



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

# NON-AGENDA

March 13, 2020

Board Policy EL-7 Communication and Support to the Board  
*The BAOs shall inform and support the Board in its work.*

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28                    Letter from Steve Holmes, South Bay Creeks Coalition, to Director Hsueh, dated 3/10/20, regarding the Safe, Clean Water Program (C-20-0035).

29                    Email from Tim Nguyen, to the Board of Directors, dated 3/10/20, regarding Construction Contract with Balfour Beatty (C-20-0036).

30                    Email from Tom Esch, to Director Keegan, dated 3/13/20, providing a farewell message upon his departure from the District.

**OUTGOING BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

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# CEO BULLETIN



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

Week of March 6 – March 12, 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. Valley Water Actions on COVID-19

On March 12, 2020 Valley Water hosted a Virtual Town Hall for all employees using video conferencing technology to discuss the current situation regarding COVID-19 (also known as Coronavirus). In collaboration with Valley Water's executive management, emergency operations, environmental health and safety, facilities, information technology and external affairs staff, the meeting included updates on the current risk to employees, facility cleaning protocols, inventory of emergency supplies as well as guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Santa Clara County (SCC) Public Health Department. Questions and comments were collected in advance as well as live during the Virtual Town Hall and Valley Water spent a portion of the meeting answering some of the most common employee questions and concerns.

Additionally, the Valley Water Chief Executive Officer (CEO) had direct contact with an individual who tested positive for COVID-19. Upon learning of the possible exposure, the CEO received guidance from a medical provider and was determined after testing to be negative for COVID-19.

On March 13, 2020 the SCC Public Health Department issued a new mandatory directive banning public or private gatherings of more than 100 people to prevent further spread of COVID-19. The order also bans gathering of 35-100 people unless specific conditions are met. Also, all SCC schools will be closed effective Monday, March 16, 2020 until April 3, 2020 which will impact many Valley Water employees. As a result of these actions, all Valley Water employees who are able to do so, have been directed to telework as of March 13, 2020 until further guidance is received from

the SCC Public Health Department.

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

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## **2. Almaden Valley Pipeline Emergency Work Complete**

The emergency work to repair Valley Water's Almaden Valley Pipeline is complete. The pipeline was returned to service on February 28, 2020, meeting the deadline and preventing significant additional impacts to Valley Water's system. The emergency action that was declared by the Acting CEO on December 23, 2019, was terminated by the CEO on March 3, 2020. The emergency repair generally consisted of placing an internal carbon fiber lining in the 120-foot long failing section of pipe. Multiple divisions in Valley Water worked together on this effort to make it a success. Valley Water will continue to monitor the Almaden Valley Pipeline to ensure safe and reliable operation.

For further information, please contact Aaron Baker at (408) 630-2135.

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## **3. Valley Water Migrates Email & Calendar To the Cloud**

Valley Water's Information Technology (IT) Division has completed its migration of all employees and shared email accounts to Microsoft's latest cloud-based platform, Exchange Online.

As the number of Valley Water employees continues to grow and as the need for electronic communications increases, our IT Division must find smart ways keep up with demand while ensuring more continuous service.

Through this project, staff now take advantage of:

1. Email, calendar, and contacts are now available at any time, from anywhere, on any device
2. Downtime due to maintenance is now eliminated
3. Larger mailboxes and support for larger email size
4. Decreased costs to the District as IT will need to buy and maintain less equipment, software, and other email-associated services; and
5. Increased flexibility and scalability

Due to Exchange Online being accessible from any Internet connection, Valley Water is now even more prepared to maintain communications during emergency operations.

For further information, please contact Mike Cook at (408) 630-2347.

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## **4. Update on Valley Water-Sponsored Bill, AB 3005 (R. Rivas) Expedited Dam Safety for Silicon Valley Act**

On February 21, 2020, California State Assembly Member Robert Rivas (D-Hollister) introduced AB 3005 Expedited Dam Safety for Silicon Valley Act, the Valley Water-sponsored bill to expedite the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project. The bill would facilitate the speedy and expert construction of the Anderson Project in three ways:

1. Authorizes "best value" selection of the construction contractor and requires a skilled and trained workforce for the project.
2. Provides expedited judicial review of challenges to environmental documents issued in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
3. Requires expedited processing of state permits by the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the State Water Resources Control Board, with costs covered by Valley Water, not the state.

In advance of the bill's first committee hearing expected in the coming weeks, Valley Water's Office of Government Relations (OGR) is securing local, regional, and statewide support. Those efforts have generated support for the bill from the following groups and organizations to date:

- Campbell Chamber of Commerce
- City of Morgan Hill
- City of Sunnyvale
- Engineers Society Chapter, International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers, Local 21, AFL-CIO
- Gilroy Chamber of Commerce
- Professional Managers Association Chapter, International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers, Local 21, AFL-CIO
- San Jose/Silicon Valley Chapter of the NAACP
- Silicon Valley Central Chamber of Commerce
- Silicon Valley MEPS (Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing and Sprinkler Fitters)
- Sunnyvale Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce

Additionally, last week Valley Water provided a briefing on Anderson Dam and the bill to Santa Clara County Supervisor Mike Wasserman and a tour of Anderson Dam to staff from the office of U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein.

Valley Water will continue to advocate for AB 3005 and generate support for the bill from a broad cross-section of decision makers and advocacy stakeholders, and will keep the Board apprised as the bill makes its way through the legislative process.

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

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## **5. San Jose Water Company Treated Water Release into Regnart Creek**

On Tuesday, March 3, 2020, Valley Water Pollution Prevention staff responded to a report of a large discharge of water into Regnart Creek in Cupertino. Upon arrival, Valley Water observed a large amount of silt deposited into the creek channel and determined that it was caused by a release of treated water from a water main break on Pacifica Drive in Cupertino. The water main was verified as being owned by San Jose Water Company. Valley Water worked with the City of Cupertino, California Fish and Wildlife, and San Jose Water Company to ensure the proper cleanup of the area. Cleanup included hydro jetting the storm drain lines and outfalls and vacuuming out the deposited silt in the creek channel.

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

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## **6. Santos & Varela**

### **Schedule Board Discussion of South County Recycled Water Governance R-20-0003**

The Valley Water Clerk of the Board has scheduled a board meeting on April 21, 2020, to hold a discussion on the topic of South County Recycled Water Governance.

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

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## Outlook as of March 1, 2020

We began calendar year 2020 with groundwater storage well within Stage 1 (Normal) of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan of Valley Water. Despite well below-normal local rainfall and statewide snow pack, end of year groundwater storage for 2020 is projected to be well within Stage 1.

### Weather

Rainfall in San Jose:

- Month of February, City of San Jose = 0.04 inch
- Rainfall year total = 5.20 inches or 50% of average to date (rainfall year is July 1 to June 30)
- March 2 Northern Sierra snowpack was 47% of normal for this date

### Local Reservoirs

- Total March 1 storage = 54,656 acre-feet
  - » 57% of 20-year average for that date
  - » 33% of total unrestricted capacity
  - » 49% of restricted capacity (166,266 acre-feet total storage capacity limited by seismic restrictions to 111,421 acre-feet)
- No imported water delivered into local reservoirs during February 2020
- Total estimated releases to streams (local and imported water) during February was 4,150 acre-feet (based on preliminary hydrologic data)

### Treated Water

- Above average demands of 5,898 acre-feet delivered in February
- This total is 119% of the five-year average for the month of February
- Year-to-date deliveries = 10,730 acre-feet or 102% of the five-year average

### Groundwater

- Groundwater conditions are very healthy, with total storage at the end of 2020 in Stage 1 (Normal) of Valley Water’s Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

	Santa Clara Subbasin		Llagas Subbasin
	Santa Clara Plain	Coyote Valley	
February managed recharge estimate (AF)	3,250	900	900
January to February managed recharge estimate (AF)	7,000	1,950	2,200
January to February managed recharge, % of 5-year average	117%	102%	125%
January pumping estimate (AF)	3,000	500	2,300
January pumping, % of 5-year average	69%	72%	123%
GW index well level compared to last February	Lower	Lower	Higher

AF = acre-feet



## Imported Water

- As of March 2, 2020, the Statewide Average snowpack water equivalent is 44% of the historic average for this date
- Current 2020 State Water Project (SWP) and Central Valley Project (CVP) allocations:
  - » 2020 SWP allocation of 15%, which provides 15,000 acre-feet to Valley Water
  - » 2020 South-of-Delta CVP allocations are 65% for M&I and 15% for Agriculture, which provide 89,465 acre-feet to Valley Water
- Statewide reservoir storage information, as of March 2, 2020:
  - » Shasta Reservoir at 78% of capacity (106% of average for this date)
  - » Oroville Reservoir at 64% of capacity (91% of average for this date)
  - » San Luis Reservoir at 69% of capacity (81% of average for this date)
- Valley Water's Semitropic groundwater bank reserves are at 100% of capacity, or 349,970 acre-feet, as of January 31, 2020
- Estimated SFPUC deliveries to Santa Clara County:
  - » Month of January = 2,745 acre-feet
  - » Five-year annual average is 48,700 acre-feet
- Board Governance Policy No. EL-5.3.3 includes keeping the Board informed of imported water management activities on an ongoing basis. No imported water agreements were executed under EL-5.3.3 in February 2020

## Conserved Water

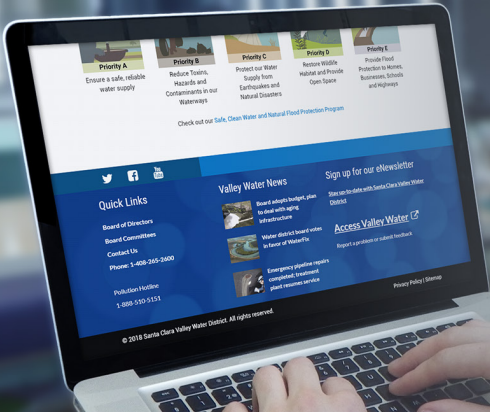
- Saved 73,531 acre-feet in FY19 from long-term program (baseline year is 1992). This will be updated in FY20
- Long-term program goal is to save nearly 100,000 acre-feet by 2030 and 110,000 acre-feet by 2040
- The Board continues its call for a 20% reduction and a limit of three days per week for irrigation of ornamental landscape with potable water
- In January, achieved a 10% reduction in water use in calendar year 2020, compared to 2013

## Recycled Water

- Estimated February 2020 production = 590 acre-feet
- Estimated year-to-date through February = 1,260 acre-feet or 73% of the five-year average
- Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center produced an estimated 1.5 billion gallons (4,570 acre-feet) of purified water in 2019. Since the beginning of 2020, about 292 acre-feet of purified water has been produced. The purified water is blended with existing tertiary recycled water for South Bay Water Recycling Program customers

## Alternative Sources


- As of December 10, 2019, Valley Water's wastewater contract right from Palo Alto/Mountain View remains at 10,000 acre-feet/year.



### CONTACT US




For more information, contact **Customer Relations** at **(408) 630-2880**, or visit our website at [valleywater.org](http://valleywater.org) and use our **Access Valley Water** customer request and information system. With three easy steps, you can use this service to find out the latest information on district projects or to submit questions, complaints or compliments directly to a district staff person.





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# **BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**Report Name: Board Member Requests**

Request	Request Date	Director	BAO/Chief	Staff	Description	20 Days Due Date	Expected Completion Date	Disposition
I-20-0004	02/24/20	Kremen	Richardson	Nguyen	Provide a copy of any appraisals the District has made or the City of San Jose or the City of Santa Clara have made, for the Pond A18, and what the city of San Jose or the city of Santa Clara paid for the ponds.	03/15/20		
I-20-0006	03/02/20	Kremen	Yoke	Fuller	Provide Director Kremen with copies of contracts with our fuel suppliers and chemical suppliers.	03/22/20		
I-20-0007	03/06/20	Kremen	Hawk	Hall	Provide information on voting thresholds required at typical water JPAs for cost allocation, general resolutions within South of Delta Central Valley. Include a couple of GSA, canal sharing agreements, flood control, etc. Focus on when is a super-majority required rather than a quorum.	03/26/20		
R-19-0014	11/12/19	Varela	Camacho	Chinte	Director Varela requesting the CEO provide a report to the Directors via one-on-one meetings or confidential memo on the cancellation of the October 28, 2019 Joint SCVWD/Morgan Hill/Gilroy Board/Council meeting.	12/04/19		





## MEMORANDUM

FC 14 (02-08-19)

**TO:** Norma J. Camacho  
**FROM:** Ngoc Nguyen  
**SUBJECT:** Board Member Request I-20-0004 Provide a Copy of Any Appraisals for Pond A18  
**DATE:** March 3, 2020

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This memorandum provides information to Board Member Request I-20-0004. Director Kremen requested the following information:

1. Copy of appraisal Valley Water has made to City of San Jose or City of Santa Clara for Pond A18 for the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Phase 1 Project; and
2. What was the cost that City of San Jose paid for acquisition of Pond A18?

On February 24, 2020, staff submitted an e-mail to Director Kremen providing the following information:

- A. November 22, 2019 letter from Valley Water to CSJ offering to acquire Pond A18 and easements for the Shoreline Project;
- B. Appraisal Report for Pond A18 dated October 2018;
- C. Appraisal Report for easements dated November 2019; and
- D. CSJ paid \$13,500,000 to acquire Pond A18 from Cargill Salt in October 2005.

A PDF of Items A, B, and C can be downloaded from the following Egnyte folder link:  
<https://fta.valleywater.org/fl/mtiCxYQ08j>.

Please let me know if you have questions or need additional information on this project.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "N. Nguyen".

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Ngoc Nguyen, P.E.  
Deputy Operating Officer  
Watersheds Design & Construction Division

cc: N. Camacho, M. Richardson, M. King, R. Blank, S. Julian

# **INCOMING BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

**Report Name: Correspondence (open)**

Correspond No	Rec'd By District	Rec'd By COB	Letter To	Letter From	Description	Disposition	BAO/Chief	Staff	Draft Response Due Date	Draft Response Submitted	Writer Ack. Sent	Final Response Due Date
C-20-0032	03/06/20	03/06/20	All	JOHN HORNER Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce	Email from John Horner, to the Board of Directors, dated 3/5/20, regarding Water District Flood Control Project.	Refer to Staff	Hawk	Mcmahon	03/14/20		n/a	03/20/20