

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

## Chief Executive Officer Bulletin Week of May 25 - 31, 2018

### 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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### Judge invite for FIRST Lego League Global Innovation Expo

The district has been invited to serve as an honorary judge at the Global Innovation Expo in the final round of the For Inspiration & Recognition of Science & Technology (FIRST) Lego League competition. The Global Innovation Expo takes place over three (3) days, from June 19-21, 2018 at San Jose State University's (SJSU) Student Union.

The Education Outreach team in the Office of Civic Engagement has been actively involved with 127 local FIRST Lego League teams over the past year, providing support as they studied hydrodynamics, the theme for this year. Due to this involvement, the Office of Civic Engagement has been invited to be one of the judges on the panel for the Global Innovation Award. This award is the final level of competition for these teams. The Office of Civic Engagement sent a request to the board to serve on the judging panels on May 16, 2018.

The details of the training and time commitments for being the judge on panel are as follows:

June 19, 2018: Judge training at SJSU location from 3 p.m.-5 p.m.; Judge Welcome dinner from 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

June 20, 2018: Judging at SJSU location from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

June 21, 2018: Complete any scoring still needed at SJSU location from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.; arrive at 4 p.m. to California Theatre for medaling; Closing ceremony is at 5:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.; VIP Reception (optional) starts at 6:30 p.m.

Should the Directors not be able to attend, the plan is to have a staffer in the Office of Civic Engagement attend and serve as a judge. In addition, a separate request is being made of the Directors to attend the award/closing ceremony on June 21, 2018, at 5:30 p.m.

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

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### **Tax Defaulted Property Acquisitions Underway in Alviso**

The district has been working with the County of Santa Clara to acquire two (2) parcels of property adjacent to current lands of Santa Clara Valley Water District, along the Guadalupe River area in Alviso. These lands are subject to the power of sale by the Department of Tax and Collections for non-payment of taxes. These properties were formerly owned by the Blue Whale Sailing School. The district will pay all defaulted taxes, assessments and associated fees to obtain full fee ownership of the properties. This extra stretch of ownership will provide the necessary right of way for the district's maintenance access road, levee and the public trail. Due to the extensive processing required, the final documents need to be approved by the board, San Jose City Council, County Board of Supervisors and the State Controller's Office. We anticipate bringing this before the board for approval in July 2018, to meet the current timelines with the other agencies.

For further information, please contact Ngoc Nguyen at (408) 630-2632.

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### **Cost Sharing Agreement with the City of San Jose for Water Conservation Programs**

Staff would like to inform the board of a retroactive start date for a Cost Sharing Agreement (Agreement) with the City of San Jose for Water Conservation Programs. This is informational only; no specific action is needed by the board.

The district has been working with the City of San Jose on this Agreement since September 2017, and it includes three (3) water conservation programs: the Landscape Rebate Program, the Graywater Rebate Program, and the Home Water Use Reports Program. While the district administers the Landscape Rebate and Graywater Rebate Programs, the City of San Jose administers the Home Water Use Reports Program, utilizing the assistance of an outside contractor, who sends out the reports.

Due to issues between the City of San Jose and their Home Water Use Reports Program contractor, their contract to administer this program was not finalized until March 2018, therefore, holding up the process of finalizing the Agreement with the district. The City of San Jose has requested the Agreement have a start date of January 1, 2018, in order to be reimbursed for all work related to their Home Water Use Reports Program.

For further information, please contact Garth Hall at (408) 630-2750.

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## 27th Annual Coastal Cleanup Day - Saturday, May 19, 2018

In support of the 27th National River Cleanup Day (NRCD), the district, in partnership with the Creek Connections Action Group (CCAG), coordinated another successful cleanup event in Santa Clara County on May 19, 2018. From Palo Alto to Gilroy, 44 sites participated in this year's NRCD. A total of 1,354 volunteers cleaned 65 miles of creek and shoreline, removing approximately 47,353 pounds of trash, which included 2,085 pounds of recyclables. The district broke last year's records in volunteer turnout, trash collected, and miles cleaned.

This year the district had great participation, including three (3) directors attending cleanup sites in their respective districts (Chair Richard Santos and Directors Barbara Keegan and Nai Hsueh). District employees also attended a cleanup site in Milpitas on Tularcitos Creek. Other organizations that participated included PG&E, Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, San José Fairmont, various Boy/Girl, and Cub Scout troops, Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful, South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition, Santa Clara County Creeks Coalition, Forest Hill Elementary, Blackford Elementary School, The Rotary Club of San Jose/Salas O'Brien, Star Fellowship, De Mattei Construction, Ducks Unlimited Gilroy, Abbott, Save The Bay, Haley & Aldrich, Don Edwards Wildlife Refuge, Santa Clara University, Lockheed Martin Leadership Association, Silicon Valley FACES, Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation, City of Cupertino, GreenTown Los Altos, City of Milpitas, City of Morgan Hill, City of Mountain View, City of Palo Alto, West Valley Clean Water Program, City of Santa Clara, City of San Jose, and the City of Sunnyvale.

Some interesting items that were picked up by volunteers, include: A Google bike frame, 767 tennis balls, a Christmas tree, a kitchen sink, 100 rounds of live ammunition, shopping carts, a bird scooter, a suitcase with clothes, over 1,000 cigarette butts, a truck bed shell, and some plywood.

The district has received numerous emails from satisfied volunteers after the cleanup, such as:

- "I love seeing [Thompson] creek so clean." - San Jose Resident and Volunteer Site-Coordinator
- "Great job this year!! What a great number of volunteers and a huge amount of trash collected!" - City of Sunnyvale
- "Thanks for coordinating! Great job." - Palo Alto Resident and Volunteer Site-Coordinator
- "Thank you for organizing the event." - City of Mountain View (Fire and Environmental Compliance Division)
- "Thank you for organizing another successful event!" - City of Palo Alto (Environmental Services Department)
- "It was nice having Director Hsueh at our cleanup site, she can come back whenever she likes." - Lockheed Martin Leadership Association (Adopt-A-Creek Partner and Volunteer Site-Coordinator)

The district will continue to leverage the momentum from the volunteers to further encourage them to sign up for the upcoming Coastal Cleanup Day, Adopt-A-Creek Program, and to support other district volunteer efforts.

The CCAG is a consortium of public agencies and non-profit organizations that share a goal of protecting Santa Clara County's waterways. These agencies include the district (Chair), Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation, and the City of San José (Parks Recreation and Neighborhood Services, Environmental Services Department), City of Santa Clara, City of Palo Alto, City of Sunnyvale, City of Milpitas, City of Cupertino, and West Valley Clean Water Program (Campbell, Monte Sereno, Saratoga and the Town of Los Gatos).

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

### **Update on Local Solar Development and Almaden Campus Solar Carport Warranty Settlement**

In January 2018, the district released a Request for Proposals (RFP) through the Power and Water Resources Pooling Authority (PWRPA), to solicit interest in developing solar installations at the district's Rinconada Water Treatment Plant (RWTP), Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center (SVAWPC), and Almaden Campus. The RFP also included the warranty rehabilitation of the existing solar panels on the district's headquarters solar carports and the district's administration building rooftop.

The district evaluated multiple finance options presented in the proposals and determined the most competitive finance option to be a long-term, 20-year power purchase agreement (PPA). However, the portfolio pricing for the proposed local solar PPA was approximately 50-60% higher than an equivalent utility-scale solar project, including transmission and distribution costs to deliver power to District facilities. The district is continuing to explore local solar alternatives that are outside the scope of this RFP but may be more cost effective.

Since there are time constraints to complete the Almaden Campus solar carport warranty settlement close-out, the district continues to negotiate rehabilitation efforts with the top-ranked solar developer to replace the defective solar panels on the carport with new, higher density solar panels. The district is preparing a board agenda memo for the June 29, 2018, board meeting to authorize the CEO to execute a rate agreement with PWRPA to enter a PPA with the solar developer to perform the Almaden Campus solar carport rehabilitation. The district is still negotiating with BP Solar in our efforts to obtain a second settlement offer relating to the solar panels on the Administration building rooftop.

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

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