



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

Weeks of May 9, 2025 – May 22, 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. Safe, Clean Water Mini-Grant Closeout: San José State University Research Foundation’s Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful BioBlitz and Connection to Nature Project

In Fiscal Year 2020, Valley Water awarded San José State University Research Foundation (Grantee) a \$5,000 Safe, Clean Water Program D3 Mini-Grant for their Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful BioBlitz and Connection to Nature project. The Grantee completed the project on November 8, 2023, and submitted the final invoice items in June 2024, allowing for grant closeout.

The San José State University Research Foundation is a nonprofit organization that assists in externally funded research for faculty to pursue educational and research partnerships. The Grantee collaborated with Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful to host the Project, conduct research analysis, and gather data on measuring participants’ sense of connection to nature. The Grantee used a pre-study and post-event survey to explore the relationship with nature among the 156 event participants who responded to the survey.

Key Outcomes:

- Conducted pre- and post-event surveys of 156 event participants.
 - Results showed that at least 74% of BioBlitz event participants experienced increased connection to nature following event participation.
- Conducted an extensive review of 57 professional literature publications on topics related to the key research question.
- Applied social science statistical analysis techniques to compile and develop a final project report.

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

2. Safe, Clean Water Standard Grant Closeout: Guadalupe River Park Conservancy's Reducing the Impacts of Litter Along the Guadalupe Trail Project

In Fiscal Year 2020, Valley Water awarded Guadalupe River Park Conservancy (Grantee) a \$90,049 Safe, Clean Water Program F9 Standard Grant for their Reducing the Impacts of Litter along the Guadalupe River Trail Project (Project). Grantee completed the Project on September 30, 2023, and submitted the final invoice items on February 16, 2024, allowing for grant closeout.

The Project provided enhanced stewardship over a two-year period along the four-mile segment of the Guadalupe River Trail from Virginia Street to Skyport Drive in downtown San Jose through litter pickup and debris removal, outreach to the unhoused, light landscaping, and community education.

Key Outcomes:

- Organized 45 community volunteer cleanups and removed 362,340 pounds of trash.
- Identified potential pollutant threats to waterways and addressed or reported them.
- Conducted outreach to 756 unhoused individuals living along the Guadalupe River and delivered 617 trash bags for their use.
- Recruited 16 volunteer trail ambassadors to improve public awareness and promote personal stewardship in the unhoused community.

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3. Scheduled Repairs to South Bay Aqueduct (SBA) and Temporary Operational Adjustments, May 19 to May 28, 2025

On May 13, 2025, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) notified Valley Water of a minor leak identified on the South Bay Aqueduct (SBA) pipeline. In response, DWR scheduled repair activities to begin as soon as possible. The dewatering of the SBA pipeline began at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, May 19, 2025. Repair activities are expected to be completed by Wednesday, May 28, 2025.

To support this effort and facilitate the transition of source water for the Penitencia Water Treatment Plant (PWTP) from the SBA to San Luis Reservoir, water treatment operations at PWTP were temporarily suspended from 7:00 a.m. to noon on Monday, May 19, 2025.

During this period all Valley Water East Pipeline turnouts were supplied by the Santa Teresa Water Treatment Plant (STWTP), with the exception of San Jose Water Company's Dutard turnout. Service to this turnout resumed once PWTP was back online following the source change, at approximately noon on the same day.

Throughout the SBA repair period, the primary raw water supply to all three water treatment plants (Santa Teresa, Penitencia and Rinconada) will be provided by the San Luis Reservoir. In preparation for any unforeseen operational emergencies, the joint Valley Water-San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Intertie Facility will be placed on standby to provide emergency supply to the East Pipeline should any operational emergencies occur either at STWTP or raw water source.

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