

CEO BULLETIN



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

Weeks of December 9 – December 22, 2022

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. Delta Conveyance Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement Now Available

On December 19, 2022, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Delta Conveyance Project (DCP). The USACE is the federal lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the DCP. The DEIS is available on the USACE website and electronically on disc at local libraries throughout the Delta. Written public comments must be submitted on or before February 14, 2023. The USACE is also holding three virtual public meetings to receive oral comments on January 10, January 12, and January 18, 2023. Valley Water is reviewing the DEIS and will provide comments if warranted.

For more information or to download a copy of the DEIS, visit:
<https://www.spk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Delta-Conveyance/>.

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

2. Safe, Clean Water Mini-Grant Closeout: Ani & Cat, LLC's FY 2021 A2 Water Conservation in Our Neighborhoods Project

In Fiscal Year 2021, Valley Water awarded Ani & Cat, LLC (Grantee) a \$5,000 Safe, Clean Water Program A2 Mini-Grant for their Water Conservation in Our Neighborhoods Project (Project). The Grantee completed the Project on August 31, 2022 and submitted the final invoice items on October 12, 2022, allowing for grant closeout.

The Grantee is a San Jose-based digital media company that creates video reels, motion graphics, animations, and b-roll for clients and targeted audiences. The Grantee utilized funding to produce two educational videos on water conservation for elementary through high school students within Santa Clara County. The first video, Water Conservation in Our Neighborhoods, includes tips on reducing water waste by making small changes to our everyday routine. The second video, Drip and Drop Save Water, is an informative, animated video that focuses on the storytelling of two water droplets taking steps to conserve water.

The Grantee created and shared an electronic educational toolkit, which included the two water conversation videos, digital stickers, social media trivia graphics, and worksheets. The electronic educational toolkit was shared through the Grantee's social media platforms (Twitter, Facebook, Reddit and Vimeo) and encouraged teachers to utilize the educational kits in their classrooms. In addition, the Grantee requested for the educational toolkit to be promoted on newsletters and social media platforms by the County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors, and the mayors and councilmembers of San Jose, Campbell, Santa Clara and Palo Alto. The Grantee distributed a limited number of hard copy educational toolkits to Cupertino Union School District students.

Key Outcomes:

- Two Water Conservation Videos:
 - "Drip and Drop Save Water" for elementary school students (<https://vimeo.com/738071247>).
 - "Water Conservation in Our Neighborhoods" for middle and high school students (<https://vimeo.com/738070791>).
- Created an educational tool kit:
 - Two water conversation videos, eight shareable water conservation trivia assets and three digital stickers for social media use
 - Four educational worksheets
- Distributed 36 digital educational tool kits to the County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors, and the mayors and councilmembers of San Jose, Campbell, Santa Clara and Palo Alto.
- Distributed a limited number of hard copy educational toolkits to 60 Cupertino Union School District students.

For further information, please contact Donald Rocha at (408) 630-2338.

3. Valley Water and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers public meeting for the Upper Guadalupe River Flood Protection Project

On December 8, 2022, Valley Water and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) held a public meeting to present the recommended plan of flood protection work along the Upper Guadalupe River.

Valley Water and the USACE utilized a hybrid model, holding the meeting in-person at the Carpenter's Local 405 Hall in San Jose and through Zoom. Fourteen community members participated, with six attending virtually, including Olivia Rodriguez from Congressman Ro Khanna's office and Celeste Walker from Assemblymember Ash Kalra's office.

Valley Water Board of Directors Tony Estremera and Barbara Keegan provided opening remarks. Director Jim Beall also participated in the in-person meeting and was acknowledged by staff before the project presentation began. USACE shared that the project is currently in the study stage and highlighted that the project's public comment period on the draft document will conclude on December 16, 2022.

USACE and Valley Water have completed three reaches as of January 2022 that included Reaches 6, 10B and 12 and are now beginning to develop plans for Reaches 7 and 8.

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

For further information, please contact Donald Rocha at (408) 630-2338.

4. Hsueh Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project Work Study Session Update R-22-0011

Valley Water's Water Supply Division is working with the Pacheco Project Delivery Unit to provide a Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project Status Update at the January 10, 2022 Board Work Study session that will outline the expanded Pacheco Reservoir's potential role in Valley Water's Water Supply Master Plan and water supply distribution system. An updated PowerPoint presentation will be posted via supplemental Board Agenda Memorandum on January 6, 2023.

For further information, please contact Christopher Hakes at (408) 630-3796.

5. Beall & Eisenberg Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project Information 1-22-0006

During a briefing on December 9, 2022, Valley Water Directors Beall and Eisenberg requested the following information regarding the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project:

1. Information about when the Pacheco Project planning/design started (Beall):

Valley Water began studying Pacheco Reservoir expansion in 1991 to more efficiently use both contracted and supplemental imported water supplies and to provide increased reliability during dry water years. The Reconnaissance Level Evaluation of Alternative Dam and Reservoir Sites (Wahler Associates 1993) evaluated 13 potential reservoir sites in Santa Clara County and developed four potential alternatives for an expanded reservoir on North Fork Pacheco Creek, near the existing North Fork Dam. Preliminary layouts were developed for these four alternatives and site evaluations were conducted to characterize environmental and land-use issues, seismicity, geology, potential for construction materials, site limitations, and preliminary Project costs. The evaluation concluded

that further detailed environmental analyses and feasibility-level investigations were required to select a specific reservoir site.

Proposition 1, passed by California voters in 2014, dedicated \$2.7 billion for investments in water storage projects in California. The California Water Commission (CWC) administers the WSIP to fund the public benefits (e.g., emergency response, ecosystem enhancement, flood control, water quality) associated with water storage projects. In consideration of the WSIP funding process, Valley Water developed a proposal for a multi-purpose/multi-objective expansion of Pacheco Reservoir and in August 2017 submitted a WSIP application to the CWC for the Project (Valley Water 2017). SBCWD and Pacheco Pass Water District (PPWD) joined Valley Water as key project partners for the WSIP application. In July 2018, the CWC approved the maximum conditional funding amount for the expansion of Pacheco Reservoir, which considered the Project's ability to provide ecosystem improvements (habitat improvements in Pacheco Creek for SCCC steelhead and increased refuge water supplies) and emergency response public benefits. As a result, that same month Valley Water incorporated the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project into our 5-year rolling Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) as a Capital Project and began an accelerated combined, planning, design and environmental process.

2. How many staff are currently working on the Pacheco project (Beall/ Eisenberg):

There are currently six Valley Water staff working full time on the project who are also supported by two external consultant teams (a project management consultant and a planning, design, and environmental consultant) with agreements totaling approximately \$125 million.

3. A breakdown of the historical costs and future expenditures planned for Pacheco by major cost category (e.g. labor, consulting services, legal, etc.) (Beall/ Eisenberg):

Total expenditures currently included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-27 Five-Year CIP is \$2.206B (uninflated), broken down as follows:

- Actual Expenditures through FY22 Total \$54.3M:
Labor \$10M, Consultants \$41M, License & Permits \$1.9M, Legal \$698K, Misc. \$747K
- Future Expenditures (FY2023-35) Total \$2,152M:
Labor \$48M, Consultants \$279M, License & Permits \$7M, Legal \$1M, Misc. \$1.8M, construction \$1,814.7M

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