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The BAOs shall inform and support the Board in its work.

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Board correspondence has been removed from the online posting of the Non-Agenda to protect personal contact information. Lengthy reports/attachments may also be removed due to file size limitations. Copies of board correspondence and/or reports/attachments are available by submitting a public records request to publicrecords@valleywater.org.
CEO BULLETIN
To: Board of Directors  
From: Norma J. Camacho, Interim CEO

Chief Executive Officer Bulletin  
Week of August 4 – 10, 2017

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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2017 Water Conservation Outreach – San Jose Giants In-Game Promotion

This article is to inform the Board that the following information was included in the July 28, 2017, non-agenda packet:

The External Affairs Division’s Office of Communications is pleased to announce the water district’s 2017 water conservation campaign will include an in-game water conservation promotion at all San Jose Giants home games during the second half of the current baseball season from July through August 2017.

San Jose Giants will provide the following promotional opportunities to encourage water conservation:

- Digitally displaying the water district logo on the field during all home games (in rotation with other sponsors during the game).

- Reading the following public information announcement during home games: “This promotion is presented by the Santa Clara Valley Water District, which provides Silicon Valley safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment and economy. Your water district is working to make sure Santa Clara County has water even during droughts. Do your part and VOW to value our water and use every gallon wisely. Visit watersavings.org to learn about our rebate programs and get valuable water-saving tips.”

- Selecting one person from the audience during each home game to participate in the water
conservation in-game promotion, a Water Conservation Bucket Toss game designed by the water district. The participant will be asked to share with the audience what they will be doing to promote water conservation at home or work, and play the game. The game is a bean bag toss where the participant tosses bean bags (symbolizing water drops) into a bucket apparatus that when filled tips and drops the bean bags into another bucket below (symbolizing water conservation). Each game participant will receive a complimentary water efficient hose nozzle.

Display of the water district’s logo, the public announcement, and the Water Conservation Bucket Toss game began on June 28, 2017. The water district’s in-game promotion will be repeated during all home games at the stadium through August 2017.

San Jose Giant’s Home Game Schedule is as follows:
- July: 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 31
- August: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27

The Office of Communications has also produced new messages and artwork for a digital campaign, reflected in Attachment 1 of the Non-Agenda package memo, to promote continued water conservation and water district programs and includes a sampling of various ads.

Finally, a social media campaign on Facebook, Twitter, and Nextdoor has also been launched to promote district water conservation programs, rebates, and water saving tips for continued water conservation.

For further information, please contact Rick Callender at (408) 630-2017.

Water Quality Certification for the Upper Llagas Creek Flood Protection Project

On July 27, 2017, the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) issued a 401 Water Quality Certification (Certification) for the Upper Llagas Creek Flood Protection Project (Project). The Water Board has worked closely with the water district Project team since 2011 on the development of this Project.

At a Water Board meeting held in Santa Barbara on January 26, 2017, the Water Board staff described to their Board how the Project will provide a net benefit to water quality and improve other beneficial uses. In addition, Water Board staff explained that the Project was designed to mitigate impacts, and provide additional environmental benefits with the design of a stable channel that will equalize sediment transport, improve fish habitat and fish passage conditions, improve riparian habitat, and minimize future maintenance costs.

This Water Board Certification, and the previously-received 1600 permit issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife in January 2017, bring the Project closer to an advertisement date for construction. The Project must still receive a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Regulatory prior to advertisement. The Project team continues to work with the Corps Regulatory staff to secure this one remaining resource agency permit.

For further information, please contact Katherine Oven at (408) 630-3126.
Grassroots Ecology/Acterra completes the McClellan Ranch Preserve Meadow Enhancement Grant Project

Grassroots Ecology (formerly Acterra Stewardship), a recipient of the water district's FY2014 Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection grant, has completed its grant project. Grassroots Ecology, a non-profit organization, received $164,200 to remove invasive plants and establish "islands" of native plants within a riparian meadow adjacent to Stevens Creek in Cupertino.

The project began on July 1, 2014, and was completed on June 30, 2017. Key accomplishments of the project are:

- Three years of vegetation survey data showing a decrease in invasive plant population, including Italian thistle.
- Close to 12,000 native plants installed covering more than 1 acre of the meadow.
- Increased habitat value and diversity as result of planting over 30 different types of native plants. This has led to increased native wildlife (more native insects, birds, and pollinators have been seen).
- More than 3,500 community members engaged through 352 volunteer events.

The grantee's final report on the completed project, with before and after photos, is included in the board's August 11, 2017, Non-Agenda package.

For further information, please contact Norma Camacho at (408) 630-2084.
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Attached for your information is the FY18-22 Water Utility Maintenance Work Plan (MWP). The MWP identifies the water utility planned asset rehabilitation and replacement projects scheduled for the next five fiscal years. Asset management, maintenance, engineering, and operations staff work together to prepare the plan to ensure that the District’s water utility assets are appropriately maintained. The plan provides guidance to water utility maintenance staff for planning and scheduling projects, provides a five-year forecast of asset rehabilitation and replacement costs for the District budget, and identifies asset rehabilitation and replacement projects to be included in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Garth Hall
Chief Operating Officer (Acting)
Water Utility Enterprise

cc: Angela Cheung, Kurt Arends
Water Utility Enterprise
Maintenance Work Plan

A hard copy is available in the Clerk's office.
MEMORANDUM
FC 14 (01-02-07)

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Garth Hall

DATE: August 3, 2017

SUBJECT: Issuance of the 2081(b) Permit by California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the California WaterFix

On July 26, 2017, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife issued an incidental take permit pursuant to section 2081(b) of the California Endangered Species Act for construction and operation of the WaterFix.

District staff is still reviewing the permit findings and terms. However, similar to the biological opinions issued under the federal Endangered Species Act, the incidental take permit includes numerous terms and conditions that must be met to remain in compliance with the permit. These include general provisions, monitoring, notification and reporting provisions, minimization measures, and permanent protection and perpetual management of compensatory habitat to fully mitigate project-related impacts on covered species. The incidental take permit can be downloaded from the following website:


Garth Hall
Acting Chief Operating Officer, Water Utility Enterprise

Attachment 1: California WaterFix website page
INCIDENTAL TAKE PERMIT ISSUED FOR CALIFORNIA WATERFIX

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has issued an incidental take permit for the construction and operation of California WaterFix in compliance with Section 2081(b) of the California Endangered Species Act. This permit authorizes the incidental take of state-listed species associated with future operation of the State Water Project (SWP) with the addition of the California WaterFix, which includes construction of certain proposed water conveyance facilities within the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, along with operation of the SWP subsequent to and incorporating the newly constructed facilities for California WaterFix and future SWP operations. Issuance of this permit represents another significant milestone in the WaterFix planning process.

As described in the permit application, WaterFix will implement measures for construction and operation of the project to fully mitigate the impacts of any incidental take of state-listed species, and will provide additional protection through real-time operation of the facilities in a manner that avoids and minimizes incidental take.

COMPLETE APPROVED 2081(b) PERMIT APPLICATION

**DOWNLOAD PERMIT APPLICATION TO COMPUTER TO VIEW ATTACHMENTS**
TO: Board of Directors  
FROM: Norma Camacho  
DATE: August 7, 2017

SUBJECT: Presentation of completed SCW Grant Project – McClellan Ranch Preserve Meadow Enhancement Project

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform the Board of the completion of the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Grant Project: McClellan Ranch Preserve Meadow Enhancement Project. Notification of the enclosed final report was reported in this week’s CEO Bulletin.

Grassroots Ecology (formerly Acterra Stewardship), a non-profit organization, received a $164,200 Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection grant to remove invasive plants and establish "islands" of native plants within a riparian meadow adjacent to Stevens Creek in Cupertino.

The project began on July 1, 2014, and was completed on June 30, 2017. Key accomplishments of the project are:

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• Increased habitat value and diversity as result of planting over 30 different types of native plants. This has led to increased native wildlife (more native insects, birds, and pollinators have been seen).
• More than 3,500 community members engaged through 352 volunteer events.

For additional information, please contact Meenakshi Ganjoo at (408) 630-2295.

Norma J. Camacho  
Chief Executive Officer

Attachment 1: Presentation  
Attachment 2: Project Fact Sheet  
cc: SCW Grants file, M. Ganjoo
McClellan Ranch Preserve Meadow Enhancement Project

2014 Safe, Clean Water Grant
July 2014 - June 2017
Lead Agency: Grassroots Ecology/Acterra
Partner Agencies: City of Cupertino, De Anza College, Friends of Stevens Creek Trail

(A3759R)
Project Overview

The McClellan Ranch Preserve Meadow Enhancement Project enhanced the habitat value of a riparian meadow adjacent to a stretch of Stevens Creek within the McClellan Ranch Preserve. With the help of periodic mowing from the City of Cupertino and invaluable help from the community we have been able to control and reduce the amount of Italian thistle and plant close to 12,000 native plants.

Major grant activities included:
- community engagement and education
- promotion of watershed stewardship
- vegetation surveys
- invasive plant removal
- native plant installation and maintenance

While Grassroots Ecology professional staff planned and directed the project, community volunteers had a very active part in surveying vegetation within the project site, removing invasive plants, installing native plants, and monitoring and maintaining the enhanced areas.
Project Location

McClellan Ranch Preserve
22221 McClellan Ranch Road
Cupertino

Native plant islands in the meadow
Key Accomplishments

- More than 3,500 community members engaged through 352 volunteer events
- Annual vegetation surveys for pre and post project comparison
- Increased habitat value and diversity by planting over 30 different types of native plants
- Decreased invasive plant populations including target noxious weed (Italian thistle)
- Close to 12,000 native plants installed covering more than 1 acre of the meadow
Key Statistics

Award Amount: $164,200
In kind and direct match including volunteer labor: $262,252

- 352 volunteer workdays
- 3,527 volunteers engaged
- 7,427 volunteer hours contributed
- 11,824 native plants installed
- 30+ native species planted
Community Engagement

Community member and volunteers helped with all aspects of the projects, from plant propagation, installation, and care to invasive species removal and monitoring. Volunteers ranged in ages and backgrounds, including elementary, middle school and high school students, college students, families, retirees, corporate groups and church groups.

Key dedicated volunteer groups include: Friends of Stevens Creek Trail, De Anza College, Foothill College, Monta Vista High School, West Valley College, Youth Stewards.
Before/After Revegetation

Before: students doing the initial vegetation survey in the meadow and only finding dry Italian thistle

After: Native plants such as yarrow, buckwheat, deerweed, and purple needlegrass flourishing
Thank You!

Point of contact
Junko Bryant, Assistant Director
junko@grassrootsecology.org
(650) 419-9880

Project website
http://www.grassrootsecology.org/mcclellan-ranch-preserve-and-blackberry-farm
Fact Sheet for McClellan Ranch Preserve Meadow Enhancement Project

Funding Year and Agreement Number: 2014, A3759R  
Funding Program: 2014 Safe, Clean Water  
Project Start Date: July 1, 2014  
Project Completion Date: June 30, 2017  
Project Location: McClellan Ranch Preserve, 22221 McClellan Road; Stevens Creek, Stevens Creek Watershed, Cupertino  
Lead Agency and Partners: Grassroots Ecology/Acterra  
District’s Funding Contribution: $164,200  
Total Project Cost: $426,452

Project description:  
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Key outcomes/benefits/deliverables:  
- 3 years of vegetation survey data showing a decrease in Italian thistle and other invasive plants  
- Increased habitat value and diversity which lead to more native wildlife (more native insects, birds, and pollinators have been seen)  
- Conducted over 350 workdays and engaged over 3,500 volunteers  
- Award amount: $164,200  
- In-kind and direct match including volunteer labor: $262,252  
- Number of workdays: 352 (6 times the number of required workdays)  
- Number of volunteers: 3,527 (4 times the number of volunteers required)  
- Volunteer hours: 7,427  
- Native plants installed: 11,824  
- Native species planted: 30+  
- Area covered by native plants: 1.0 acre+ (twice the number of acreage required)

Key numbers:  

Before and After Pictures (if applicable)  
Before:

![Before Picture]
Project website: http://www.grassrootsecology.org/mcclellan-ranch-preserve-and-blackberry-farm

Point of contact: Junko Bryant, Assistant Director, junko@grassrootsecology.org, (650) 419-9880