



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

Weeks of February 6, 2026 – February 19, 2026

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. Leak Detection and Repair Certificate Training Phase 3

On November 4, 2025, Valley Water hosted one of California's first in-person Leak Repair Elite trainings for plumbing professionals, marking the completion of Phase 3 of a multi-phase effort developed in collaboration with the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA), the California Water Efficiency Partnership (CalWEP), and the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO). The training consisted of a single 8.5-hour session delivered by IAPMO and attended by 21 local plumbers.

Participants who completed the course received a certificate and were offered the opportunity to take an exam qualifying them for inclusion in the Leak Repair Elite Directory hosted by IAPMO at <https://iapmo.org/training-education/calwep-contractors-directory>. Water retailers can use this directory to refer customers to trained professionals when leaks are identified, helping expedite repairs and reduce water loss. Fourteen participants elected to take the exam, and all passed, expanding the pool of certified leak repair professionals available for customers. This effort supports the Water Supply Master Plan 2040 "No Regrets" package, which identified a suite of water conservation and stormwater projects, including a proposed customer leak repair incentive program. Such a program would require a trained workforce—an identified gap that this pilot sought to address.

Thanks to Valley Water's leadership in water conservation, the Leak Repair Elite pilot is part of a broader regional collaboration to expand the customer-side leak detection and repair workforce. Participating partners include BAWSCA, East Bay Municipal Utility District, Moulton Niguel Water District, and Irvine Ranch Water District. BAWSCA will host their Leak Repair Elite training in early 2026, further expanding the regional directory of certified leak repair professionals.

For further information, please contact Kirsten Struve at (408) 630-3138.

2. Water Management Agreements Executed in January

Pursuant to EL-5.5.5, the CEO is required to inform the Board on a timely basis when imported water management agreements are executed. One imported water management agreement was executed in January 2026:

- January 27, 2026 - Water Transfer Agreement (#A5564W) for Valley Water to participate in San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority's pooled Exchange Contractor 2026-2038 Transfers Activity Agreement.

For further information, please contact Vincent Gin at (408) 630-2633.
