

CEO BULLETIN



To: **Board of Directors**
From: **Norma J. Camacho, CEO**

Chief Executive Officer Bulletin

Week of March 22 - 28, 2019

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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3M™ Inspection & Asset Management Software for Safety Equipment Management

Valley Water recently began utilizing new software, 3M-Inspect. The software is a safety equipment management and inspection system that allows Valley Water to track the issuance of safety gear and the ability to quickly document inspections for a variety of assets, e.g., automatic external defibrillators, fire extinguishers, ladders, and personal fall protection gear.

The program allows Valley Water to use a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) reader device, along with a cell phone application, to scan, record and track issued gear/equipment, record which employees were issued the gear/equipment, record dates and times of inspections, document completed required inspections, and the software notifies staff of upcoming required inspections.

This program will assist Valley Water in their compliance efforts associated with gear/equipment regulatory inspection requirements by maintaining easily retrievable digital records of each inspection. The software is cloud-based for simplified deployment and can be accessed anywhere there is a network connection. To improve flexibility for areas with limited Wi-Fi or cellular data coverage, inspectors can use the mobile application while disconnected and then upload the inspection information once a network connection is established. This software also gives Valley Water the capability to quickly report on data across multiple locations, giving new levels of insight for safety equipment management in multi-site operations.

For further information, please contact Tina Yoke at (408) 630-2385.

Faster Internet for Silicon Valley Advanced Purification Center

Ensuring that Valley Water has the technology to efficiently complete its work is a top priority of the Information Technology Division. The Internet connection at the Silicon Valley Advanced Purification Center is now 10x faster, addressing previous reports of jittery telephone communications, slow video streaming during educational tours, and poor connection to the main campus.

For further information, please contact Tina Yoke at (408) 630-2385.

Water 101 Academy Ambassador Program Recap

The Water 101 Academy Ambassador Program culminated on Tuesday, March 26, 2019, and ambassadors were presented with a Resolution of Appreciation at the Board meeting.

The academy held its final educational session on Saturday, March 23, 2019, which was composed of an all-day bus field trip to various Valley Water facilities and projects. The ambassadors visited San Luis Reservoir to learn about role of imported water as both a State Water Project and Central Valley Water Project Contractor and need to engage with WaterFix and expand nearby Pacheco Reservoir for additional storage and improved reliability of our imported water supplies. The group then headed to Anderson Dam to learn about the Seismic Retrofit Project and Dam Safety program, as well as discussed flood protection work in South County on Upper Llagas Creek. Afterwards, the group was welcomed by Director Santos at the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center where they stopped for a tour and lunchtime presentation of watersheds and fisheries. The rest of the afternoon focused on several key flood protection projects such as San Francisquito Creek, Coyote Creek and downtown Guadalupe River Park flood protection projects.

The intent of the program is to educate and train community leaders on local water issues who would then serve as neighborhood liaisons/leaders in engaging their communities on water issues and sharing information. Ambassadors were encouraged to get involved as volunteers, by attending Valley Water Board meetings, writing letters of support, and/or by serving on a Board committee or commission. Post-event and program survey results are being gathered and compiled to evaluate program effectiveness and to seek input on ways to further engage with the cohort moving forward.

The next application period for the next cohort will open up later this fall for next year's Water 2-2 Academy Ambassador Program.

For further information, please contact Rick Callender at (408) 630-2017.

Tax Defaulted Property Acquisitions Completed in Alviso

Valley Water has been coordinating with the County of Santa Clara and other agencies for final permission (City and State) to acquire two (2) parcels of land along the Guadalupe River area in Alviso through the tax-default process. This land was formerly owned by Blue Whale Sailing School and this additional ownership will provide the necessary right of way for Valley Water's maintenance access road, levee and the public trail. The land transactions are complete and recorded deeds have now been received by Valley Water.

For further information, please contact Ngoc Nguyen at (408) 630-2632.

Update on Public Sale of Excess Valley Water Property Located at 110 Sunset Avenue in San Jose

On February 26, 2019, the Board approved the sale of an excess land parcel with a house at 110 Sunset Avenue in San Jose, California, to the second highest bidder after the first bidder had terminated his contract.

As provided in the Purchase and Sale Agreement, the new potential buyer conducted structural and electrical inspections and determined there would be a significant cost to bring the property up to a desired level. On March 26, 2019, the buyer withdrew and terminated the contract as per the due diligence provision of the contract. The return of the deposit to the potential buyer is being processed.

Valley Water is exploring possible next steps for an upcoming public auction, including the potential costs of demolition first, and then selling it as a bare land piece.

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