CEO BULLETIN



To: Board of Directors

From: Norma J. Camacho, CEO

Chief Executive Officer Bulletin Week of April 19 – 25, 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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Monthly EH&S Highlights report accessible to all employees

Since mid-2006, the Environmental, Health & Safety (EH&S) Unit has compiled a Monthly EH&S Highlights report that has been distributed to the Management Leadership Team and Bargaining Unit Leadership. This report includes incident descriptions, EH&S support on Valley Water projects, safety training that has taken place, and other pertinent information and statistics. These reports are posted monthly on the EH&S webpage for all employees to access.

The EH&S Unit has recently updated the format of this report for ease of reading and better visual appeal. Starting this month, and moving forward, EH&S will release the Monthly EH&S Highlights report via News You Can Use so that all employees can readily and easily access the information.

The report for March 2019, is currently posted on News You Can Use under the Health & Safety section. Going forward, please look for the Monthly EH&S Highlights in News You Can Use Section of the Aqua.gov website.

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

28th Annual National River Cleanup Day - Saturday, May 18, 2019

On Saturday, May 18, 2019, from 9 a.m. to Noon, Valley Water, in partnership with the Creek Connections Action Group (CCAG*), will host the 28th Annual National River Cleanup Day (NRCD) in Santa Clara County.

From Palo Alto to Gilroy, 52 cleanup sites have been registered countywide. Last year, a total of 1,354 volunteers attended 48 cleanup sites and picked up a total of 47,353 lbs of trash in three (3) hours. This year, Valley Water has a variety of partners, corporations, nonprofits, and other organizations participating, including Cisco Systems, San Jose State University, Comerica Bank, Fairmont San Jose, Rotary Club of San Jose, Thompson Creek Neighborhood Association, Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge, various Boy/Girl Scouts, and many others. Valley Water also has new agencies participating, including Kaiser Permanente, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and AmeriCorps. Among these groups, the Youth Commission will also be hosting a cleanup site at the Coyote Creek Outdoor Classroom. Valley Water will be reaching out to Board members to sponsor and/or attend any of the 52 cleanup sites.

Volunteers can register using and interactive map that can be accessed from any desktop or mobile device at http://bit.ly/NRCD2019SCC.

A series of newspaper ads have already been published and will continue leading up to National River Cleanup Day. Various other outreach, including a NextDoor posts, Social Media, fliers, posters, postcards, eNewsletter, and email blasts are being conducted for volunteer recruitment.

Valley Water will be leveraging 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 Valley Water 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 Valley Water (lead agency), Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation, 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.

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The Board Member Pegue

The Board Member Request directed Valley Water to notify former Uvas/Llagas Flood Protection Advisory Committee members of the 404 Permit signing with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) for the Upper Llagas Flood Protection Project (Project).

A letter to the members of this former committee was provided to Valley Water's Office of the Clerk of the Board. The Office of the Clerk of the Board will research Valley Water's records for contact information of those former committee members and distribute copies of the letter to each of them.

The letter announces that USACE-Regulatory signed the Record of Decision for the Project. The letter further explains that on March 26, 2019, USACE-Regulatory Chief and Valley Water's Chief Executive Officer signed the USACE's 404 regulatory permit for the Project. The Project, when completed, will provide critical flood risk reduction for approximately 1,100 residences, 500 businesses and 1,300 acres of agricultural lands in Morgan Hill, San Martin and Gilroy. The letter

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discusses the history and future of the Project and thanks those former committee members for their valuable work and support over the years to move the Project forward.

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