

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

Weeks of July 18, 2025 – August 7, 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: STEMBoost Corporation’s Safe and Clean Water Starts from Children

In Fiscal Year 2024, Valley Water awarded STEMBoost Corporation (Grantee) a \$5,000 Safe, Clean Water Program F9 Mini-Grant for their Safe and Clean Water Starts from Children (Project). The Grantee completed the Project on September 14, 2024, and submitted the final invoice items in March 2025, allowing for grant closeout.

STEMBoost Corporation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education through hands-on, engaging programs that inspire students to connect classroom learning with real-world applications. With support from the mini-grant, the Grantee implemented five educational classes at Lincoln Elementary School in Cupertino. The classes involved interactive sessions focused on pollution prevention, water properties, the importance of water, water pollution, human impacts, and water conservation. Students were also able to take home water-conservation tools to apply water-saving techniques at home, including low-flow showerheads, yard water gauges, timers, and reusable water bottles.

Key Outcomes:

- Taught 238 students in grades 3 through 10 about water science and conservation.
- Distributed four take-home conservation kits per student to encourage at-home water-saving habits.

- Achieved 90% positive feedback from students and parent surveys on knowledge gained and behavior changes.
- Engaged students in two hands-on projects focused on water conservation and pollution prevention.

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

2. Safe, Clean Water Refill Station Closeout: Oak Grove School District's Del Roble Elementary School Project

In Fiscal Year 2025, Valley Water awarded Oak Grove School District (Grantee) a \$5,000 Safe, Clean Water Program F9 Refill Station Grant for its Valley Water Refill Station Project (Project) at Del Roble Elementary School. The Grantee completed the Project and submitted the final invoice items on May 5, 2025, allowing for grant closeout.

At Del Roble Elementary School, Girl Scouts from Troop 60174 led the effort to replace an outdated fountain outside a classroom area with a refill station. The initiative was part of the troop's "Wonders of Water" take-action project to replace old water fountains in the school district with the grant and support environmental learning on campus. The new station enhances water access for over 400 students, 80% of whom are Hispanic/Latino and 30% are English learners.

Key Outcomes:

- Replaced an outdated fountain with a multi-height refill station.
- Improved hydration access for over 400 students at a bilingual dual immersion school.
- Empowered second and third-grade Girl Scouts to lead a successful environmental-focused project.

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3. Safe, Clean Water Refill Station Closeout: Walden West Outdoor School Foundation's Valley Water Refill Station

In Fiscal Year 2025, Valley Water awarded Walden West Outdoor School Foundation (Grantee) a \$5,000 Safe, Clean Water Program F9 Refill Station Grant for its Valley Water Refill Station Project (Project) located outside the rear entrance of the main lodge. The Grantee completed the Project and submitted the final invoice items on April 20, 2025, allowing for grant closeout.

Walden West Outdoor School Foundation supports environmental science and summer camp programs at Walden West in Saratoga, which is operated by the Santa Clara County Office of Education. The new refill station was installed in a high-traffic area near the cafeteria, where it is easily accessible for students and visitors. The station helps reinforce Walden West's water conservation curriculum and supports student health during outdoor activities.

Key Outcomes:

- Supports the hydration of over 7,000 kindergarten through twelfth-grade students annually.
- Reduced reliance on single-use plastics while reinforcing water conservation lessons for students from over 100 different public schools in Santa Clara County that attend Walden West.

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4. Valley Water's pre-construction meeting on the Stevens Creek Evelyn Avenue Fish Passage Improvement Project

On July 16, 2025, Valley Water held a public meeting to present and gather feedback on the Stevens Creek Evelyn Avenue Fish Passage Improvement Project. The hybrid event was held at Mountain View City Hall and was offered through Zoom. The meeting attracted a total of 15 public participants, with 10 people joining virtually including Valley Water Board Chair Tony Estremera and Vice Chair Richard Santos. There were five people who attended in person, including Valley Water Director Rebecca Eisenberg and Mountain View Mayor Ellen Kamei.

The presentation covered a project overview, project elements and anticipated public impacts during construction and was followed by a Question-and-Answer session, where staff engaged with community members.

A link to the recording of the public meeting is available on the project website and Valley Water's YouTube channel.

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