

# CEO BULLETIN



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

## **Weeks of March 7, 2025 – March 20, 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. Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2024-25 Financial Status Update**

Valley Water's second quarter Fiscal Year 2024-25 closed on December 31, 2024. The second 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 December 31, 2024.

The presentation was provided to the Board Audit Committee on February 19, 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.

### **2. Valley Water OES Hosts Santa Clara County Emergency Management Association and the United States Geological Survey – March 14, 2025**

On March 14, 2025, Valley Water hosted the Santa Clara County Emergency Managers Association (SCCEMA) and its guest presenter from the United States Geological Survey (USGS). Annemarie Baltay, PhD, from the USGS Earthquake Science Center at Moffett Field, presented critical insights on earthquake science, hazard assessments, and risk mitigation strategies. The presentation was provided by the SCCEMA during its monthly meeting and was attended by over 50 SCCEMA members. The SCCEMA is a collaborative network of emergency management professionals dedicated to enhancing disaster preparedness, response, and recovery efforts across the region.

Valley Water's Office of Emergency Services (OES) hosted this event in the Emergency Operations Center.

Highlights of the USGS Presentation:

- USGS Earthquake Science Center Mission & Capabilities
- Bay Area Earthquake Risks & Scenarios
- Earthquake Data & Response Tools
- Cape Mendocino M7.0 Earthquake (December 5, 2024) - Response & Lessons Learned

By hosting this presentation in the Valley Water Emergency Operations Center, the OES team helped bring attention to the latest USGS earthquake science and tools, encouraging emergency management professionals to explore how these resources can enhance preparedness and response efforts.

Valley Water is an active member of the SCCEMA and continues to collaborate and coordinate with local emergency managers that support preparedness, response and recovery.

For further information, please contact Alexander Gordon at (408) 630-2637.

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### 3. Valley Water Staff Participate in CSU Courses to Careers in Water Webinar

On February 5, 2025, Valley Water's Next Gen Career Pathways, in collaboration with CUWA, CSU-WATER, and the ACWA Foundation, co-facilitated the *Courses to Careers in Water* webinar. This event brought together representatives from multiple water agencies and higher education institutions to engage students in exploring career pathways in the water industry.

The webinar focused on informing students about career opportunities in water agencies and motivating them to explore internships and long-term roles in the field. The event was well received, with approximately 200 students registering and over 100 in attendance.

Serving as both panel moderators and panel speakers, Next Gen Career Pathways played a key role in guiding discussions and sharing insights into careers in the water sector. The Next Gen Career Pathways Program is committed to increasing awareness of the many career opportunities in the water industry. This webinar was a fantastic opportunity to connect with students, highlight the diverse career paths available, and inspire the next generation of water professionals.

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

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### 4. **Beall**

**Staff to provide a status on actual federal capital reimbursement receipts relative to budget for FY 25, and if not yet received, include any insight as to the likelihood of receiving I-25-0003**

Valley Water budgeted to receive \$20M from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for the Upper Llagas Phase 2B project in Fiscal Year (FY) 25, and has projected to receive \$50M in FY 26 and \$10M in FY 27 for a total of \$80M. Valley Water has not received any reimbursements to date in FY 25 and is currently in discussions with NRCS to clarify eligible costs with the goal of submitting the first reimbursement request later this fiscal year. Any reimbursement revenue not received in FY 25 will carry forward to FY 26. Valley Water is monitoring both near and long-term effects of Trump Administration actions and are working hard to ensure that Valley Water receives all federal funds that have been promised.

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