

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-**

**APPOINTING THE INTERIM DISTRICT COUNSEL, AN UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE,  
APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY  
WATER DISTRICT AND APPROVING THE COMPENSATION AMOUNT**

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2026 the Board of Directors appointed Linda Mason to serve as the Santa Clara Valley Water District's (Valley Water) Interim District Counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Board establishes the salary and benefits of Board Appointed Officers, and desires to establish the compensation for the Interim District Counsel while she serves in that capacity.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District as follows:

1. Linda Mason is hereby appointed to the position of Interim District Counsel until an incumbent is appointed through a competitive recruitment process;
2. During the period of her services as Interim District Counsel of the Valley Water District, Linda Mason will earn a salary in the amount of \$355,492.80;
3. In addition to the annual salary set forth in paragraph 1, Ms. Mason will receive each of the employee benefits applicable to members of the unclassified service, as set forth in Exhibit A to this resolution.
4. The salaries, wages, compensation, and expenses provided herein shall be in full for all official services performed unless expressly or otherwise provided and shall be paid on the basis of the biweekly pay period plan. Compensation shall be payable on or before the seventh (7th) calendar day after conclusion of each biweekly pay period for services rendered during the preceding biweekly pay period.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Santa Clara Valley Water District by the following vote on June 9, 2026.

AYES: Directors

NOES: Directors

ABSENT: Directors

ABSTAIN: Directors

SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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TONY ESTREMER  
Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST

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CANDICE KWOK-SMITH  
Clerk, Board of Directors

# **EXHIBIT A COVERSHEET**

## **ICMA COD OF ETHICS WITH GUIDELINES AND UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

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## ICMA Code of Ethics with Guidelines

The ICMA Code of Ethics was adopted by the ICMA membership in 1924, and most recently amended by the membership in May 2025. The Guidelines for the Code were adopted by the ICMA Executive Board in 1972, and most recently revised in July 2025.

The mission of ICMA is to advance professional local government through leadership, management, innovation, and ethics. To further this mission, certain principles, as enforced by the Rules of Procedure, shall govern the conduct of every member of ICMA, who shall:

**Tenet 1.** We believe professional management is essential to effective, efficient, equitable, and democratic local government.

**Tenet 2.** Affirm the dignity and worth of local government services and maintain a deep sense of social responsibility as a trusted public servant.

### GUIDELINE

Advice to Officials of Other Local Governments. When members advise and respond to inquiries from elected or appointed officials of other local governments, they should inform the administrators of those communities in order to uphold local government professionalism.

**Tenet 3.** Demonstrate by word and action the highest standards of ethical conduct and integrity in all public, professional, and personal relationships in order that the member may merit the trust and respect of the elected and appointed officials, employees, and the public.

### GUIDELINES

Public Confidence. Members should conduct themselves so as to maintain public confidence in their position and profession, the integrity of their local government, and in their responsibility to uphold the public trust.

Length of Service. For chief administrative/executive officers appointed by a governing body or elected official, a minimum of two years is considered necessary to render a professional service to the local government. In limited circumstances, it may be in the best interests of the local government and the member to separate before serving two years. Some examples include refusal of the appointing authority to honor commitments concerning conditions of employment, a vote of no confidence in the member, or significant personal issues. It is the responsibility of an applicant for a position to understand conditions of employment, including expectations of service. Not understanding the terms of employment prior to accepting does not justify premature separation. For all members a short tenure should be the exception rather than a recurring experience, and members are expected to honor all conditions of employment with the organization.

Appointment Commitment. Members who accept an appointment to a position should report to that position. This does not preclude the possibility of a member considering several offers or seeking several positions at the same time. However, once a member has accepted a formal offer of employment, that commitment is considered binding unless the employer makes fundamental changes in the negotiated terms of employment.

Credentials. A member's resume for employment or application for ICMA's Voluntary Credentialing Program shall completely and accurately reflect the member's education, work experience, and personal history. Omissions and inaccuracies must be avoided.

Professional Respect. Members should demonstrate professional respect for colleagues, including predecessors, successors, and others who might be candidates for the same position. Professional respect does not preclude sharing honest differences of opinion privately between colleagues; it does preclude attacking a person's motives or integrity, undermining them, or actively interfering with their work.

Showing professional respect involves acknowledging power dynamics between different career points and tenures. Undue influence, abuse of power, and intimidation are inappropriate and must be avoided.

A member no longer working in service to a local government should be mindful of professional respect before running for elected office in a jurisdiction where they recently served.

Reporting Ethics Violations. When becoming aware of a possible violation of the ICMA Code of Ethics, members are encouraged to report possible violations to ICMA. In reporting the possible violation, members may choose to go on record as the complainant or report the matter on a confidential basis.

Confidentiality. Members shall not discuss or divulge information with anyone about pending or completed ethics cases, except as specifically authorized by the Rules of Procedure for Enforcement of the Code of Ethics.

Seeking Employment. Members should not seek employment for a position that has an incumbent who has not announced his or her separation or been officially informed by the appointive entity that his or her services are to be terminated. Members should not initiate contact with representatives of the appointive entity. Members contacted by representatives of the appointive entity body regarding prospective interest in the position should decline to have a conversation until the incumbent's separation from employment is publicly known.

Relationships in the Workplace. Members should not engage in an intimate or romantic relationship with any elected official or board appointee, employee they report to, one they appoint and/or supervise, either directly or indirectly, within the organization.

This guideline does not restrict personal friendships, professional mentoring, or social interactions with employees, elected officials and Board appointees.

Influence. Members should conduct their professional and personal affairs in a manner that demonstrates that they cannot be improperly influenced in the performance of their official duties.

Conflicting Roles. Members who serve multiple roles – either within the local government organization or externally – should avoid participating in matters that create either a conflict of interest or the perception of one. They should disclose any potential conflict to the governing body so that it can be managed appropriately.

Conduct Unbecoming. Members should treat people fairly, with dignity and respect and should not engage in, or condone bullying behavior, harassment, sexual harassment, unwelcome contact, advances, or discrimination on the basis of race, religion, national origin, age, disability, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, or veteran status. Members should foster respectful, inclusive environments in all professional and social settings.

**Tenet 4.** Serve the best interests of all community members.

#### GUIDELINES

Effects of Decisions. Members should inform the appropriate elected or appointed official(s) of a decision's anticipated effects on community members.

Promote Equity. Members should ensure fairness and impartiality in accessing programs and services and in the enforcement of laws and regulations. Members should assess and propose solutions to strive to eliminate disparities.

**Tenet 5.** Submit policy proposals to elected officials; provide them with facts, and technical and professional advice about policy options; and collaborate with them in setting goals for the community and organization.

**Tenet 6.** Recognize that elected representatives are accountable to their community for the decisions they make; members are responsible for implementing those decisions.

**Tenet 7.** Refrain from all political activities which undermine public confidence in professional administrators. Refrain from participation in the election of the members of the employing legislative body.

#### GUIDELINES

Elections of the Governing Body. Members should maintain a reputation for serving equally and

impartially all members of the governing body of the local government they serve, regardless of party. To this end, they should not participate in an election campaign on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for the governing body.

Elections of Elected Executives. Members shall not participate in the election campaign of any candidate for mayor or elected county executive.

Running for Office. Members shall not run for elected office or become involved in political activities related to running for elected office, or accept appointment to an elected office. They shall not seek political endorsements, financial contributions or engage in other campaign activities.

Elections. Members share with their fellow citizens the right and responsibility to vote. However, in order not to impair their effectiveness on behalf of the local governments they serve, they shall not participate in political activities to support the candidacy of individuals running for any city, county, special district, school, state or federal offices. Specifically, they shall not endorse candidates, make financial contributions, sign or circulate petitions, or participate in fund-raising activities for individuals seeking or holding elected office.

Elections relating to the Form of Government. Members may assist in preparing and presenting materials that explain the form of government to the public prior to a form of government election. If assistance is required by another community, members may respond.

Presentation of Issues. Members may assist their governing body in the presentation of issues involved in referenda such as bond issues, annexations, and other matters that affect the government entity's operations and/or fiscal capacity.

Personal Advocacy of Issues. Members share with their fellow citizens the right and responsibility to voice their opinion on public issues. Members may advocate for issues of personal interest only when doing so does not conflict with the performance of their official duties.

**Tenet 8.** Continually improve professional capabilities and those of others while fostering growth and development through ethical leadership and effective management practices.

## GUIDELINES

Self-Assessment. Members should evaluate and enhance their professional skills and competencies annually through self-reflection and by proactively soliciting feedback.

Professional Development. Members should stay informed about emerging issues, practices, and challenges, actively engage in development activities year-round, and support others in enhancing their professional and ethical competencies.

**Tenet 9.** Keep the community informed on local government affairs. Encourage and facilitate active engagement and constructive communication between community members and all local government officials.

**GUIDELINE**

Engagement. Members should ensure community members can actively engage with their local government as well as eliminate barriers and support involvement of the community in the governance process.

**Tenet 10.** Oppose efforts to interfere with professional responsibilities by consistently executing official duties, policies, and processes with an unwavering commitment to unbiased public service.

**GUIDELINES**

Information Sharing and Feedback. The member should collaborate with the governing body to establish clear communication protocols for effective, equitable, and transparent information sharing and reciprocal feedback.

Personnel and Operational Matters. The member shall lead personnel and operating decisions consistent with responsibilities established in the charter or enabling legislation without interference from the governing body.

**Tenet 11.** Manage all personnel matters with fairness and impartiality.

**GUIDELINE**

Diversity and Inclusion. It is the member’s responsibility to recruit, hire, promote, retain, train, and support a diverse workforce at all levels of the organization.

**Tenet 12.** Public office is a public trust. A member shall not leverage his or her position for personal gain or benefit.

**GUIDELINES**

Gifts. Members shall not directly or indirectly solicit, accept or receive any gift if it could reasonably be perceived or inferred that the gift was intended to influence them in the performance of their official duties; or if the gift was intended to serve as a reward for any official action on their part.

The term “Gift” includes but is not limited to services, travel, meals, gift cards, tickets, or other entertainment or hospitality. Gifts of money or loans from persons other than the local government jurisdiction pursuant to normal employment practices are not acceptable.

Members should not accept any gift that could undermine public confidence. De minimus gifts may be accepted in circumstances that support the execution of the member’s official duties or serve

a legitimate public purpose. In those cases, the member should determine a modest maximum dollar value based on guidance from the governing body or any applicable state or local law.

The guideline is not intended to apply to normal social practices, not associated with the member's official duties, where gifts are exchanged among friends, associates and relatives.

Investments in Conflict with Official Duties. Members should refrain from any investment activity which would compromise the impartial and objective performance of their duties. Members should not invest or hold any investment, directly or indirectly, in any financial business, commercial, or other private transaction that creates a conflict of interest, in fact or appearance, with their official duties.

In the case of real estate, the use of confidential information and knowledge to further a member's personal interest is not permitted. Purchases and sales which might be interpreted as speculation for quick profit should be avoided (see the guideline on "Confidential Information"). Because personal investments may appear to influence official actions and decisions, or create the appearance of impropriety, members should disclose or dispose of such investments prior to accepting a position in a local government. Should the conflict of interest arise during employment, the member should make full disclosure and/or recuse themselves prior to any official action by the governing body that may affect such investments.

This guideline is not intended to prohibit a member from having or acquiring an interest in or deriving a benefit from any investment when the interest or benefit is due to ownership by the member or the member's family of a de minimus percentage of a corporation traded on a recognized stock exchange even though the corporation or its subsidiaries may do business with the local government.

Personal Relationships. In any instance where there is a conflict of interest, appearance of a conflict of interest, or personal financial gain of a member by virtue of a relationship with any individual, spouse/partner, group, agency, vendor or other entity, the member shall disclose the relationship to the organization. For example, if the member has a relative that works for a developer doing business with the local government, that fact should be disclosed.

Confidential Information. Members shall not disclose to others, or use to advance their personal interest, intellectual property, confidential information, or information that is not yet public knowledge, that has been acquired by them in the course of their official duties.

Information that may be in the public domain or accessible by means of an open records request, is not confidential.

Private Employment. Members should not engage in, solicit, negotiate for, or promise to accept private employment, nor should they render services for private interests or conduct a private

business when such employment, service, or business creates a conflict with or impairs the proper discharge of their official duties.

Teaching, lecturing, writing, or consulting are typical activities that may not involve conflict of interest or impair the proper discharge of their official duties. Prior notification of the appointing authority is appropriate in all cases of outside employment.

Representation. Members should not represent any outside interest before any agency, whether public or private, except with the authorization of or at the direction of the appointing authority they serve.

Endorsements. Members should not endorse commercial products or services by agreeing to use their photograph, endorsement, or quotation in paid or other commercial advertisements, marketing materials, social media, or other documents, whether the member is compensated or not for the member's support. Members may, however, provide verbal professional references as part of the due diligence phase of competitive process or in response to a direct inquiry.

Members may agree to endorse the following, provided they do not receive any compensation:

(1) books or other publications; (2) professional development or educational services provided by nonprofit membership organizations or recognized educational institutions; (3) products and/or services in which the local government has a direct economic interest.

Members' observations, opinions, and analyses of commercial products used or tested by their local governments are appropriate and useful to the profession when included as part of professional articles and reports.

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**VALLEY WATER**  
**Unclassified Employee Benefits**  
*(Effective 01-01-2026)*

BENEFIT	SUMMARY
<b>Vacation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Newly hired employees receive <b>224 hours (28 days/year)</b> of prorated vacation based on the date of hire. The prorated amount is vested immediately for the remainder of the fiscal year and is available for use upon approval of the employee's Appointing Authority. Starting the following fiscal year, vacation shall accrue as set forth below for current employees.</li> <li>Beginning each fiscal year, current employees receive 224 hours (28 days/year) of vacation, which is vested immediately for the entire fiscal year, and may be accumulated up to 4 times entitlement.</li> <li>Employees may elect either a cash pay-off for up to 28 days (224 hours) or have all or a portion of the cash value transferred to the Deferred Compensation Plan once each year. Elections to cash out vacation must be made in the calendar year prior to the cash out.</li> </ul>
<b>Sick Leave</b>	<p>Sick leave is accrued at the rate of 1 day per month (96 hours per year) with unlimited accumulation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upon resignation, with 10 or more years of service with Valley Water, up to 480 hours of accrued sick leave shall be paid at 25% of the equivalent cash value.</li> <li>Upon retirement (filed for CalPERS retirement), regardless of years of service with Valley Water, sick leave may be paid out as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sick leave balance <i>up to</i> 480 hours is paid out at 50% of the equivalent cash value. Any remaining balance above 480 hours may be converted into additional CalPERS service credit. Sick leave hours above 480 will not be paid out.</li> <li>Entire accrued sick leave balance may be converted into additional CalPERS service credit. No sick leave hours will be paid out.</li> <li>Combination of any portion (<i>up to 480 hours</i>) of the sick leave balance is paid out at 50% and any remaining balance may be converted into additional CalPERS service credit. Sick leave hours above 480 will not be paid out.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Upon death, all accrued, unused sick leave will be paid at 100% of the cash value.</li> </ul> <p>Any other payout of accrued sick leave upon separation of employment must be approved by the Chief Executive Officer. Any such approved payout shall not exceed 480 hours of accrued sick leave and shall be at the rate of 25% of the equivalent cash value.</p>
<b>Sick Leave Conservation</b>	<p><u>Sick Leave Conservation Program</u> - Employees with a minimum of one (1) year of service who have used no more than twenty-seven (27) sick leave hours during the preceding twelve (12) month period may convert up to twenty-four (24) hours to cash. Elections to cash out sick leave must be made in the calendar year prior to the cash-out.</p>
<b>Executive Leave &amp; Personal Leave</b>	<p><b>24 hours of executive leave</b> and <b>32 hours of prorated personal leave</b> provided upon hire. Leave may be converted to cash or credited to the deferred compensation plan at any time during the fiscal year. Automatically paid out if no election is made.</p>
<b>Bereavement Leave</b>	<p>5 days of bereavement leave for obligations arising from the death of a family member as defined in the At-Will Policy for Employees in the Unclassified Service. Additional time may be charged to sick leave for a total leave (4 days of bereavement leave plus sick leave) not to exceed 10 consecutive working days.</p>
<b>Parental Leave</b>	<p>Valley Water provides 4 paid days for qualifying parental leave. Thereafter, employees may use sick leave (in addition to current vacation, comp time, and/or personal leave) for all qualifying parental leave. Employees can use this sick leave for bonding (or for the placement of a child with an employee for adoption or foster care). The duration of such parental or bonding leave shall be subject to Valley Water policy.</p>
<b>Reproductive Loss Leave (RLL)</b>	<p>Valley Water provides 4 paid days for qualifying reproductive loss leave. Thereafter, the employee may use 1 additional day from eligible leave banks, or go unpaid, for a qualifying leave up to 5 days. Employees may take their leave consecutively, or intermittently and must use the leave within 3 months of the loss.</p>
<b>Holidays</b>	<p>14 designated days per calendar year.</p>
<b>CalPERS Retirement for Classic Members Hired Prior to 3/19/2012 (Tier 1)</b>	<p>California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) <b>2.5% at 55</b> retirement plan with final compensation of highest 12 consecutive months. The current required employee contribution is <b>8%</b>. Contributions are pre-tax payroll deductions.</p>
<b>CalPERS Retirement for Classic Members Hired On or After 3/19/2012 (Tier 2)</b>	<p>California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) <b>2.0% at 60</b> retirement plan with final compensation of highest 36 consecutive months. The current required employee contribution is <b>0%</b>. Valley Water pays the employee contribution (Employer Paid Member Contributions – EPMC) of 7%.</p>

<p><b>CalPERS Retirement for New Members Hired On or After 1/1/2013 (Tier 3/PEPRA)</b></p>	<p>California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) <b>2.0% at 62</b> retirement plan with final compensation of highest 36 consecutive months. Employees are required to pay 50% of the total normal cost as determined by the annual CalPERS valuation which is subject to change each fiscal year. The current required employee contribution is <b>7.25%</b>. Contributions are pre-tax payroll deductions.</p>
<p><b>Retirement Health Benefits for Employees Hired Prior to 12/30/2006</b></p>	<p>Medical coverage is provided for retired employees with 10 years of continuous service with Valley Water or a combination of prior public agency service (meaning the State of California or any political subdivision thereof, including any city, county, or special district) with a minimum of 5 consecutive years of Valley Water Service.</p> <p>Medical, Dental, and Vision coverage is provided for retired employees and one eligible dependent with 15 or more years of continuous service with Valley Water or a combination of prior public agency service with a minimum of 5 consecutive years of Valley Water Service.</p> <p>Medical, Dental, and Vision coverage is provided for retired employees plus two (2) or more eligible dependents with 25 or more years of continuous service with Valley Water or a combination of prior public agency service with a minimum of 5 consecutive years of Valley Water Service.</p>
<p><b>Retirement Health Benefits for Employees Hired on or after 12/30/2006 and Prior to 3/1/2007</b></p>	<p>Medical coverage is provided for retired employees with 10 years of continuous service with Valley Water or a combination of prior public agency service (meaning the State of California or any political subdivision thereof, including any city, county, or special district) with a minimum of 5 consecutive years of Valley Water Service.</p> <p>Medical, Dental, and Vision coverage is provided for retired employees and one eligible dependent with 15 or more years of continuous service with Valley Water or a combination of prior public agency service with a minimum of 5 consecutive years of Valley Water Service.</p> <p>Medical, Dental, and Vision coverage is provided for retired employees plus two (2) or more eligible dependents with 25 or more years of continuous service with Valley Water or a combination of prior public agency service with a minimum of 5 consecutive years of Valley Water Service.</p> <p>Medical premium cost sharing is required with the same contribution percentage as active employees and based on the medical premium amount applicable to active employees or retirees, whichever is less. Effective April 1, 2024, retirees will pay 0% of the cost of the premium. Valley Water will pay 100% of the cost of the premium.</p>
<p><b>Retirement Health Benefits for Employees Hired On or After 3/1/2007</b></p>	<p>Medical coverage is provided for retired employees with 15 years of continuous service with Valley Water or a combination of prior public agency service (meaning the State of California or any political subdivision thereof, including any city, county, or special district) with a minimum of 5 consecutive years of Valley Water Service.</p> <p>Medical coverage is provided for retired employees and one eligible dependent with 20 or more years of continuous service with Valley Water or a combination of prior public agency service with a minimum of 5 consecutive years of Valley Water Service.</p> <p>Medical premium cost sharing is required with the same contribution percentage as active employees and based on the medical premium amount applicable to active employees or retirees, whichever is less. Effective April 1, 2024, retirees will pay 0% of the cost of the premium. Valley Water will pay 100% of the cost of the premium.</p>
<p><b>Health Insurance</b></p>	<p>Medical, Dental, Vision Care, and EAP benefits are provided by Valley Water with no monthly premium cost to the employee.</p> <p>Medical, Dental, Vision Care, and EAP benefits are provided to all regular employees and their eligible dependents including domestic partners. Domestic partner coverage is taxable income for federal income tax purposes.</p> <p>Valley Water employees may only receive coverage under one plan; either as single coverage or family coverage and either as the primary subscriber or as a dependent under the plan of a spouse or domestic partner who is a regular Valley Water employee. Eligible dependents will only be covered under one employee's medical plan.</p>
<p><b>Disability Insurance</b></p>	<p>Valley Water provides Short Term Disability (STD) equal to 66 2/3% of salary to a maximum weekly benefit of \$3,462 with a 14-day waiting period. STD may transition into Long Term Disability (LTD) after 180 days of disability and then provide 66 2/3% of salary to a maximum monthly benefit of \$15,000.</p>
<p><b>Life Insurance</b></p>	<p>Valley Water provides life insurance benefits equal to employee's annual salary up to a maximum benefit of \$100,000 with a five-year phase out in declining increments of \$10,000 per year starting with \$50,000 coverage upon retirement. The premium attributable to life insurance benefit exceeding \$50,000 is considered "imputed income" and must be reported as taxable earnings on the W-2 statement each year, as required by the IRS.</p>

<b>Life Insurance</b>	Optional supplemental life insurance available in amounts equal to 1, 2, 3, or 4 times annual salary to a maximum benefit of \$750,000 is available at employee cost. Guaranteed issue amount is \$200,000.
<b>Deferred Compensation</b>	Deferred compensation plans are available at the employee's option, with up to <b>\$9,000 in annual matching contributions each calendar</b> year from Valley Water. The match will be deposited into the 401(a) plan.
<b>Flexible Spending Account (FSA)</b>	Health Care Spending Account – Maximum contribution up to \$3,400 for eligible medical, dental, vision and prescription expenses for 2026. The rollover amount from 2026 into 2027 is \$680.  Dependent Adult or Child Daycare – Maximum contribution of \$7,500 per family or \$3,750 if you file taxes "Married Filing Separately" per calendar year.  Commuter Spending Account – Pre-tax deductions are allowed up to the IRS maximum for any public transportation or to pay for qualified vanpools to commute to work.
<b>Employee Assistance Program (EAP)</b>	Valley Water provides an EAP to employees and their eligible dependents that are staffed by licensed credentialed counselors and provides information, referral, and short-term counseling for personal issues affecting work or personal life.
<b>Legal Insurance</b>	Valley Water offers comprehensive legal benefits through Legal Shield which include (but are not limited to): Bullying Protection, Post-Nuptial/DP Agreements, Gender Identifier Change, Elder Law Matter, Civil/Social Discrimination, and Consumer Credit Services.
<b>Accident Insurance</b>	The Standard offers optional coverage that provides cash benefits if you're injured outside of work. Payments can help cover lost income and unexpected medical expenses. The plan pays for a range of injuries and treatments, including chipped teeth, lacerations, and broken bones, helping reduce the financial impact of accidents.
<b>Critical Illness Insurance</b>	The Standard offers optional coverage that provides a lump-sum cash benefit (\$10,000–\$30,000) if you're diagnosed with a covered critical illness, such as cancer, stroke, heart attack, Alzheimer's, or Parkinson's. The benefit can help cover medical costs, caregiving needs, and other expenses, offering financial support during treatment and recovery.
<b>Pet Insurance</b>	Valley Water offers optional pet insurance through MetLife. MetLife Pet can help you be prepared for unexpected vet costs associated with injuries and illnesses and can also cover routine pet care. MetLife is an employee cost direct-bill plan (no paycheck deductions).
<b>Wellness</b>	<b>ValleyWaterWell</b> – Valley Water Wellness program. We offer company-wide challenges, lunchtime seminars, health cooking demos, health stations, and more! <b>Origin Financial Wellness</b> – Valley Water provided financial Wellness tool. Free 1:1 meetings with certified financial planners, free app access with visibility to financial transactions, free basic will preparation, discounted will preparation and more! <b>ClassPass</b> – Fitness & wellness at your fingertips. 13 Valley Water provided credits per month, up to 13 credit rollover. Discounted credit purchases. <b>Personify Health</b> – Valley Water Wellness Platform. Participate in wellness challenges, competitions, and more. Earn up to \$200/annually! <b>LifeBalance</b> – Discounts at thousands of businesses nationwide, including health clubs, fitness studios, online retailers, movie theaters, hotels, and more!
<b>Other</b>	<b>Car Allowance</b> – Board Appointed Officers (BAO) are eligible for a monthly car allowance as follows: CEO & General Counsel = \$600 / Clerk of the Board = \$450. Mileage is paid for out-of-county Valley Water business in addition to a monthly car allowance. <b>Electronic Devices</b> – Valley Water-owned communication devices are provided, including cell phones, pagers, two-way radios, tablets, and computers. A monthly stipend for smartphones is provided. <b>Tuition Assistance Program</b> – Unclassified employees with six (6) or more months of continuous service, up to 100% reimbursement of tuition costs upon satisfactory completion of an approved course to a maximum of \$4,000 per fiscal year.
<b><i>This is a summary of benefits only. Official plan documents/agreements govern how a benefit is determined or administered.</i></b>	