

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

Chief Executive Officer Bulletin Week of November 30 – December 7, 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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Safe, Clean Water FY19 Mini-Grants Program Grant Award - Bay Area Older Adults

Bay Area Older Adults, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, with the mission of stimulating the hearts, bodies, and minds of older adults through easy access to arts, culture, nature and new friends, was awarded \$5,000 through the district's Mini-Grants Program for their Watershed & Wildlife Education Walks Project (Project).

The Project aims to provide educational programs for older adults age 50+ to experience district watersheds first-hand, as well as teaching them about protecting local watersheds and dependent ecosystems, through guided walks in the following locations:

1. Ullistac Nature Area Restoration
2. Guadalupe River Park
3. Alum Rock Park Native Plant Restoration
4. McClelland Ranch Preserve Conservation
5. Don Edwards Refuge Volunteer Restoration

The Project will specifically benefit senior citizens who are retired and live in cities all over Santa Clara County. Total budget of the project is \$14,448.

Anticipated Key Outcomes:

- Each walk will average 20 participants
- 80% of all program participants will be satisfied or very satisfied with the program
- 80% of all program participants will show increased knowledge around local watersheds and wildlife through pre- and post-surveys

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

Letter From Secretary Ryan Zinke Regarding Pacheco Reservoir "State-Led" Designation Request

On November 27, 2018, the district received the formal response that Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke sent to Governor Brown regarding his August 27, 2018, letter requesting that Secretary Zinke designate the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project (Project) (as well as seven (7) other projects), a "state-led storage project" under the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act. Secretary Zinke stated that the Department of the Interior has begun assessing the eligibility of the Pacheco Project, along with the seven (7) other projects, and the Bureau of Reclamation is in the process of developing recommendations to the Appropriations Committees for fiscal year 2019 WIIN Act funding. A copy of the letter is included in this December 7, 2018 board Non-Agenda packet.

The district is now working with our congressional delegation to send a letter to Secretary Zinke and the Bureau of Reclamation to highlight the importance of the Pacheco Project and urge the Secretary to make the necessary findings that would enable the Pacheco Project to access this WIIN Act funding. The district will continue to advocate for the Project and will pursue all potential funding opportunities.

For further information, please contact Rachael Gibson at (408) 630-1884.

Improving Email Services by Migrating to the Cloud

As part of the district's efforts to modernize and streamline operations, the district has begun the process of migrating all valleywater.org email addresses to Microsoft Exchange Online. This project includes the migration of over 1,800 current and archival email accounts and over 11 million individual emails. Once completed, the district will benefit from:

- Improved resiliency and availability of email, contacts, and calendar from anywhere;
- Larger mailboxes and emails;
- Reduced operational cost associated with purchasing and maintaining hardware, software, and security in-house for email service; and
- Increased flexibility and scalability in administering email service

The initiative consists of two phases. Phase 1 kicked off in November 2018, and retires the district's email archival system (Enterprise Vault). This dated system has been used as long-term storage for email messages and has been cumbersome for the district to use to organize and search for information.

Phase 2 begins in January 2019, and will include the assessment, planning and migration of all

district email accounts from our current near end of life system to Exchange Online.

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

San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority's Celebration of Safety

20 years after the inception of the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority (SFCJPA), the first of two (2) San Francisquito Creek flood protection projects, the Bay to Highway 101 Project (Project), is now delivering flood protection for nearby communities in East Palo Alto and Palo Alto. To commemorate this impactful milestone, a Celebration of Safety will be hosted on the morning of Friday, December 14, 2018.

The Celebration of Safety event will take place in East Palo Alto adjacent to the San Francisquito Creek near the Friendship Bridge, the same location of the groundbreaking ceremony held two (2) years ago. This venue will provide a juxtaposition for invited media and guests to compare the before and after construction views. The differences will be noted with display boards designed to communicate flood safety and highlight the collaborative efforts of various agencies, elected officials, and the district.

The district is working with SFCJPA Executive Director, Len Materman, to deliver an inclusive event featuring eight (8) to ten (10) speakers including state, city, and elected board officials, with Director Kremen speaking as the SFCJPA Board Chair and representing the district. Currently confirmed to attend is California Representative Jackie Speier. Invited to attend are Congresswoman Anna Eshoo, Senator Jerry Hill, Assemblymember Marc Berman and other local elected officials. The board scheduler will forward an invitation to all district board members and all district chiefs will be included as well. The district will continue collaboration with the SFCJPA and partner agencies to coordinate invitations, speakers and event preparations. A media advisory is also being created, which highlights flood protection and the many environmental benefits designed into the Project that encourage fish and wildlife populations.

The second of the two (2) projects, the Upstream of Highway 101 Reach, is in the planning phase. The Administrative Environmental Impact Report for the upstream project will be completed in December 2018, with the public version to be finalized in Spring 2019.

For further information, please contact Rick Callender at (408) 630-2017 or Melanie Richardson at (408) 630-2927.

The Future of the Water Utility Survey

The Water Utility Executive Team sent a survey to all Water Utility staff (runs from November 26, 2018, through December 24, 2018) to help with the creation of a statement to inspire everyone to continue our important work together and because they are the future of our organization. Some of the questions will provide feedback to leadership to ensure that we continue to be a Great Place to Work. The survey will result in a new Water Utility Statement that includes staff ideas and will be presented at our Service Awards/All-Hands Meeting on January 29, 2019.

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

Coordination with San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC)

On November 30, 2018, the district met with SFPUC to discuss coordinated operations and mutual assistance during upcoming major capital projects. After reviewing our individual system operations, upcoming major projects were discussed that will impact agency water supplies. These included the District's Anderson Dam Project and SFPUC's Mountain Tunnel repairs. The discussion helped the agencies better understand the constraints and vulnerabilities of each other's system and the challenges being faced.

SFPUC will continue considering what opportunities may be available during these critical activities and will continue these types discussions in the future.

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