.3.3, Analysis Results, the charts analyzing a 6-year drought are confusing and need to be explained in more detail. It is unclear why the demand lines are different for the two stable demand futures and the two high demand futures. It is also unclear why Delta-conveyed supply goes up and down during the drought. This should be explained.
- In the text explaining *Figure 4-13 Average Shortage During the Six-year Drought*, the Draft WSMP says “The projected shortages represent future water supply needs in the [C]ounty that Valley Water aims to meet to achieve its LOS goal.” We assume the LOS goal is 80% of pre-drought demands, but it would be very helpful to clarify that in relation to this chart. Also, **it is unclear why supply is different between the two moderately impacted imports futures and the two severely impacted imports futures. These differences need to be explained.**
- In section 4.4, Needs for Investment, it is unclear whether the 10% rationing used to evaluate cost of shortage is 10% in addition to the 80% level of service goal, 10% below pre-drought demands, or something else. Please explain the baseline for the 10% rationing.

Project Options

- In section 5.2.5, Delta Conveyance Project, the Draft WSMP says the project “would enhance and/or complement the benefits of other projects that are being considered under the WSMP 2050.” **More information is needed about projects that would benefit and how the DCP would provide that benefit.** This section also notes opposition due to cost and environmental concerns. This is true, but **the main opposition is due to equity concerns related to communities in the Delta.** This needs to be added for full transparency.
- In section 5.2.8, Pacheco Reservoir Expansion, information should be added about the 30% partnership goal and the provision of water for environmental public benefit. **Please discuss the amount of storage that will be dedicated to partners and to fish in Pacheco Creek, and the amount dedicated to Valley Water water supplies.**
- In section 5.3.1, Evaluation Criteria and Process, the evaluation process is not completely explained. **A table should be provided with evaluation of all 14 criteria for each project,** for transparency and completeness. The usefulness of the evaluation is also unclear since there is no ranking of projects for each criterion or in general. **It would be helpful if the WSMP explained how these evaluations will be used.**
- In section 5.4.1, Cost Analysis Methodology, the Draft WSMP says “lifecycle cost includes capital and annual operations and maintenance (O&M) costs over a project’s useful service life with financing.” It does not say that mitigation and monitoring costs are included. **Information about the inclusion or exclusion of mitigation and monitoring costs needs to be added.**

Water Supply Strategies

- In section 6.2.1, Portfolio Evaluation Approach, The Draft WSMP says that second-tier criteria can help to identify backup projects for each major project, but no backup projects are identified in the Plan. It is unclear whether these backup projects will be identified in the future or this information is superfluous. Please add some explanation or remove this if no follow-up is planned.
- *Table 6-2 Portfolio Rate Impacts in North County Zone W-2* includes average monthly impact to a household, but this information is confusing without more explanation. What is being averaged? Is this the average of all households in the County? Also, what does the dollar figure represent? Is this the projected increase to the monthly water bill over the 5-year period? **Please add some explanation to clarify the meaning of average monthly impact.**

Adaptive Management

In section 7.3, Annual Monitoring and Assessment Program, the WSMP says a standard report will be devised to include key elements of the WSMP, including “Any adjustments should be made.” Perhaps the word “that” is just missing, but it would still be unclear. **It would be helpful to clarify what kind of adjustments would be recommended.** Would it just be adjustments to projects and portfolios, or some other aspect of the WSMP?

OUTGOING BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

From: [Candice Kwok-Smith](#) on behalf of [Board Correspondence](#)
To: [Nicholas Ingram](#); [Rachael Gibson](#); [Kristen Yasukawa](#)
Cc: [Board of Directors](#)
Subject: FW: Local Creek Issue
Date: Wednesday, July 9, 2025 1:45:08 PM

Good afternoon,

C-25-0092 is complete.

Thanks,
Candice

From: Candice Kwok-Smith **On Behalf Of** Board of Directors
Sent: Wednesday, July 9, 2025 1:44 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Local Creek Issue

Sent on Behalf of Chair Estremera:

Dear Anya Agarwal,

Thanks for reaching out and sharing your interest in keeping our creeks and waterways clean. Valley Water has several projects, including staff-led efforts and volunteer programs, that address litter in and around our waterways.

Volunteer Programs:

Youth are welcome and encouraged to participate in our volunteer creek cleanup programs, including our year-round Adopt-A-Creek Program and county-wide cleanup days. Registration for cleanup site coordinators is currently open for our upcoming Coastal Cleanup Day event on September 20. We invite you to sign up to lead a site or volunteer for an existing site. For more information, please visit www.cleanacreek.org or email Nicholas Ingram at volunteer@valleywater.org.

For both Adopt-A-Creek and county-wide cleanup days, Valley Water offers support to groups interested in leading cleanups in their community by providing creek cleanup supplies, training, and access permits at no cost to participants. We will even haul away the collected litter after your cleanup. For youth participation, we do require someone 18 years or older to serve as the site coordinator for cleanup events. Adopt-A-Creek applications are accepted year-round. For more information about joining the Adopt-A-Creek Program, please visit <https://www.valleywater.org/adopt-a-creek> or email Nicholas Ingram at volunteer@valleywater.org.

Staff-led Efforts:

In addition to our volunteer programs, staff work year-round to manage more than 300 miles of creeks and waterways owned by Valley Water throughout Santa Clara County. These efforts include graffiti, litter, and encampment-generated trash removal through our Good Neighbor Program. To learn more about the Good Neighbor Program, please visit <https://www.valleywater.org/project-updates/f6-good-neighbor-program-graffiti-and-litter->

[removal-and-public-art](#) and <https://www.valleywater.org/project-updates/good-neighbor-program-valley-water-addressing-encampments-unsheltered-people>.

Access Valley Water:

With more than 300 miles of creeks owned by Valley Water, we can't do it alone! Concerned community members like you can help us year-round by identifying areas of concern using the Access Valley Water (AVW) application to report issues like illegal dumping, hazardous materials along waterways, damaged fences, and more. You can submit an AVW case any time by visiting www.access.valleywater.org.

Thanks again for contacting Valley Water. Please feel free to reach out to our staff directly about specific areas of concern along Los Gatos Creek or the programs listed above. To organize a volunteer cleanup, please contact Nicholas Ingram at (408) 630-2454. For inquiries related to the Good Neighbor Program and staff-led waterway cleanups, please contact Mark Bilski at mbilski@valleywater.org.

Sincerely,



Tony Estremera
Chair, District 6

C-25-0092

From: Anya Agarwal [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 30, 2025 10:00 AM
To: Board of Directors <board@valleywater.org>
Subject: Local Creek Issue

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Hi there,

I hope you are well. I've noticed an issue in creeks in Los Gatos where there is a lot of litter that is polluting the water and I was wondering what is being done to help this issue? Can younger people help with this issue through creek clean ups?

Thanks,

Anya Agarwal

Sent via email

July 15, 2025

Mr. Don Harper
EFUEL Investments San Jose
1346 Taylor Street
San Jose, CA 95133

Re: *Santa Clara Valley Water District v. eFuel Investments*
Santa Clara Superior Court Case No. 23CV416095

Dear Mr. Harper,

Thank you for your correspondence dated June 24, 2025 regarding alleged security issues at 1346 Taylor Street, San Jose, California (Subject Property).

As you know, the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) and eFuel are in active eminent domain litigation regarding the Subject Property. Because the parties in this matter are represented by counsel and the security issues you raised are part of ongoing settlement negotiations, Valley Water's response to the issues raised by you will be communicated in writing by our counsel, Gerald Murphy, to eFuel's counsel, Norm Matteoni by July 15, 2025.

We remain committed to reaching a resolution in this matter.

Sincerely,



Tony Estremera
Chair, District 6

C-25-0090

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