# CEO BULLETIN



To: Board of Directors

From: Norma J. Camacho, CEO

### Chief Executive Officer Bulletin Week of September 28 – October 4, 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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### California Resilience Challenge Steering Committee Representation

On September 11, 2018, the board approved a \$200,000 sponsorship of the California Resilience Challenge (Challenge), the business-led effort to fund community-based climate adaptation and resilience projects throughout the state. As part of this sponsorship, the district becomes a voting member on the Challenge's Steering Committee (Committee), which will review the grant proposals in 2019 and award the funding. The Committee will meet regularly, both in person and over the phone.

The district was advised that the makeup of the Committee would be executives from contributing organizations, including Jeff Kightlinger, CEO of the Metropolitan Water District. After learning this makeup, the district advised Chair Santos that the Committee would be comprised of executive staff and not elected officials, and he determined that CEO Norma Camacho should represent the district. Thus, no board action will be required for Committee representation.

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

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## Notice of Opportunity to Comment on the Offsite Mitigation Plan for the Upper Berryessa Creek Flood Risk Management Project

On April 12, 2017, the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) adopted waste discharge requirements and water quality certification (i.e., a permit) authorizing construction of the Upper Berryessa Creek Flood Risk Management Project (Project) in the cities of Milpitas and San Jose, Santa Clara County (Order). The Order requires the district to provide both on- and offsite mitigation for unavoidable impacts resulting from the Project. In compliance with the Order, the district submitted a proposal to use the Almaden Lake Project as offsite mitigation for Project impacts. The Water Board's Executive Officer is considering acceptance of the Almaden Lake Project. Accordingly, we are posting the offsite mitigation proposal, along with Water Board staff's recommendation, for public review and comment.

The Water Board Executive Officer will consider all public comments prior to making a decision on whether to accept the proposal. Anyone wishing to file written comments on or objections to the offsite mitigation proposal for the Project, or other aspects of this matter, must do so no later than this deadline so that such comments may be considered by the Executive Officer. The files for the Almaden Lake Project are available at the Upper Berryessa Creek project website or by contacting Susan Glendening.

#### Project website:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/water\_issues/hot\_topics/Berryessa1.html

Email and Phone: Susan.Glendening@waterboards.ca.gov, (510) 622-2462

Address: San Francisco Regional Water Board

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Oakland, CA 94612

A link to the Project files will also be posted at the Water Board's general public noticing website at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/public notices/.

The deadline to submit comments is 5:00 PM October 29, 2018.

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

### **Proactive Repair of the South Bay Aqueduct Update**

The South Bay Aqueduct (SBA) deliveries to the Penitencia Water Treatment Plant (PWTP) were temporary suspended the week of October 1, 2018, to allow the State Department of Water Resources (DWR) to make proactive repairs to the SBA. In April 2018, DWR conducted a Smartball inspection of almost 20 miles of SBA pipe leading up to the terminal tank located adjacent to the PWTP. A "Smartball" is a sphere shaped sensor that is placed into the pipe and travels with the flow of water recording any acoustic anomalies which can later be tied to an exact location along the pipeline.

The inspection identified an anomaly adjacent to the PWTP, which indicated the potential of a very small joint leak, although there was no sign of a leak at the ground surface. The district has been working with DWR to facilitate a shutdown to allow DWR to drain and inspect the pipeline and make any needed repairs before a more significant leak can develop. Central Valley Project

water from San Luis Reservoir will be supplied to PWTP to keep the plant running while these repairs are being made. There should be no impact to treated water deliveries and the SBA should be back on-line by the end of the week.

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

### **Cinnabar Hills Golf Club Water Conservation Update**

The Cinnabar Hills Golf Club reported their continued efforts of water conservation and informed the district of the following September 2018 water conversation information:

- Water usage was 44.0 Acre Feet in September 2018 versus 56.0 Acre Feet in September 2013 and an overall yearly reduction of 26.33% in 2018 in comparison to 2013
- The ET rate in 2018 was higher at 5.29 vs. 4.28 in 2013
- 0.0 inches of precipitation in 2018 vs. 0.15 inches in 2013

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

### **Governor Brown Vetos Expedited Permitting Bill (SB 1301- Beall)**

The district-sponsored bill, SB 1301 (Beall) Expedited Permitting for Flood Protection and Dam Safety, was vetoed by Governor Brown on September 28, 2018. The Governor's office has expressed that they see permit processing delays as a budget issue and should not be resolved through a legislative bill such as SB 1301. The district is evaluating how to build on expedited permitting efforts to find another solution through the state budget or other means.

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