

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.

### **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.

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

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