

CEO BULLETIN



To: Board of Directors
From: Rick L. Callender, CEO

Weeks of November 5 – November 18, 2021

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. 2022 ACEC California Engineering Excellence Merit Award for the Permanente Creek Flood Protection Project – Rancho San Antonio Detention Basin

Permanente Creek Flood Protection Project – Rancho San Antonio Detention Basin has been awarded the 2022 American Council of Engineering Companies of California (ACEC) Engineering Excellence Merit Award. The American Council of Engineering Companies of California (ACEC) is a 60 plus year-old, statewide nonprofit association of private consulting engineering and land surveying firms.

The ACEC recognized the Rancho San Antonio Detention Basin as a public works project that demonstrates excellence in its planning, design and construction, and coordinated effort between various stakeholders to complete the project. Those named in the award are Valley Water, Granite Construction, and Mott MacDonald. The 2022 ACEC California Engineering Excellence Awards celebration will be held on February 3, 2022 at a virtual event.

ACEC California's annual Engineering Excellence Awards competition recognizes outstanding achievements in engineering and land surveying projects completed by California firms. Entries are accepted into one of 12 project categories: studies, research and consulting engineering services; building/technology systems; structural systems; surveying and mapping technology; environmental; waste and storm water; water resources; transportation; special projects; small projects; energy; and industrial and manufacturing processes and facilities.

For further information, please contact Rechelle Blank at (408) 630-2615.

2. Safe, Clean Water Grant Closeout: Grassroots Ecology's Young Watershed Stewards Project

In Fiscal Year 2019, Valley Water awarded Grassroots Ecology (Grantee) a \$44,301 Safe, Clean Water Program B7 Volunteer Cleanup Efforts and Education Grant for their Young Watershed Stewards Project (Project). The Grantee completed the Project in July 2021, and submitted the final invoice items in October 2021, allowing for grant closeout.

The Grantee facilitates the Youth Stewards, an environmental stewardship program that engages students in a variety of habitat restoration projects, including invasive plant removal, native planting, and oak tree monitoring along the McClellan Ranch Reserve and Arastradero Reserve. With Valley Water grant funding, the Grantee expanded their Youth Stewards program to emphasize watershed stewardship and community engagement in the Matadero Creek Watershed, San Francisquito Creek Watershed, and Stevens Creek Watershed. The Project activities engaged students in stewardship of local creeks such as water quality testing, riparian planting, trash removal, and education on pollution in waterways. The Project also included an outreach component where students and staff educated the broader community about the link between the ecosystem and watershed health.

Key Outcomes:

- Engaged 196 youth stewards in a total of 104 sessions.
- Installed approximately 500 container plants and willow stakes.
- Engaged approximately 102 community members in steward-led activities and generated over 900 views on steward-created educational videos and webpages.
- Collected approximately 200 pounds of trash from three trash cleanup events at the San Francisquito Creek.

For more information, please contact Marta Lugo at (408) 630-2237.

3. Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center (SVAWPC) Shut Down

On December 1, 2021, the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center (SVAWPC) will be shut down for two (2) weeks for maintenance activities. During this shutdown, Valley Water will perform a Micro Filtration system valve replacement, Reverse Osmosis system Clean-In-Place tank rehabilitation, Ultraviolet (UV) system UV lamp bulb replacement, fiberglass piping repair, and electrical systems inspection and maintenance.

Annual maintenance activities that require plant shutdowns are planned to occur in December 2021 when the recycled water demand is normally low. During the shutdown, South Bay Water Recycling customers might notice a slight change in the water characteristics due to no blending from our product water.

For further information, please contact Sam Bogale at (408) 630-3505.
