

CEO BULLETIN



To: Board of Directors
From: Norma J. Camacho, CEO

Chief Executive Officer Bulletin Week of June 14 – June 20, 2019

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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Emergency Services and Security Monthly "Do 1 Thing" Personal Preparedness Communications

Valley Water has implemented a 12-month personal preparedness effort to assist Valley Water staff in preparing their homes for emergencies. "Do 1 Thing" is a monthly communication that will be shared via aqua.gov and News You Can Use (NYCU). "Do 1 Thing in June" is currently posted on Valley Water's intranet site and was circulated by NYCU last week. Each month will be a different topic that will help you build your home emergency plans and take care of your family. Emergency planning can be a daunting task overall. The purpose here is to focus on one area per month, throughout the year, in order to build emergency plans that can truly be useful when the time comes

to utilize them. Each month's communication will not only include great planning tips, but will also include links to other resources for more comprehensive guidance. It's very important that Valley Water staff plan for emergencies at home, and "Do 1 Thing" can assist all of us in these planning efforts.

For further information, please contact Tina Yoke at (408) 630-2385.

Negotiations on a Key Agreement with Department of Water Resources for Delta Conveyance

Valley Water anticipates that during the week of June 24, 2019, or the week following, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) will issue notification of the start of public negotiations with State Water Project Contractors (SWCs) to amend the longstanding agreement between DWR and the SWCs for their cost responsibility and allocation of benefits from the State Water Project. The planned amendment will be focused on incorporating cost responsibility and of the future Delta Conveyance project and the allocation of benefits of the project among the SWCs. The negotiations are intended to produce, at this stage, no more than an Agreement in Principle, which will recognize that the specifics of a Delta Conveyance project will be defined and evaluated in a forthcoming California Environmental Quality Act process. The negotiations will be open to the public, hence the need for DWR's notification. Valley Water will be involved in these negotiations.

For further information, please contact Nina Hawk at (408) 630-2736.

Stream Maintenance Program (SMP) 2019: County-Wide Mailer

Valley Water is preparing to mail the 2019 Stream Maintenance Program (SMP) brochure. This brochure outlines the program and the various types of maintenance work done annually by Valley Water. Work occurs between mid-June through October along streams throughout Santa Clara County.

The mailer will be delivered to more than 40,000 addresses near SMP project sites, as well as identified stakeholders, such as trail groups and appropriate public works departments. Valley Water will also post NextDoor messages from each director to neighborhood pages near anticipated work sites. These posts will summarize the SMP and encourage residents to read their mailed brochure or download a copy from the SMP web page on ValleyWater.org. The NextDoor messages will post during the week of June 17, 2019.

Periodic project status updates will be posted to the Valley Water website as they are provided. Individualized outreach (e.g. NextDoor posts and mailers) for certain SMP projects has begun and will continue through October 2019. Valley Water is also reviewing the mailer and SMP efforts to determine if Community Rating System (CRS) points can be achieved.

For more information, please contact Rick Callender at (408) 630-2017.

Valley Water Participates in Gilroy Unified - Morgan Hill Unified 2019 Summer Science Symposium

On June 11, 2019, Valley Water participated in leading workshops for the 2019 Summer Science Symposium, an educator professional development training hosted by Gilroy Unified School

District (GUSD), and Morgan Hill Unified School District (MHUSD). The goal of the training was to build capacity among Santa Clara County science teachers to increase student achievement in science. Valley Water led two workshops that focused on watershed awareness and environmental stewardship. The two workshops, “Sum of Its Parts,” and, “Watershed Maps,” involve hands-on activities that develop an understanding of human impact as well as point and non-point source pollution with a focus on Santa Clara County waterways. Stewardship and best management practices were also discussed.

This professional development opportunity was open to all elementary school and high school teachers and administrators in GUSD and MHUSD and there were over 90 attendees. The event provided an in-depth explanation of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) that emphasize the importance of hands-on learning to develop a deep understanding of science concepts, scientific thinking and creative problem-solving. The event featured presenters from Valley Water, The Tech Museum of Innovation, Project Learning Tree, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Monterey Bay Aquarium, and the Santa Clara County Office of Education.

For further information, please contact Rick Callender at (408) 630-2017.

Valley Water Staff Presentations at American Water Works Association (AWWA) 2019 Annual Conference

The American Water Works Association (AWWA) held its annual conference last week in Denver, CO. On Tuesday, June 11, 2019, Valley Water presented at two of the professional program sessions titled “Innovation with Pipeline Assessments” and “Implementing Sustainable Energy Solutions for Water Utilities.” On Wednesday, June 12, 2019, a Valley Water staff member moderated the professional program session titled, “Intelligent Technology Improves Utility Operations.”

Valley Water presented “Managing a Large Diameter Pipeline Inspection and Rehabilitation Project Before and After an Emergency Proclamation.” The presentation described Valley Water's large diameter pipeline maintenance and management strategy and used the Almaden Valley Pipeline Inspection and Rehabilitation Project as a case study. The emergency actions that Valley Water performed in 2017-2018 were briefly described as well as the overall scope of the project before and after the emergency proclamation. The presentation was very well received by the audience and many focused questions were asked until the moderator had to interrupt to clear out the room.

Valley Water also presented “Santa Clara Valley Sustainable Energy Management Approaches.” The presentation showcased Valley Water's energy management approaches that includes energy supply and demand management strategies that enabled Valley Water to reduce its greenhouse gas emission in a cost effective approach. The audience was very interested in the presentation material and asked many detailed questions about the Board's policy of achieving carbon neutrality by 2020, a solar power purchase agreement, and energy optimization activities.

Additionally, Valley Water moderated the “Intelligent Technology Improves Utility Operations.” The sessions consists of case studies of water utility operations optimizing water quantity, water quality, equipment efficiency, and energy use by using predictive tools and algorithms.

The American Water Works Association (AWWA) is an international, nonprofit, scientific, and educational society dedicated to providing total water solutions ensuring the effective management

of water. Founded in 1881, AWWA is the largest organization of water supply professionals in the world.

For further information, please contact Kurt Arends at (408) 630-2284.

Kremen

Policy Regarding County-Based Unionized Printers
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There are no existing policies about using County-based or union printers for outsourced printing work. The majority of printing is performed by in-house Valley Water employees covered by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. In the instance where outsourcing is required, bids are obtained. The primary 3 (three) vendors that have traditionally been awarded outsourced work are all based in the County. None are listed under the mostly recently published Teamsters 853 printing list as union.

For further information, please contact Tina Yoke at (408) 630-2385.

Kremen

Staff to Provide Director Kremen with a Copy of the Vulnerability Report on the Vasona Pump Station, Los Gatos Facility
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The requested report has been submitted in hardcopy.

A vulnerability assessment for the Vasona Meter Testing Facility was conducted in 2017, with the final report dated July 2017. The assessment was conducted by Valley Water. Valley Water's internal knowledge in assessing private, government, and Department of Defense critical infrastructure throughout the United States demonstrates Valley Water's capability to perform these types of assessments.

For further information, please contact Alexander Gordon (408) 630-2637.
