

CEO BULLETIN



To: Board of Directors
From: Rick L. Callender, CEO

Weeks of July 17 – July 30, 2020

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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1. Onsite Voluntary COVID-19 Testing for Valley Water

On July 23, 2020, Valley Water hosted voluntary COVID-19 testing for employees onsite at the headquarters campus Administration Building. The event was coordinated by Valley Water's Emergency Services and Security Unit and the Santa Clara County Public Health Department, with the testing performed by Santa Clara Valley Medical Center (SCVMC) personnel. Valley Water's Facilities Management Unit prepared the testing site, put up for canopies for shade in the outdoors line, and placed signage to direct people during the event. Facilities also placed 8.5-foot marking on the ground for the outdoors line to show where people should stand, which went well beyond the 6-foot social distancing requirement. Valley Water field staff and those still working onsite at Valley Water facilities were given priority to sign up for the event, and all remaining tests were opened to other staff. Registration was conducted through Eventbrite, with each person choosing a 15-minute window for their test. This helped the flow of the event and lessened the amount of waiting in line. A total of 184 tests were performed on Valley Water employees. Test results will take approximately seven days, as communicated by the testing personnel from SCVMC.

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

2. Rinconada Water Treatment Plant: Completion of Phase-2 Facilities Start Up and Commissioning Activity

Over the past few years, Valley Water has been undertaking a major reliability improvement project at the Rinconada Water Treatment Plant (RWTP): the Rinconada Reliability Improvement Project (RRIP).

This past month, the startup and commissioning team (comprised of several Valley Water teams, RRIP contractor and consultant) successfully completed a 30-day start up and commissioning activity of Phase 2 facilities. The Phase 2 facilities that were commissioned and put into service are:

- Raw Water Flow Control Facility
- Ozone Contractor Structure (No ozone generation at this phase, structure will be used for flow through only)
- Flash Mix Facility
- Flocculation/Sedimentation Basins
- Wash Water Recovery Facility

During the startup and commissioning activities, as well as during the transition from old to new systems, the startup team minimized impacts to water treatment operations. As a result, treated water was delivered to our West Pipeline retailers with no service interruption or impact.

Currently, the project team is resolving and completing punch list items. Construction related activities at RWTP are taking place during daytime, weekday hours, and with some extended hours before and during plant shutdowns. Plant neighbors are updated regularly through Valley Water's

blog, social media and neighborhood meetings.

For further information, please contact Bhavani Yerrapotu at (408) 630-2735.

3. Safe, Clean Water Grant Closeout: County of Santa Clara's FY15 Calero Reservoir Oak Cove Trail Construction Project

The Safe, Clean Water Program, D3 Project awarded the County of Santa Clara Parks and Recreation Department a \$125,980 grant focused on habitat restoration, access to trails and open spaces, education, and outreach. The agreement was executed on June 12, 2015 and the project was completed on December 23, 2019.

The Calero Reservoir Oak Cove Trail Construction Project enhances the county's natural resources and promotes a positive visitor experience by constructing a new trail approximately five miles around Calero Reservoir in Santa Clara, California. The path was designed and built to meet the state's Park and Recreation Department's environmental sustainability standards and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) outdoor recreation trail recommendations. The trail includes perpendicular crossings to promote drainage, minimize disturbance and provide long-term water quality protection. In addition, seeding and transplantation of native plant species were used to prevent erosion and to restore the trail to its original condition and rehabilitate destroyed areas.

Key Outcomes:

- The Oak Cove Trail officially opened in April 2020.
- The construction of a natural surface and single-track trail approximately five miles in Calero County Park located in Santa Clara, California.
- The path includes one culvert, one free-span bridge, 22 rock fords and 24 drainage crossings.

For further information, please contact Marta Lugo at (408) 630-2237.

4. Safe, Clean Water Grant Closeout: Ecology Action's FY17 A2 Investigation of Water Savings and Quality of Indoor, Non-Potable Rainwater Harvesting System Project

As part of the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program, Priority A project grant, Ecology Action received an award of \$49,940 to investigate the water quality and savings from using rainwater harvesting systems. The agreement was executed on June 8, 2017 and the project was completed on June 30, 2019. Ecology Action utilized \$25,727 (51.5%) of its total award as a result of limited interest and high construction cost of rainwater harvesting system.

Ecology Action, a nonprofit organization located in Santa Cruz, California, partnered with two residential property owners to monitor water use and quality of rainwater harvesting systems for indoor, non-potable purposes such as clothes washing and toilet flushing. Residential properties were in San Jose and Los Altos Hills, California.

The objectives of the water conservation research project include:

- Documentation of water savings from rainwater harvesting and greywater irrigation systems for reuse.
- Development of a case study showcasing the potential water savings and installation cost for Santa Clara County residents.
- Evaluation of cost-effective treatment methods to meet the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the California Plumbing Code (CPC) water quality guidelines.

Key Outcomes:

- Both residential rainwaters harvesting systems reduced the demand for municipal-potable water used for indoor purposes by 15-16% annually.
- Annual water savings from the rainwater harvesting systems ranging between 7,866 to 9,768 gallons.
- Los Altos Hills combined rainwater and greywater system reduced municipal water use by 17,952 gallons (24 Centum Cubic Feet (CCF)) during the one-year monitoring period.
- Over 20 years, the Los Altos Hills residence combined rainwater/greywater reuse system is estimated to conserve 1.1 acre feet, and the San Jose residence rainwater harvesting system is expected to conserve 0.48 acre feet.
- The study found no significant difference in *E.coli* levels between the minimum code required 100-micron filtration and ultra-violet disinfection.

For further information, please contact Marta Lugo at (408) 630-2237.

5. Safe, Clean Water Grant Closeout: Grassroots Ecology's FY16 D3 Byrne Preserve Riparian Enhancement Project

As of December 16, 2019, the Grassroots Ecology (Grantee) Byrne Preserve Riparian Enhancement Project (Agreement No. A3991R) has been completed and closed.

Grassroots Ecology received a \$136,469 Safe, Clean Water Program FY16 D3 Grant for the Byrne Preserve Riparian Enhancement Project. The agreement was executed on June 14, 2016 and the project was completed on June 30, 2019.

The project monitored, restored, and enriched wildlife habitat along the moody creek tributary. By leveraging Grassroots Ecology's three-year contract with the Town of Los Altos Hills to serve as the Steward of Byrne Preserve, the grant augmented their stewardship activities at the Byrne Preserve with the focus on riparian habitat. Major grant activities included community engagement and education, vegetation surveys, channel geometry surveys, invasive plant removal, and native plant installation and maintenance.

Key Outcomes

- 800 community members participated in the project through native plant installation and invasive species removal over a period of 77 days.
- Prioritized and removed eight noxious invasive plant species, resulting in reduced population.
- Installed more than 1,000 locally sourced native plants, spanning over 20 species, to enhance the riparian corridor.
- Established 600 feet of willow cuttings, resulting in increased canopy cover, sediment deposition, and reduced erosion.
- Monitored 2,000 feet of creek geometry and surveyed 2,000 feet of creekside vegetation to document project effectiveness and assess progress over time.

For further information, please contact Marta Lugo at (408) 630-2237.

6. Safe, Clean Water Grant Closeout: Grassroots Ecology's FY16 D3 Pearson-Arastradero Preserve Watershed Enhancement Project

As of December 16, 2019, the Grassroots Ecology (Grantee) Pearson-Arastradero Preserve Watershed Enhancement Project (Agreement No. A3976R) has been completed and closed.

Grassroots Ecology received a \$107,651 Safe, Clean Water Program D3 grant for the Pearson-Arastradero Preserve Watershed Enhancement Project. The agreement was executed on June 14, 2016 and the project was completed on June 30, 2019.

The project supported habitat restoration and watershed enhancement along the Arastradero Creek. While Grassroots Ecology staff led and managed the project activities, volunteers played an instrumental role as well. Major grant activities included invasive plant removal, native plant installation, vegetation surveys, and in-channel geometry surveys.

Key Outcomes

- More than 1,200 community members participated in 101 volunteer events. Activities included invasive plant removal and native plant installation and maintenance.
- 2,500 feet of berms and swales created along the contour of a large drainage to slow, spread, and sink stormwater runoff.
- 50 young willow trees established along Arastradero Creek.
- Decreased invasive plant populations, including four priority noxious weed species.
- Enhanced riparian corridor with thousands of newly installed native plants.
- Monitored project activities through vegetation surveys, photo-monitoring, and in-channel geometric surveys.

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7. Safe, Clean Water Mini-Grant Closeout: Bay Area Older Adults' FY19 D3 Watershed and Wildlife Education Walks Project

As of November 19, 2019, the Bay Area Older Adults (Grantee) Watershed and Wildlife Education Walk Project (Agreement No. A4252R) has been completed and closed.

The Bay Area Older Adults (BAOA) received a \$5,000 Safe Clean Water D3 FY19 Mini Grant for the Watershed and Wildlife Education Walk Project. The program agreement was executed on May 6, 2019 and the project was completed on September 20, 2019. BAOA provided outdoor educational programs for older adults age 50+ to experience Valley Water watersheds. All five programs within the Watershed and Wildlife Education Walks Project were completed with 132 total participants.

Key Outcomes

- Five programs were delivered to 132 participants. Project areas included Don Edwards Wildlife Refuge (San Jose), Ulistac Nature Area (Santa Clara), Guadalupe River Park (San Jose), Alum Rock Park (San Jose) and McClellan Ranch Preserve (Cupertino).
- Post-survey results indicated that more than 90% of participants reported they learned something new about the watersheds and wildlife from the above areas. More than 72% of participants were "very satisfied" with the program.
- All programs were promoted with a monthly full-page print ad in a senior magazine that was distributed to over 30,000 readers throughout Santa Clara County.
- Valley Water-focused outreach materials were produced and distributed to participants and the Valley Water logo was added to BAOA's webpages as a partnered agency.

For further information, please contact Marta Lugo at (408) 630-2237.

8. Safe, Clean Water Mini-Grant Closeout: Grassroots Ecology's FY18 D3 Native Plant Nursery Phytosanitary Upgrades Project

As of December 5, 2019, the Grassroots Ecology (Grantee) Native Plant Nursery Phytosanitary Upgrades Project (Agreement No. A4183R) has been completed and closed.

Grassroots Ecology received a \$3,000 Safe, Clean Water Program FY18 D3 Mini-Grant for the Native Plant Nursery Phytosanitary Upgrades Project. The agreement was executed on September 11, 2018 and the project was completed on June 30, 2019.

The Grassroots Ecology Native Plant Nursery has been a leader in the effort to implement the phytosanitary best management practices. The purpose of the grant was to fund the purchase of new tables and host nursery tours to educate participants on best management practices. The tours emphasized the importance of using proper equipment to mitigate the spread of phytophthora tentaculata, a plant pathogen that causes root and stalk rot.

Key Outcomes

- (12) new 8'x12' steel tables were purchased, assembled, and put into service at the nursery. The new steel tables are easier to clean and are less likely to harbor pathogens.
- Hosted two educational tours for two different groups: Portola Valley Garden Club on September 2, 2018 with eight attendees and Our City Forest on May 15, 2019 with 12 attendees. Participants were led through the new Best Management Practices to better ensure healthy plants. These practices include spraying shoes upon entry with 70% Isopropyl alcohol, storing all plants on metal tables, and pasteurizing the soil.

For further information, please contact Marta Lugo at (408) 646-7441.

9. Safe, Clean Water Mini-Grant Closeout: San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory's FY18 D3 Waterbird Monitoring in Santa Clara County Salt Ponds Project

As of July 29, 2019, the San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory (Grantee) Waterbird Monitoring in Santa Clara County Salt Ponds mini-grant project (Agreement No. A4161R) has been completed and closed out.

The San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory received a \$5,000 Safe, Clean Water Program D3 mini-grant for the Waterbird Monitoring in Santa Clara County Salt Ponds Project. The agreement was executed on June 18, 2018 and the project was completed on June 30, 2019.

This monitoring project was to help the Grantee address questions pertinent to waterbird monitoring within the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project, and to also engage residents of Santa Clara County in waterbird conservation.

Key Outcomes:

- Submitted two reports to Restoration Project managers that assembled targets for waterbirds and outlined recommendations for waterbird monitoring.
- In partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Grantee surveyed all South Bay Salt Pond restoration sites and accessed tidal marsh areas to document breeding waterbirds. The U.S. Geological Survey's report will be provided to Restoration Project managers.
- Engaged thousands of community members with waterbird conservation, including:

- Volunteers of the Colonial Waterbird Program spent more than 50 hours training as citizen scientists and docents, more than 300 hours available to the public during colony visits, and 24 hours leading advertised colony visits and bird walks.
- Grantee participated in 117 outreach events, 74 of which occurred in Santa Clara County. During events, the Grantee reached 5,965 community members, with 4,492 community members attending events in Santa Clara County.
- Grantee successfully reached local and remote community members through newsletters and social media posts, with 1,544 subscribers receiving 12 newsletters and 61 other communications, 3,072 followers receiving 320 Facebook posts, 558 receiving 34 instagram posts, and 482 receiving Tweets.

For further information, please contact Marta Lugo at (408) 646-7441.

10. Safe, Clean Water Mini-Grant Closeout: Trout Unlimited's FY18 D3 Little Arthur Creek Streamflow Stewardship Phase 2 Planning Project

Trout Unlimited (Grantee) was awarded a \$5,000 Safe Clean Water D3 FY18 Mini-Grant for the Little Arthur Creek Streamflow Stewardship Phase 2 Planning Project (Project). The Project agreement was executed on April 1, 2018 and the Project scope was partially completed in March 2020. Due to early outreach findings, significant proposed scope changes, and timing, Grantee decided to cancel this Project to pursue alternative streamflow enhancement methods. Trout Unlimited received \$2,500 for the grant work performed.

The original Project scope sought to enhance ecosystems and improved fish habitat by identifying and exploring opportunities for streamflow enhancement within the Little Arthur Creek sub-watershed through water storage and forbearance. This method allows residents to store creek water in the wet season rather than diverting water from the creek in the dry season. The scope included: performing outreach to local landowners; assessing landowner water usage; identifying streamflow enhancement opportunities at individual properties; and creating preliminary designs and larger project proposals for up to four new streamflow enhancement projects involving residential water storage and forbearance.

Once the Grantee began conducting landowner outreach, new opportunities emerged for enhancing streamflow utilizing flow releases from existing ponds; therefore, the initial scope of this Project was no longer pursued. The Project has successfully identified better enhancement opportunities to support the steelhead population.

Key Outcomes:

- Grantee completed legal analysis of public water rights, parcel records searches, and outreach to individual landowners on Redwood Retreat Road.
- Grantee identified existing ponds and reservoirs within the Little Arthur Creek watershed using aerial imagery, calculated effective storage capacities, and estimated the streamflow enhancement potentials from hypothetical flow releases from each of the available storage reservoirs.
- Grantee discovered the magnitude of streamflow enhancement possible from pond flow releases is more efficient than proposed residential storage and forbearance approach.
- Grantee is using initial work from this Project to discuss more potential flow releases with Santa Clara County Parks and additional private landowners.

For further information, please contact Marta Lugo at (408) 646-7441.

11. Safe, Clean Water Partnership Closeout: County of Santa Clara's FY16 B3 Pollution Prevention and Zero Waste Project

The County of Santa Clara received a \$200,000 Safe, Clean Water Program FY16 B3 Partnership agreement for the Pollution Prevention and Zero Waste project (Agreement No. A3972X). The agreement was executed on June 10, 2016, and the project was completed on June 30, 2019.

The Green Business Program is a compliance-based certification program operated in all 15 cities within Santa Clara County. Businesses seeking certification must meet the minimum requirements to achieve certification. The Program requires businesses to reduce environmental impacts in areas of energy, water, solid waste, transportation, and take initiatives on pollution prevention best practices. In addition, businesses must remain in compliance with all federal and state regulations relating to hazardous waste, hazardous materials, wastewater, stormwater, food permits, pool and spa safety, fire code, and all other permits as applicable to the business. The Green Business Program partners with city and county compliance inspection agencies to educate businesses as well as utility partners and haulers to look for rebate incentives to become more sustainable.

Key Outcomes:

- 259 businesses certified as Green Businesses
- Three ads were run in local community newspapers annually
- Attended a total of 38 outreach events
- Over 1,600 brochures were distributed throughout the community
- Posted over 150 posts on various social media platforms
- Conducted over 400 business site visits to walk applicants through the certification process, including providing pollution prevention and zero waste education, facilitating waste audits, and assisting with reducing waste generation through improved recycling and organics management strategies and purchasing policies
- Annual Green Business recognition events attended by elected officials and executives, including the County Board of Supervisors, to honor participants
- Attended quarterly meetings with bay area Green Business coordinators and bi-annual meetings with larger statewide network to improve and update program standards
- Maintained good relationships with all cities within Santa Clara County through monthly Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings, through referrals from various city staff and working directly with certain city staff to assess businesses in person
- Maintained regular communication with city and county inspectors to ensure all businesses are complying with County regulations

For further information, please contact Marta Lugo at (408) 646-7441.

12. Saratoga Creek Hazard Tree Removal and Restoration Project Update

Eucalyptus tree removal between Cox Avenue and the Brookside Club of Saratoga is scheduled to begin in August. Right of entry documents are still being finalized with property owners where access is needed. Also waiting on Water Board's approval of SWPPP that was finalized last week by contractor Dudek. The Creek is currently dry and biologists have been monitoring the site in preparation for upcoming work. This year's tree work is expected to last until early October. Seeding and winterization of work area will follow tree removal and before rains arrive.

A letter to the seven property owners in the first phase of tree removal was sent on February 7, 2020, requiring removal of encroached items, including fences and sheds. The letter provides a project status update and reminds the property owners of the Board's recent approval of an updated

encroachment remediation approach. Conversations with property owners continue and to date, one fence has been relocated to correct property line.

An informational mailer with additional project information is scheduled to go out to the greater Saratoga neighborhood later this week.

For further information, please contact Sue Tippetts at (408) 630-2253.

13. Valley Water Eligible for Full-Site Battery Storage System Installation at Penitencia Water Treatment Plant

In response to the recent Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) Power Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events, Valley Water has worked with Tesla, Inc. (Tesla) and determined that the Penitencia Water Treatment Plant (PWTP) is eligible to participate in the California Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) under the Equity Resiliency Budget, which provides a significant rebate for a full-site backup battery storage system installation.

Through a proposed Purchase Agreement (Agreement), Tesla would apply for the SGIP funding on Valley Water's behalf and assume available SGIP incentives. In return, Tesla will design, procure, install, and maintain a full-site back-up battery system at PWTP at no cost to Valley Water. This full-site battery system would provide PWTP with an environmentally-friendly alternative to better respond to PSPS events and periodic unplanned utility interruptions, while also providing flexibility to help reduce peak utility demand from the grid. The battery backup system will be sized to the peak demand of the treatment plant and it is intended to provide full power backup for 4-12 hours depending on the plant load.

This SGIP incentive is available to critical PG&E gas or electric customers that have been impacted by PSPS events. The remaining major Valley Water facilities are currently ineligible for the SGIP rebate since they are either served by the Power and Water Resources Pooling Authority for electric service and do not have a PG&E gas service, or they have not been impacted by past PSPS events.

To allow Tesla to complete the SGIP application for PWTP and apply for SGIP funding, Valley Water will be routing the Agreement to the Chief Executive Officer for approval. Since there is a limited budget available through the program, Tesla's detailed site investigation and design will be completed after the SGIP incentives are secured. If the Agreement is executed and SGIP funding is secured, the proposed battery system could be operational as early as Summer 2021.

For further information, please contact Bhavani Yerrapotu at (408) 630-2735

14. Valley Water Executes Amendment #1 to the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Multi-party Cost Share Agreement

Valley Water has been evaluating a potential long-term participation in the Los Vaqueros Expansion (LVE) Project as a Local Agency Partner (LAP). The LVE Project involves expansion of the existing reservoir owned by Contra Costa Water District in eastern Contra Costa County and construction of new conveyance facilities, including the Transfer-Bethany Pipeline. Valley Water has been participating in the LVE Project since LAP involvement started in 2016.

The Valley Water Board approved a Cost Share Agreement for LVE Project Planning on March 26, 2019. The multi-party agreement committed Valley Water to an equally cost-shared split among the LAPs of \$314,782 to continue planning and design of the project through June 30, 2020.

Amendment #1 to the Cost Share Agreement was approved and executed by all LAPs on June 22, 2020 to extend the agreement term through the end of 2020. No additional funds are committed with the time extension. Valley Water's Board will be asked to consider Amendment #2 to the Cost Share Agreement in the Fall to fund planning and design as well as continue through the formation of a Joint Powers Authority.

Additionally, the Bureau of Reclamation recommended the LVE Project receive \$7.845 million in Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act funding for FY2021 to fund pre-construction activities.

For more information, please contact Jerry De La Piedra at (408) 630-2257.

15. Valley Water Sent Formal Notice to Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department to Suspend Permitted Recreational Use at Anderson Dam/Reservoir

On July 17, 2020, related to the Anderson Dam Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Order Compliance Project, Valley Water sent a letter to Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department providing formal notice of need to suspend permitted recreational use at Anderson Dam commencing October 1, 2020. Noticing is pursuant to the terms of the existing 2018 Master Partnership Agreement between Valley Water and the County of Santa Clara. These are considered reasonable restrictions to specific permitted recreational uses on Valley Water's property. Valley Water is requiring this suspension to comply with the February 20, 2020 FERC Order to immediately lower the reservoir to elevation 488 feet (deadpool) beginning October 1, 2020 through end of construction of the new, low-level tunnel and Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project.

Indefinite suspension of permitted recreational use on Valley Water property applies to the Toyon Group Picnic and Parking areas, the Serpentine Trail and Dam Crest. Temporary suspension of permitted recreational use on Valley Water property applies to the east end of the Live Oak Group Picnic area, boating and fishing, access to the boat and vehicle parking areas, boat ramp, Coyote Road from the toe of the dam to the boat and vehicle parking areas, and Lakeview Trail from Rosendin Trailhead to Rancho Laguna Seca Trail.

Valley Water and County Parks anticipate preparing joint outreach to notify the public of closures.

For further information, please contact Sue Tippets at (408) 630-2253.

16. Varela

**Director Varela requests that staff contact Mr. Bergin in the below email (via email) to explain the District's portion of his tax bill, attached.
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The customer was contacted via phone and email on July 16, 2020. The property tax bill was discussed with the customer in detail, including how the property tax amount is calculated. The customer was sent valleywater.org links with additional information on the Safe, Clean Water program. The customer is concerned that his property's land use is miscategorized. It is currently identified as General Industrial and he noted that as a grape grower it should be Mixed-Use/Agricultural. A request was sent by Valley Water to the County Assessor's Office, requesting confirmation of land use for his parcel. The customer was also encouraged to reach out to the Assessor's Office to independently verify details for his property. A commitment was made to follow up with the customer via email once confirmation was received from the Assessor's Office.

For further information, please contact Darin Taylor at (408) 630-3068.