

### **NON-AGENDA**

March 5, 2021

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## **CEO BULLETIN**

# CEO BULLETIN



To: Board of Directors

From: Rick L. Callender, CEO

#### Weeks of February 19 - March 4, 2021

**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. Almaden Campus Evacuation Maps Updated

California Code of Regulations Title 8, Section 3220, Emergency Action Plans requires employers to create and maintain procedures for emergency evacuations. Evacuation policies, procedures, and escape route assignments are put into place so that employees understand who is authorized to order an evacuation, under what conditions an evacuation would be necessary, how to evacuate, and what evacuation routes are available. Part of the Emergency Action Plan includes evacuation maps that are posted throughout Valley Water facilities.

Recently, the evacuation maps at the main campus required updating, due to changes in office space configurations throughout the buildings on the Almaden Campus. Multiple teams worked together to create a new format for the evacuation maps including applying the new Valley Water logo. To ensure the information on the maps are accurate and reflected properly on the maps, field checks were performed to verify the location of critical safety equipment, such as automated external defibrillators, first-aid kits, fire alarm pull stations, and fire extinguishers. Additionally, the evacuation assembly areas were verified throughout the areas of the main campus and were included on the newly formatted evacuation maps.

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

#### 2. Delta Conveyance Project Updates

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) recently announced several new updates on the Delta Conveyance Project (DCP). These include the creation of a video series, publication of an addendum to the Scoping Summary Report, and the approval of modifications to the Soil Investigation Project. They also announced that Community Benefits Program workshops will be coming soon.

DWR has created a video series called the Delta Conveyance Deep Dive. This series contains six videos to date and features interviews with experts on soil investigations, State Water Project operations, climate change, allocations, and financing as they relate to the DCP. The video series can be viewed at: https://bit.ly/3bCxejl.

DWR is actively engaged in developing a Community Benefits Program for DCP. The Community Benefits Program could involve several types of benefits, depending on community input, including a fund for local projects, economic development opportunities such as training and jobs, and integrating benefits into the DCP implementation such as utilities and landscaping. DWR will be hosting community workshops this spring to hear from Delta community members and other stakeholders. Read more at: <a href="https://water.ca.gov/News/Blog/2021/January/Introduction-to-Community-Benefits-Program-Development">https://water.ca.gov/News/Blog/2021/January/Introduction-to-Community-Benefits-Program-Development</a>.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DWR released the Delta Conveyance Project Scoping Summary Report in July 2020 that outlined what should be considered in the environmental impact report (EIR). Earlier this month, DWR released an addendum to the Scoping Summary that includes comments received after the official scoping period. This includes a letter of support from the State Water Contractors that highlights the adaptation and risk mitigation opportunities of the DCP and requests that DWR considers the cost effectiveness of the project in their analysis. The addendum can be read at: <a href="https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Environmental-Planning">https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Environmental-Planning</a>.

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Finally, DWR also recently approved modifications to the Soil Investigation Project, an effort to collect data that will improve the understanding of the region's geology and inform the environmental analysis and preliminary design of the DCP. The Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND), a stand-alone CEQA process from the DCP EIR, was initially released in July 2020. DWR modified the study plan in order to better capture the information needs of current engineering considerations of DCP alternative alignments. The IS/MND, Addendum, and a Q&A sheet on the Soil Investigations Project can be read at: <a href="https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Environmental-Planning">https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Environmental-Planning</a>.

For further information, please contact Vincent Gin at (408) 630-2633.

#### 3. Force Main Valve Replacement Project

Preventative and corrective maintenance such as replacement of worn-out parts on equipment are routine tasks that take place throughout many Valley Water facilities. Valley Water recently began preparing and planning for the Force Main valve replacement project at one of Valley Water's facilities. The valves that needed replacement/repair were approximately fifteen feet from the ground level, which presented multiple safety concerns that needed to be planned for and addressed. Valley Water conducted a safety assessment and formulated a fall protection plan, which provided safe conditions for this elevated work to proceed. Special fall protection equipment that addressed multiple hazards was procured and put into place to provide a safe work environment for all staff involved.

Due to the age of the infrastructure, the coating on the pipe/valves was suspected to contain lead, thereby presenting a potential health risk during this work. Samples were collected and analyzed, and it was confirmed that the coating was lead-containing. A hazard abatement plan was created which appropriately addressed the lead-containing materials, minimized cleanup efforts, and included proper disposal of all waste.

The elimination of these potential hazards is a testament to the teamwork and willingness of all parties involved, to work together to assure a safe and successful outcome for this project.

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

### 4. Safe, Clean Water Mini-Grant Closeout: Stanford Conservation Program's Matadero Creek Cape Ivy Removal

In FY 2018, Valley Water awarded Stanford Conservation Program a \$5,000 Safe, Clean Water Program D3 Mini-Grant for their Matadero Creek Cape Ivy Removal Project (Project). Stanford Conservation Program completed the Project in May of 2020 and submitted the closeout material in September 2020.

The Project helped eradicate cape ivy from the Matadero/Deer Creek Conservation Easement on Stanford lands. The location is part of the Matadero Creek watershed and supports hundreds of native species and plants, including the California red-legged frog. Stanford Conservation Program and Grassroots Ecology hosted a team of 8-10 college students to participate in a variety of handson habitat restoration projects. Through their participation with volunteer workdays at the Matadero and San Francisquito project sites, the students learned about the San Francisquito and Matadero Creek Watersheds, impacts of cape ivy in local creeks, and methods used to remove them.

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The cape ivy was first observed in Matadero Creek on Stanford lands in 2009 and in 2014 the riparian corridor was dedicated as a permanent conservation easement. Since its observation in 2009, removal efforts have curbed the expansion of the weed and limited standing biomass of the weed. At the start of the Project, the extent of cape ivy was limited to several patches covering an area less than a half an acre in size, making eradication a suitable management goal on Matadero Creek.

#### **Key Outcomes:**

- Removal of over 5,000 sq. ft. covered in cape ivy along San Francisquito Creek.
- 4 botanical surveys to monitor plant communities and assess re-growth of cape ivy.
- Both the Stanford Conservation Program and Grassroots Ecology described their cape ivy removal efforts in an e-newsletter that reaches over 4,000 community members.

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

### 5. Safe, Clean Water Mini-Grant Closeout: Stanford Conservation Program's Restoring Native Understory

In FY 2018, Valley Water awarded Stanford Conservation Program a \$5,000 Safe, Clean Water Program D3 Mini-Grant for their Restoring Native Understory project (Project) Stanford Conservation Program completed the Project in May of 2020.

The Project increased understory native plant diversity along ephemeral drainage within a vernal pool complex supporting California tiger salamander in the San Francisquito watershed. Native plants in riparian areas help to improve water quality in downstream habitats. Several breeding ponds for California tiger salamander are located downslope of the Project site and California tiger salamanders require high water quality in breeding ponds for successful survival to metamorphosis.

The Project was completed in partnership with Magic, a non-profit organization dedicated to the restoration and protection of native plant ecosystems and environmental education.

#### Key Outcomes:

- Approximately 250 volunteers participated.
- 100 understory shrubs watered and tended by volunteers.
- Approximately 10 volunteer events hosted from May 2018-2020.
- Environmental education was a component of the activities completed during volunteer work days.
- Stanford Conservation Program staff monitored water quality and quantity in ephemeral wetlands downslope of the project site on 10 occasions from May 2018-2020.
- Stanford Conservation Program staff monitored California tiger salamander eggs, larvae, juveniles, and adults; 345 unique California tiger salamander juveniles and adults were identified from May 2018-2020.
- Created an educational opportunity for community members focused on native plant restoration.

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

### 6. Safe, Clean Water Mini-Grant Closeout: Stanford Conservation Program's Riparian Tree Planting

In FY 2018, Valley Water awarded Stanford Conservation Program a \$5,000 Safe, Clean Water Program D3 Mini-Grant for their Riparian Tree Planting Project (Project). Stanford Conservation Program completed the Project in May 2020 and provided their final closeout materials in September 2020.

The Project helped restore the Deer Creek Conservation Easement, a riparian ecosystem. Deer Creek has experienced over a century of human impacts that have reduced the width of the mature riparian vegetative buffer and the creek's capacity to support diverse wildlife.

In December 2018, 30 trees were planted along Deer Creek by 50 volunteers led by the non-profit group, Magic. Trees included nine valley oak (Quercus lobata), nine blue oak (Quercus douglasii), four coast live oak (Quercus agrifolia), five buckeye (Aesculus californica), and three California bay (Umbellaria californica). The mature tree communities in riparian corridors on Stanford lands support bird reproduction, wildlife movement, Dusky-Footed woodrat populations, and California red-legged frogs. As the riparian oak woodland matures, woody debris accumulates in creeks and provide important habitat for aquatic invertebrates, native amphibians, and native fish.

#### **Key Outcomes:**

- 100% survivorship of planted trees.
- Over ten volunteer events hosted from May 2018 through May 2020.
- During volunteer work events, trees were watered, weeded, and protective structures (tubex, rebar, wire mesh) were maintained.

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

#### 7. Status Update on Silver Creek Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) Application

The Lower Silver Creek and Lake Cunningham Detention flood protection project has removed an estimated 1,912 parcels from the FEMA 100-year floodplain (Flood Insurance Rate Map, or FIRM) and an additional estimated 1,821 parcels from shallow flooding risk (< 1 ft depth during a 100-year event). To reflect the flood protection project's completion and remove parcels from the FIRM, Valley Water submitted a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) request to FEMA. A LOMR is FEMA's process to modify to a current effective FIRM. This provides an update on the LOMR status.

Valley Water first submitted its LOMR request with concurrence from the City of San Jose to FEMA on April 30, 2020 after as-builts for the project were completed. Since then, we have been through two rounds of review comments. Valley Water submitted a response to remaining questions that were part of the second round of comments on February 17, 2021.

FEMA has 90 days to review the comment response which could result in additional comments or approval of the request for a LOMR. We anticipate that with our recent submission, it is likely that the LOMR would be approved by FEMA within that 90-day period and Valley Water will work closely with FEMA to see if that can be expedited. Once a LOMR is approved, the FEMA process requires about a 4-month waiting period before it becomes effective.

For further information, please contact John Bourgeois at (408) 630-2990.

#### 8. Three Valley Water Talent Development Programs to Note

Valley Water's Talent Development department continuously offers a variety of training to support Valley Water employees. A listing of recent trainings provided include:

- 20 employees attended the two-day "Customer Service" training on January 19 & 20, 2021.
- 32 employees attended a "Critical Thinking Tools" training on February 8 & 10, 2021, which is part of the Analyst Certificate Program. Classes in the Analyst Certificate Program are designed to help employees gain an understanding of the roles, responsibilities, and expectations of an Analyst.
- 38 employees attended a timely training titled, "Martial Arts for the Mind: Stress & Resilience Skills for Government Professionals" which took place on February 18, 2021. This training, in partnership with Benefits & Wellness, was designed to help staff gain clarity of mind and an increased capacity to meet and overcome life's challenges.
- 20 employees attended the "FranklinCovey Project Management Essentials" training on February 23, 24, and 25, 2021, which is also part of the Analyst Certificate Program.

Talent Development is providing support to the two employee Co-chairs who are leading the 2021 Employee Recognition Awards Event. We are excited to announce this year's fun-filled virtual travel event theme titled "Destination Appreciation – all the places you'll go" which speaks to recognizing both current and future achievements.

#### **EMPOWER SPEAKERS SERIES**

Talent Development is working to implement the "Employees & Managers Promoting Our Wisdom, Expertise & Resilience (EMPOWER) Speakers Series". The Employees & Managers Promoting Our Wisdom, Expertise & Resilience (EMPOWER) Speakers Series idea supports Valley Water's Cultivate Succession Development Initiative. Inviting employees to share their wisdom gives employees an opportunity to showcase their abilities. This idea also helps further develop employees' communication skills by providing an opportunity for employees to present to a potentially large audience, as well as through the coaching and mentorship aspects of the program.

There are 10 participants enrolled in the program. To help prepare these employees for delivering presentations to staff, they have been provided access to a TED Masterclass online training series taking place between March 3-23 which include: Story Telling and Data Story, Visual Story & Slide Design Using PPT, Public Speaking Skills, and Presentation Practice and Critique. Afterwards participants will create a presentation on their selected topics which will be captured via Zoom. The topics that were selected by the ten employees include:

- Water Utility Infrastructure Condition Assessment, Monitoring and Management
- Upstream thinking for river stewardship and ecosystem health
- Valley Water Rates (water rates: what they are, how they are calculated, and why they mater)
- Racial equity, diversity, inclusion as well as environmental justice
- The environmental compliance process for projects
- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) project planning process (to help give context for our projects where we partner with USACE)
- The importance of having Mentors
- Equity, access, and environmental and climate justice through individual actions to save water
- How to make the most out of working from home

For further information, please contact Ingrid Bella at (408) 630-3171.

#### 9. "Urban Confluence Silicon Valley" Design Competition Finalists

The mission of the San Jose Light Tower Corporation (SJLTC) is to build an iconic landmark for San Jose and Silicon Valley that is respected by people around the world and is the must-see place to visit in Silicon Valley for both locals and visitors. The project is not a "light tower", but the founders were simply inspired by the original San Jose Electric Light Tower that existed from 1881 to 1915.

The goal of the organization is to create a recognizable symbolic structure appropriate for the unique Silicon Valley region. The project design will come from "Urban Confluence Silicon Valley", an international open ideas competition that was launched in July 2019 and will conclude in early 2021 with the winning design approved by SJLTC and the San Jose City Council.

The proposed new iconic landmark aims to represent the intersection of modern technology, history, art, architecture, engineering, and place-making. After receiving close to 1,000 entries from 72 countries, three finalists have been identified for the confluence of Los Gatos Creek and the Guadalupe River location. The finalist presentations ("Breeze of Innovation", "Welcome to Wonderland" and "The Nebula Tower") can be viewed at www.urbanconfluencesiliconvalley.org. All three finalists are proposing significant art installation structures around 200 feet tall with various amounts of lighting at the Arena Green location.

Valley Water was invited to participate the Stakeholders Committee and has attended two recent meetings. Next steps include receiving public comment through February 26, 2021, including a final public meeting on February 18, 2021. After receiving public input, the jury will deliberate and submit its final recommendation for a winning project to the City of San Jose in March 2021.

For further information, please contact John Bourgeois at (408) 630-2990.

### 10. Valley Water Hosts Virtual Meeting to Inform the Borello Ranch Estates and Alicante Ranch Residents of Upcoming Anderson Dam Tunnel Project Impacts

On February 18, 2021, Valley Water hosted a virtual public meeting for residents of the Borello Ranch Estates and Alicante Ranch neighborhoods in Morgan Hill to provide an update on the Anderson Dam Tunnel Project and upcoming tree removal activities nearby.

65 participants attended virtually via Zoom and 13 participants joined on Facebook Live. Valley Water responded to questions on topics such as the Anderson Dam Tunnel Project's construction schedule and impacts on nearby roadways, fish, and Coyote Creek. Residents also asked about the larger Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project.

Attendees were encouraged to contact the project's neighborhood liaison with further questions or concerns. Later this Spring 2021, Valley Water will provide the community specifics about the next virtual public meeting, which will be focused on upcoming Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project activities.

A recording of the February 18, 2021 virtual meeting and presentation is now available on the project's <u>webpage</u>.

For further information, please contact Rachael Gibson at (408) 781-4739.

### 11. Valley Water Hosts Virtual Scoping Meetings and Open Houses for the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project

On February 24 and February 25, 2021, Valley Water hosted two virtual public scoping meetings and open houses on the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project.

81 participants virtually attended the first meeting via Zoom and 8 participants joined on Facebook Live. The second virtual public meeting was attended by a total of 36 Zoom participants and 3 Facebook Live attendees.

Valley Water presented details on the different project alternatives during the scoping meeting. The open house portion of the virtual event included an interactive six-question survey to engage participants and foster a dialogue about project benefits, project costs, and the project's timeline. Staff also answered participant questions and responded to commentary.

Attendees were encouraged to submit comments in writing, for consideration in the environmental review process. Recordings of the virtual meetings and open houses are available on the project webpage, along with a link to the interactive survey. That survey will be open through the end of March 2021 to help capture additional public input about the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project.

For further information, please contact Rachael Gibson at (408) 781-4739.

#### 12. Valley Water Recruitment Metrics

In calendar year 2020, the Valley Water Recruitment Team reviewed 7,238 applications and facilitated almost 5,000 interviews. Since the pandemic began in March 2020, Valley Water has hired 97 new employees.

This 2020-2021 fiscal year, Valley Water is on a great path to maintain a steady vacancy rate. Since the start of the fiscal year in July 2020, Valley Water recruiters have completed 117 recruitments, with 63 new hires, 50 promotions and four competitive lateral transfers.

For further information, please contact Ingrid Bella at (408) 630-3171.

#### 13. Water Quality Lab Annual Performance Evaluation

Valley Water's Water Quality Lab recently completed its annual performance evaluation and scored a remarkable 99.7 percent passing score in a wide variety of chemical and microbiological analyses. This evaluation is a single-blind study in which a third-party vendor provides samples of unknown concentrations in a variety of environmental matrices. Reported results are evaluated by the vendor per the regulations and submitted directly to the Lab's accreditation body, the California Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program. This is an annual requirement to maintain accreditation for both the main Lab and a small laboratory located at the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center.

This year's performance evaluation involved a total of 318 different parameters tested by each of the Lab's primary analysts. These parameters included some Chemicals of Emerging Concern, such as per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), 1,4-dioxane, and perchlorate at parts per trillion levels, for which the Lab received accreditation in 2020.

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In addition to the performance testing, the Lab's quality management system is also audited at least once every two years. The next audit on-site assessment is scheduled for May 2021.

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

#### 14. Kremen

Provide a report of all non 7-0 Board votes on agenda items from December 2014 to current.
I-21-0002

Response to IBMR-21-0002 - Provide a report of all non 7-0 Board votes on agenda items from December 2014 to current, as requested by Vice Chair Kremen, has been included in the March 5, 2021 Non-Agenda.

For further information, please contact Michele King at (408) 630-2711.

# **BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS** and Informational Items



#### **MEMORANDUM**

FC 14 (02-08-19)

**TO**: Board of Directors **FROM**: Michele King, COB

SUBJECT: Response to IBMR-21-0002 DATE: 3/1/21

Report of all non 7-0 Board votes on agenda items from December 2014 to current

(Kremen)

The attached report lists all non 7-0 Board votes on Agenda Items from December 2014 to current, as requested by Vice Chair Kremen.

Michele L. King, CMC

Clerk, Board of Directors

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Agenda Date	Agenda Item	Motion	Vote	Reason for Descending Vote
5/26/2020	Consideration of Project Labor Agreement.	A. Receive information from Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) staff, and the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Committee, regarding how a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) may impact Valley Water's capital projects;  B. Receive information and discuss the CIP Committee's identified potential benefits, and potential concerns;  C. Make a determination on whether Valley Water should pursue PLA implementation;  D. If the Board decides to proceed with a PLA, provide direction on whether Valley Water should adopt a project value threshold for use of a PLA, or should one specific pilot project be selected to test the use of a PLA; and E.If the Board decides to proceed with a PLA, identify negotiation parameter and provide direction regarding PLA negotiation commencement.	Nays: Linda J. LeZotte	Director LeZotte confirmed that she voted in opposition to the item because there was no history of labor strikes or disputes on previous Valley Water projects.
5/26/2020	Resolutions Adopting the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Operating and Capital Budget and Levy of Ad-Valorem Property Taxes, and Approval of Santa Clara Valley Water District Reserve Policy.	Adopt Resolution No. 20-33, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021, and Resolution No. 20-34, PROVIDING FOR LEVY OF AD VALOREM REAL PROPERTY TAXES IN FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 TO MEET THE COST OF ITS WATER SUPPLY CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, by roll call vote; approve the Santa Clara Valley Water District Reserve Policy; and authorize the Board Chairperson to work with the Vice Chairperson to establish and come back to the full Board at a future meeting with the scope and purpose of an Ad Hoc Committee to further review the budget and implications associated with reduced property taxes, 0 percent rate increases, and the Board's request to investigate opportunities to support agencies assisting water rate payers impacted by Covid-19; and direct staff to come back with additional rate and budget discussions in September 2020.	Nays: Gary Kremen	Director Kremen confirmed that he voted in opposition to the item because he didn't feel enough cuts had been made to the budget to reflect the economic impacts Covid-19 has had on Valley Water and its constituents.

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5/26/2020	Chief Executive Officer Appointment and Employment Agreement.		Nays: Nai Hsueh, Barbara Keegan, Linda J. LeZotte	Director Keegan explained that she voted in opposition to the item because she needed to vote her conscience.
9/8/2020	Construction Contract to Blocka Construction, Inc., for the Pacheco Pumping Plant Priority 1 Fire Alarm and	A.Ratify Addenda No. 1, 2, 3, and 4 to the Contract Documents for the Pacheco Pumping Plant Priority 1 Fire Alarm and Suppression System Improvements; B.Award the Construction Contract to Blocka Construction, Inc. in the sum of \$1,571,355; and C.Approve a contingency sum of \$157,135 and authorize the Chief Executive Officer or designee to approve individual change orders up to the designated amount	Nays: Richard Santos	
11/17/2020	Monitoring and Assessment Program Evaluation of Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion, Sites Reservoir, and Delta Conveyance Project.	Authorize the CEO to execute the Second Amendment to 2019 Reservoir Project Agreement with Sites Project Authority and the Project Agreement Members for a participation level of 0.2 percent with a \$50,000 cost share.	Nays: Linda J. LeZotte	Director LeZotte explained that she voted in opposition to the item because she believed that between Valley Water's other water storage assets and investments, the Delta, and increased conservation, Valley Water's water supply portfolio was sufficiently diverse and did not warrant the size of investment needed with Sites Reservoir.

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10/11/2019	Receive Recommendations and Associated Staff Analyses from the Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee, September 30, 2019 Meeting.	A. Regarding the Operational Approach for the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection (Safe, Clean Water) Program's Project B4 Good Neighbor Program: Encampment Cleanup, that the Board increase the Fiscal Year 2020 budget to \$1.5 million by drawing an additional \$575,000 from Watersheds Stream Stewardship Fund reserves, with subsequent year Encampment Cleanup Project funding to be determined by the Board on an annual basis for Fiscal Years 2021-2028; B. That Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) host an Environmental Cleanup Day event on December 7, 2019, to engage government agencies, environmental advocates, homeless advocates, volunteers, and local homeless populations in a collaborative effort to perform environmental cleanup activities along Coyote Creek in San Jose; C. If the Board approves Recommendation A, then approve a budget adjustment transferring \$575,000 Watershed and Stream Stewardship Operating and Capital Reserve to the Encampment Cleanup Program, Project No. 26771027; and D. If the Board approves Recommendation B, then approve a budget adjustment transferring \$90,000 from Watershed and Stream Stewardship Operating and Capital Reserve to the Watershed Debris Removal Project, Project No. 62761026.	Nays: Barbara F. Keegan, Linda	Director Keegan explained that she voted in opposition to the item because she is concerned for the health and safety of volunteers at the Environment Cleanup Day event and cannot support staff's Recommendations B and D, and expressed support for Recommendations A and C.  Chairperson LeZotte explained that she voted in opposition to the Item because of concern that Valley Water is the only government organization providing financial support for the Environmental Cleanup Day event associated with Recommendation B.
9/24/2019	Consider Board Policy and Planning Committee's Recommended Revisions to Board Governance Policies, GP-6.3 and EL-3, Associated with Board Members Exercising Authority Over the Organization.	Deny the BPPC proposed revisions to Board Governance Policy GP-6 and EL-3, with the exception of the following: Attachment 1, Page 2, Paragraph 2, Line 3, Board Administrative Chief Executive Officer; Attachment 1, Page 4, Paragraph 2, Human Resources Director Chief People Officer. Upon receipt, the Deputy Administrative Officer Chief People Officer; and Attachment 1, Page 8, Paragraph 5, Line 4, Deputy Administrative Officer Chief People Officer, Human Resources Division. Upon receipt, the Deputy Administrative Chief People Officer	Nays: Barbara Keegan	Director Keegan explained that she voted in opposition to the motion because she supported implementing the policy changes recommended by the BPPC.

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8/27/2019	Receive Groundwater Benefit Zone Study Preliminary Report and Consider Recommendations for Updates to the Groundwater Benefit Zones.	Approve continuing discussion to the October 8, 2019 regular meeting and direct staff to receive and consider concerns from Great Oaks Water Company, Stanford, Palo Alto, and others, before coming back to the Board.	Nave: Linda I LeZotte	Chairperson LeZotte confirmed that she voted in opposition to the motion because she believed that adequate outreach and consideration of stakeholder comments had already been given.
2/26/2019	Sites Project Authority 2019 Reservoir Project Agreement for Continued District Participation in the Sites Reservoir Project. (Continued from February 12, 2019).	Approve staff recommendations, and authorize a 4.8 percent (\$1.4 million) participation level as outlined in Attachment 8, Page 11, Option A.	Nays: Gary Kremen, Linda J. LeZotte, Richard Santos, John L. Varela	The motion failed by 3:4 vote.
2/26/2019	Sites Project Authority 2019 Reservoir Project Agreement for Continued District Participation in the Sites Reservoir Project. (Continued from February 12, 2019).	Approve staff recommendations, and authorize a 3.2 percent (\$.96 million) participation level as outlined in Attachment 8, Page 11, Option B.	Nays: Linda J. LeZotte	
4/23/2019	Claim of Susan Landry.	Continue the Item for Closed Session discussion, at a future meeting.	Nays: Gary Kremen	Director Kremen explained that he voted in opposition to the item because he preferred resolution through mediation.

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4/23/2019	Public Hearing - Annual Report on the Protection and Augmentation of Water Supplies - February 2019 and Recommended Groundwater Production and Other Water Charges for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. (Continued from April 11, 2019)	Approve the Recommendation contained in Handout 2.8-A Page 2, as follows:  1. Continue current practice for OSC for the next 2 years, FY 2019-2020 and FY 2020-2021.  2. During the 2-year period, through a coalition of agriculture industry, open space organizations, other governmental organizations, environmental groups and Valley Water, work to pursue feasible revenue sources for OSC.  3. Depending on the outcomes of the efforts, the Board would then set the OSC accordingly. It is important to point out that the OSC decision cannot not be made independently, it needs to be considered in connection with the services Valley Water relies on Property Tax to deliver to the community; and  4. Direct staff to respond in writing to the correspondences contained in Handouts 2.8-B, 2.8-C, 2.8-D, and 2.8-E, and explain that, as stated in Handout 2.8-A, Page 1, Paragraph 2, the Board, present and former, has never wavered its support for agriculture; that the issue facing the Board is about an "unsustainable financial future" of property tax revenue; and requesting constituent support in the process.		Directors Keegan and Kremen explained that they voted in opposition to the item because they opposed delaying an OSC decision for two years.  Chairperson LeZotte explained that she voted in opposition to the item because in addition to shared concern regarding delaying an OSC decision, she was also concerned about the OSC diminishing funding for other projects.
12/12/2018	Authorization to Execute the State Water Project Contract Extension Amendment and Resolution Making Responsible Agency Findings.	Adopt Resolution No. 18-63, MAKING RESPONSIBLE AGENCY FINDINGS PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT TO USE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES' FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE WATER SUPPLY CONTRACT EXTENSION PROJECT TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT AMENDMENT BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT, by roll call vote; and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute Amendment No. 24 to Water Supply Contract Between DWR and the Santa Clara Valley Water District for continued service and the terms and conditions thereof.	Nays: Linda J. LeZotte	Director LeZotte explained that she had voted in opposition to the item because of concerns that additional terms included in the State Water Project Contract Extension Amendment had not been adequately highlighted, and could define the California WaterFix as a water system facility of the State Water Project in the future.

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8/14/2018	Santa Clara Valley Water District Partnership Agreements With County of Santa Clara.	A. Adopt a JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT APPROVING SHARED PRINCIPLES AS A FRAMEWORK FOR THE LAND USE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PARTIES; B.Approve a Memorandum of Agreement Regarding the Land Use Relationship with Santa Clara Valley Water District for a five-year term that may be extended for successive five-year terms with written approval by both parties; C.Approve and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the Master License Agreement by and Between the Santa Clara Valley Water District and the County of Santa Clara for Mutual Access to County of Santa Clara Parkland and Santa Clara Valley Water District for a five-year period with three renewal terms of five years subject to the written approval of both parties; and D.Approve the Master Partnership Agreement for Recreational Use of Certain District Lands, Reservoirs, and Recharge Ponds with the County of Santa Clara.	Nays: Linda J. LeZotte	Director LeZotte stated for the record that she was voting affirmative on Recommendations A through C, and opposed Recommendation D.
8/14/2018	Update on California WaterFix and Authorization to Execute the Agreement Between the Department of Water Resources and the Santa Clara Valley Water District for the Advance or Contribution of Money to the Department of Water Resources for Preconstruction Planning Costs of the California WaterFix, a Facility of the State Water Project.	Approve and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the Agreement for the Advance or Contribution of Money to the Department of Water Resources for Preconstruction Planning Costs of the California WaterFix, a Facility of the State Water Project, between the Department of Water Resources and the District or preconstruction planning costs for the WaterFix for a District contribution of \$1,092,975.	Nays: John L. Varela	Director Varela expressed opposition to the California WaterFix, and stated that he was willing to support Resolution 18-23 with regard to conditional participation for the development of a single tunnel project.
8/28/2018	Consideration of Waiver of Attorney- Client Privilege as to Records Requested by Auditor for the Lower Silver Creek Flood Protection Project Audit.	Approve waiving the attorney-client privilege as to the 2015 fact-finding report related to contracting issues from Mike Moye, Esq.	Nays: Linda J. LeZotte	

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5/8/2018	Designation of District Representative, and Adoption of California Environmental Quality Act Findings.	Approve Handout 2.1-F (referenced in archive as Attachment 3), Motion 3, and advocate at the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Joint Powers Authority ("DCA") board level for a per acre-foot surcharge on water delivered through the project to be used for environmental and restoration efforts.	Nays: Nai Hsueh	
5/8/2018	Designation of District Representative, and Adoption of California Environmental Quality Act Findings.	Approve Agenda Memorandum Recommendation C and Handout 2.1-F (referenced in archive as Attachment 3), Motion 5, and adopt Resolution No. 18-24, AUTHORIZING SUPPORT OF, AND PARTICIPATION IN, CALIFORNIA WATERFIX, by roll call vote, and support participation in the California WaterFix.	Nays: Linda J. LeZotte, Richard Santos, John L. Varela	
5/8/2018	Designation of District Representative, and Adoption of California Environmental Quality Act Findings. (Continued from May 2, 2018)	Approve Handout 2.1-F (referenced in archive as Attachment 3), Motion 6, and approve the Capacity Interest Option Agreement with Metropolitan Water District and direct the CEO to negotiate terms and conditions for the Capacity Interest Purchase Agreement and to subsequently, bring back to the Board the Purchase Agreement for approval and execution of Option Agreement.	Nays: Linda J. LeZotte, Richard Santos, John L. Varela	
5/8/2018	Environmental Quality Act Findings	Approve Handout 2.1-F (referenced in archive as Attachment 3), Motion 7, and approve and authorize the Board to execute a Joint Powers Agreement forming the DCA that is in substantial conformance to the agreement provided in Attachment 2.	Nays: Linda J. LeZotte, Richard Santos, John L. Varela	Directors Varela and LeZotte stated for the record that they supported appointing a representative to the Board of Directors of the DCA, but did not support the California WaterFix project.
5/23/2018	Project E4: Upper Penitencia Creek Flood Protection of the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection	Adopt Resolution No. 18-27, APPROVING MODIFICATION TO THE NITRATE TREATMENT SYSTEM REBATE PROGRAM OF THE SAFE, CLEAN WATER PARTNERSHIPS AND GRANTS OF THE SAFE, CLEAN WATER AND NATURAL FLOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM, by roll call vote, and take no action on Recommendation C.	Nays: John L. Varela	

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2/27/2018	Recommendation to Expand the Scope	A. Discuss and consider the Board Audit Committee's recommendation to expand the scope of the Lower Silver Creek Flood Protection Performance Audit to include:  1. A financial review to ensure that there was no double billing and no billing for work that was not done, including additional analysis on the October 27, 2015, verbal report to the Board that considers whether the invoices followed appropriate financial review and approval processes and followed appropriate preparation and submittal processes; and  2. A review of media allegations in newspaper reports and video and ensure that they have been addressed.  B. If the Board accepts the Board Audit Committee's recommendation, approve Amendment No. 3 to Standard Consultant Agreement No. A4046F, Performance Audit of Lower Silver Creek Flood Protection Project Consultant Agreement (A3277G) with RMC Water and Environment to expand the scope of services and increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$193,500 for a new, Not-to-Exceed amount of \$292,887.	Nays: Nai Hsueh, Linda J. LeZotte, John L. Varela	Director Hsueh explained that she voted in opposition to the item because she felt that the previous audits conducted by the District Counsel and the Chief Financial Officer, and presented to the Board on October 27, 2015, were sufficient.
1/10/2017	Time and Place of Regular Meetings of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors.	Approve revising the Board of Directors' regular meeting schedule for the six-month period, holding regular meetings on the second Tuesdays of the month at 1:00 p.m. and the fourth Tuesdays of the month at 6:00 p.m.; and direct the Clerk of the Board to come back during the February 14, 2017 regular meeting with revised resolution.	Nays: Linda J. LeZotte, Barbara Keegan, Nai Hsueh	Directors Hsueh, Keegan, and LeZotte confirmed that they voted in opposition because of concerns that daytime meetings would be prohibitive to public participation.
1/10/2017	Expedited Purified Water Program - San Diego County Water Authority's Experiences with Project Delivery Methods; Additional Information on Design/Build and Public-Private Partnership for Program Delivery; Program Status Update.	Direct Staff to pursue P3 Project Labor Agreement options for the Expedited Purified Water Program, subject to contractual protections that need to be brought back to the Board, and direct staff to investigate whether the P3 interest list should be updated.		

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4/25/2017	Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. A3675A with GEI Consultants, Inc., for Planning and Environmental Consultant Services for a Not-To-Exceed Fee of \$1,316,011, Resulting in a Total Not-To-Exceed Fee of \$6,219,841, and Extend the Agreement Term for Calero and Guadalupe Dams Seismic Retrofits Project, Project No. 91084020 (San Jose) (District 1).	Approve Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. A3675A with GEI Consultants, Inc., for Planning and Environmental Consultant Services for Calero and Guadalupe Dams Seismic Retrofits Project, for a not-to-exceed fee of \$1,316,011, resulting in a total not-to-exceed fee of \$6,219,841, and extend the Agreement term.	Nays: Tony Estremera	Director Estremera explained that he voted in opposition because he did not support staff's continued practice of bringing amended agreements, requesting more funds, to the Board.
1/12/2016	Resolution Establishing Board of Directors Service Recognition Program.	Adopt Resolution No. 16-02, ESTABLISHING BOARD OF DIRECTORS SERVICE RECOGNITION PROGRAM, by roll call vote.	Nays: Nai Hsueh, Linda J. LeZotte	Directors Hsueh and LeZotte explained that they voted in opposition because both Directors did not support the Board's participation in an employee service award program, and felt that elected officials are appropriately rewarded by the voters whom they serve.
3/22/2016	Appeal of Permit Authority Decision to Deny Encroachment Permit Application to Continue Private Use of District Property along Guadalupe River in the City of San Jose, Appellant: Thomas Anderson (Assessor Parcel 458-02-010).	Approve issuing a tentative decision denying the Appeal.	Nays: Linda J. LeZotte	Director LeZotte explained that she voted in opposition to the item because she viewed the landscape and fencing installations as area improvements that did not prohibit use of the property, and because further protection of the District's ability to revoke the permit in the future was provided in the Water Resources Protection Ordinance, Section 2.5.1.
4/16/2016	Appeal of Permit Authority Decision to Deny Encroachment Permit Application to Continue Private Use of District Property Along Guadalupe River in the City of San Jose, Appellants: Karen and Jerry Lane (Assessor Parcel No. 458-02-008).	A.Consider the appeal by ("Appellants") Karen and Jerry Lane of the decision to deny the issuance of an encroachment permit to enable the continued use and presence of their encroachments on District property bordering Appellants' real property at 4829 Tonino Drive in San Jose, California ("Appeal"); and B.Issue a tentative decision denying the Appeal.	Nays: Linda J. LeZotte	Director LeZotte explained that she had voted in opposition to Items 5.1 and 5.2, because she believed that the item could be referred to staff to investigate a procedure by which this land can be conveyed to the appellants.
4/16/2016	Appeal of Permit Authority Decision to Deny Encroachment Permit Application to Continue Private Use of District Property Along Guadalupe River in the City of San Jose, Appellants: Russell and Gloria Cipolla and Jared and Michelle Ring (Assessor Parcel No. 458-02-009).	A.Consider the appeal by Russell and Gloria Cipolla and Jared and Michelle Ring ("Appellants") of the decision to deny the issuance of an encroachment permit to enable the continued use and presence of their encroachments on District property bordering Appellants' real property at 4835 Tonino Drive in San Jose, California ("Appeal"); and B.Issue a tentative decision denying the Appeal.	Nays: Linda J. LeZotte	Director LeZotte explained that she had voted in opposition to Items 5.1 and 5.2, because she believed that the item could be referred to staff to investigate a procedure by which this land can be conveyed to the appellants.

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6/14/2016	Update on 2016 Water Supply and Drought Response. (MOVED FROM ITEM 5.3)	A. Receive, review, and discuss updated information on 2016 water supply and drought response efforts, and provide direction to staff as necessary; and B. Adopt the Resolution CALLING FOR A 20% WATER USE REDUCTION THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2017, AND A RESTRICTION ON OUTDOOR WATERING OF ORNAMENTAL LANDSCAPES OR LAWNS WITH POTABLE WATER TO A MAXIMUM OF THREE DAYS A WEEK; FURTHER, RECOMMENDING THAT WATER RETAILERS, LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES AND THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA CONTINUE TO IMPLEMENT MANDATORY MEASURES AS NEEDED TO ACHIEVE THE 20% WATER USE REDUCTION TARGET.	Nays: Linda J. LeZotte	Director LeZotte explained that she had voted in opposition to Item 2.3 because she believed that water conservation could be moved to 25 percent with lawn watering set at 2 days per week versus 3 days per week.
10/11/2016	Claim of Roy Woolsey.	Deny the Claim of Roy Woolsey.	Nays: Gary Kremen	
11/8/2016	Amendment No. 5 to Standard Consultant Agreement No. A3366A between the Santa Clara Valley Water District and RMC Water and Environment to Increase the Agreement by \$5,187,734, for Additional Design Services and Engineering Support Services During Construction, for a not- to-exceed total amount of \$15,900,128 for the Upper Llagas Creek Flood Protection Project, Project No. 26174052, (Morgan Hill) (District 1).	pursuant to Board Governance Policy GP-12.1.2.6, immediately ending debate on the item.	Nays: Tony Estremera, Barbara Keegan, Gary Kremen	

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1/13/2015	Membership Nominations for Committee Appointments to Agricultural Water Advisory Committee and Environmental and Water Resources Committee, and Resolutions Expressing Appreciation for Outgoing Committee Members.	Approve the three-month membership appointment of Richard McMurtry to the Environmental and Water	Nays: Linda J. LeZotte	
2/10/2015	Review of Board Committee Appointments (Continued from January 27, 2015).	Accept the Amended Schedule of Committee Appointments, identified as Handout 9.1-A, herein.	Nays: Tony Estremera	
3/24/2015	Environmental and Water Resources Committee Membership Structure	A.Discuss Board Advisory Committee Ad Hoc Committee recommendation on the Environmental and Water Resources Committee (EWRC) membership structure; and B.Adopt RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AND DEFINING THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES TO THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 14-102, restructuring the membership of the EWRC to a 21 member committee, effective July 1, 2015.	Nays: Richard Santos	

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4/28/2015	Expedited Recycled and Purified Water Program Implementation.	A.Authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to negotiate and execute four initial professional consulting agreements (items a. through d.) and amend two agreements (items e. and f.) necessary to support the Expedited Recycled and Purified Water Program, with an aggregate cost not to exceed \$10 million: a. Singlesource agreement with RMC Water and Environment for preliminary engineering work, b. Single-source agreement with Todd Groundwater Inc. for groundwater studies, c. Single source agreement with Maine Technology Modeling Group for operations studies, d. Single source agreement with Carollo Engineers Inc. Consultants for pursuing grant funding opportunities, e. Amendment to an existing agreement with Katz & Associates Inc. for public outreach, and f. Amendment to an existing agreement with MWH Americas Inc. to update the South County Recycled Water Master Plan.  B.Approve a budget adjustment of \$2 million to fund consultant services described in item "A" and staff work to initiate the expedited recycled and purified water program during this Fiscal Year.	Nays: Barbara Keegan, Gary Kremen	
4/28/2015	Board Meeting Planning.	Approve cancelation of the July 8, 2015, regular Board meeting.	Nays: N. Hsueh, L. LeZotte, R. Santos	
5/12/2015	Approval of the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Operating and Capital Budget and Levy of Ad-valorem Property Taxes.	Adopt Resolution No. 15-35, PROVIDING FOR A LEVY OF AD-VALOREM REAL PROPERTY TAXES IN FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 TO MEET THE COST OF ITS WATER SUPPLY CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, by roll call vote.	Nays: Gary Kremen	Chairperson Kremen explained that he had voted in opposition because he felt it was not practical to raise funds from water rates for other sources, the additional tax may be subject to a legal challenge, it was not equitable especially when people do not receive water, and it is not the universal approach of other water agencies.
5/26/2015	Report of Bids Received, Award of Construction Contract to Balfour Beatty Infrastructure, Inc. and Amendment to Agreement No. A3626A with CDM Smith for the Rinconada Water Treatment Plant Reliability Improvement Project, No. 93294057, Contract No. C0601 (Los Gatos).	Decrease Unit Manager and Project Manager authority to approve change orders from \$500,000 to \$250,000 for this project, and the Deputy and CEO levels of authority are to remain the same	Nays: Tony Estremera	Director Estremera explained that he voted in opposition to the motion because he felt that the existing level of authority had proven to be consistent and successful.

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5/26/2015	Board Meeting Planning	Relative to Recommendation D, to direct the CEO to retain a third-party facilitator to assist, examine, and improve efficiency and effectiveness of Board meetings.	Nays: Nai Hsueh, Linda J. LeZotte	Directors Hsueh explained she voted in opposition as she felt the Board chair serves as the meeting facilitator. Director LeZotte voted in opposition as no budget amount to hire a facilitator was defined.
6/9/2015	Overview of the Office of Ethics and Corporate Governance	Refer the matter back to staff to review best practices, analyze changes in programs and staff assignments, and come back to the Board with more information.	Nays: Richard Santos, Tony Estremera	
7/29/2015	Annual Work Study Sessions of the Board's Governance Policies. (T. Alvarado)	Adopt a new Governance Process Policy GP-5.3.2 that reads Any Board member may, at his/her discretion, and on a one-time basis, postpone by one year the acceptance of either the Chair or Vice Chair office by swapping with the Director immediately following him/her on the list of succession.	Nays: Tony Estremera	Director Estremera explained that he voted in opposition to the motion because he preferred that new Directors not be elected to Chair until being at the District for a couple of years.
10/27/2015	Public Hearing—Board of Directors' Consideration of Directors' Meeting Compensation Amount for Calendar Year 2016.	Refer to staff to come back to the Board with an ordinance providing for a 10 percent increase to Board of Director compensation.	Nays: Barbara Keegan	
10/27/2015	Public Hearing—Board of Directors' Consideration of Directors' Meeting Compensation Amount for Calendar Year 2016.	Refer to staff to come back to the Board with an ordinance providing for a 5 percent increase to Board of Director compensation.	Nays: Barbara Keegan	Director Keegan explained that she voted in opposition to both motions because she did not support increasing Board compensation
11/10/2015	Open Space Credit Policy Discussion. (CONTENT PERTAINING TO STATE WATER TAX REMOVED FROM AGENDA)	Refer to staff to come back in July or August 2016 with a detailed review of Open Space Credit cost recovery options, including tiered water rates and alternatives to reallocate costs across South County water users during the Fiscal Year 2018 rate setting process.	Nays: Gary Kremen	Chairperson Kremen explained that he voted in opposition to the item because he disagreed with current Open Space Credit cost recovery methods.
11/24/2015	Resolution Providing for the Compensation of the Chief Executive Officer, a Board Appointed Officer of the Santa Clara Valley Water District.	Adopt a base salary increase of 5 percent, for the Chief Executive Officer, effective July 1, 2015, and adopt Resolution No. 15-73, PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, A BOARD APPOINTED OFFICER OF THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT, amending the employment agreement dated May 26, 2009, between the District and Beau Goldie, by roll call vote.	Nays: Barbara Keegan	
12/8/2015	Review and Accept Letters of Interest for District 1 Board of Directors' Vacant Seat.	Approve a District 1 interview candidate selection process that allows candidates with three or more votes to move forward into interviews.	Nays: Nai Hsueh	Director Hsueh explained that she voted in opposition to the motion because she would support a motion for candidates who received two or more votes.