

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** BPMC

**SUBJECT:** Board Policy and Monitoring Committee (BPMC)  
Dec. 6, 2024 Meeting Summary

**DATE:** January 14, 2025

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This memorandum summarizes discussion and action from the meeting of the Board Policy and Monitoring Committee (BPMC) held on Friday, December 6, 2024.

**Discuss San Francisquito Creek Flood Protection Project (Project) and Issues Related to Santa Clara Valley Water District's Participation in the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority (SFCJPA) and Provide Feedback.**

Erin Baker, Capital Engineering Manager, Design and Construction Unit 6, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo and in the attachment and was available to answer questions.

Discussion ensued relating to Valley Water's commitment to the Safe Clean Water Program, how Valley Water's role has changed in the project, the absence of audits at the SFCJPA, the funding and timing issues for the project to move forward, and an election for public financing for the project.

The Committee made a recommendation to the Board to direct staff to initiate discussion with executive staff of the 5 partnering agencies to develop guiding principles for project implementation including construction and ongoing maintenance.

**Review Proposed Changes to Board Governance Policies - Executive Limitations (EL) 6 - Asset Management and Related Board Appointed Officer (BAO) Interpretations.**

**Recommendation:**

**A. Review and provide input on the proposed changes to Board Governance Policies, Executive Limitations (EL) 6 – Asset Management and related BAO Interpretations; and**

**B. Recommend that the revisions be presented to the full Board for approval.**

Rita Chan, Assistant Chief Executive Officer, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo and in the attachment and was available to answer questions.

Discussion ensued relating to the following:

- Item 6.4: add a reference relating to reinforcing the importance of maintaining the existing infrastructure in working conditions.
- Item 6.2: emphasize the idea of Valley Water being the leader of scientific water data.
- Items 6.7.1.3 and 6.7.1.4: timing and possible frequency reduction of property acquisition reports less than \$50,000 to the Board.
- Item 6.7.1: clarify "Board-approved project".

On a motion by Vice Chairperson Estremera, seconded by Director Varela, and unanimously approved, the discussed revisions will be incorporated and presented to the full Board for approval.

**Receive an Update on Valley Water's Recruitment Programs Geared Toward Expanding Our Applicant Pools, Including the Fair Chance and Disabled Hiring Programs as Well As Our Veterans' Hiring Initiatives.**

Sasa Sato, Acting Program Administrator, Talent Acquisition and Career Pathways, and Laurel Hanchett, Management Analysts II, Talent Acquisition and Career Pathways, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo and in the attachment and were available to answer questions.

The Committee received the information, provided positive feedback, and took no formal action.

**Discuss Board Policy and Monitoring Committee (BPMC) Work Plan and Agenda Items.**

The Committee reviewed Work Plan items and timeline, received the information, and took no formal action.

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Board member comments and suggestions can be forwarded to Stephanie Simunic, Assistant Deputy Clerk II at (408) 630-2408 or by email to [ssimunic@valleywater.org](mailto:ssimunic@valleywater.org).