

**Santa Clara Valley Water District
Capital Improvement Program Committee Meeting
Information on Project Labor Agreements**

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SPEAKER NOTES

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(Track 28, 00:50 – 29, 03:27)

- PLAs will not be able to be applied to certain projects as a result of federal regulations stating that projects funded by federal dollars and/or grants must be conducted in a manner providing for fair and open competition
- The Pinole/Hercules Wastewater Treatment Plant Project, a PLA project, resulted in only 2 bids received with bids coming in at 8% and 22% over the engineers estimate of \$39 million
- EBMUD's contractor survey resulted in 100% of contractors responding that PLAs increased costs, and 68% stating that they were a detourment to bid
- Analysis shows that a plumber who works on a PLA job will lose an additional \$24,000 a year in pay
- Sacramento Municipal Utility District's \$68 million headquarters project received a bid that was \$30 over estimate and as a result had to reduce the scope of the project
- Until 2009 there were bans on PLAs

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