



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

NON-AGENDA

February 21, 2020

Board Policy EL-7 Communication and Support to the Board
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CEO BULLETIN/ NEWSLETTERS



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

Week of February 14 – February 20, 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. Association of California Water Agencies' Website on Voluntary Agreements

A coalition of organizations, including federal, state and local water and irrigation districts, along with farmers, have united behind comprehensive plans called Voluntary Agreements for protecting the Bay-Delta from further environmental harm, while providing adequate water supplies for farms and cities. The Association of California Water Agencies has created a website with information on the Voluntary Agreements. The site includes links to related resources including key documents on the effort from the California Natural Resources Agency as well as links to information on many of the habitat improvement projects being proposed by water user participants. The site also contains links to recent news coverage and answers to frequently asked questions, along with a list of participants and supporters.

The website can be found here: <https://voluntaryagreements.org/>

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

2. Governor Reappoints Sean Maguire to State Water Resources Control Board

On February 11, 2020, Governor Newsom reappointed Sean Maguire, 38, of Carmichael, to the State Water Resources Control Board, where he has served as a member since 2018. Maguire, a registered civil engineer, held multiple positions at the California State Water Resources Control

Board from 2015 to 2018, and at Kennedy/Jenks Consultants from 2003 to 2015. This appointment requires confirmation by the California Senate which will take up the appointment later this year. Maguire, a Democrat, may continue to serve on the Board until confirmed. The compensation for the position is \$159,068.

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

3. Highlighting Valley Water's efforts to improve the environment and fish habitat.

Valley Water developed a plan to highlight the good news regarding the work Valley Water does to help improve the environment and fish habitat. Valley Water has been actively sharing videos and projects on social media, Valley Water's website and earned media in local publications.

Examples of recent posts and media coverage include:

- A video on social media about Steelhead Trout being spotted by a Valley Water camera in the Guadalupe River.
Link: <https://www.facebook.com/SCVWD/videos/2876246329063222/>
- A board column by Director LeZotte on the Almaden Lake Improvement Project, with an emphasis on the environmental benefits, was published by the Mercury News, Almaden Times and on Valleywater.org.
Link: <https://www.mercurynews.com/2020/02/14/almaden-lake-project-will-help-the-environment/>
- Staff posted a video on social media about a lamprey being spotted by a Valley Water camera in the Guadalupe River.
Link: <https://www.facebook.com/SCVWD/videos/437969016927127/>

Valley Water will continue to look for more opportunities to share these types of stories on social media, Valleywater.org and with local media.

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

4. Water Treatment, Distribution, and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Systems Infrastructure Planning Outreach

In accordance with Board Policy E-2 to ensure there is a reliable, clean water supply, and in alignment with Board priorities of asset management, Water Utility is looking at strategies for long term planning of the development and implementation of water treatment, distribution, and SCADA systems infrastructure projects. Towards that end, Valley Water is embarking on an outreach effort to gather planning information from other water utility agencies and experienced consultants. Valley Water plans to outreach to other agencies to learn about their infrastructure planning efforts. Valley Water also plans to issue a request for information (RFI) to consultants with relevant expertise to learn about the infrastructure planning projects they have completed, their project management strategies, and their project delivery methods. The information collected will be used as a benchmark for planning our own facilities projects.

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

5. Valley Water Upgrades Personal AlertGPS Safety Devices

For select field staff, Valley Water has been using AlertGPS Safety Wearables for just over three years now. AlertGPS Safety Wearables are small electronic safety devices that are similar in size to a pager. If a worker ever feels unsafe, threatened or is injured, they can simply press the SOS button on the device for immediate assistance. The SOS alert triggers a 2-way call to a 24/7 monitoring center where there are trained dispatchers to assess and dispatch emergency help if needed. Additionally, if a worker is lost, visiting an unfamiliar neighborhood, or is walking to their vehicle late at night, they can press the SOS button and speak directly with an agent. The agent will stay on the line until the worker confirms all is well or dispatch help if needed. Another use for the SOS button is if a worker witnesses an accident or any other crisis while on the job, they can simply press the SOS button and get help on the scene immediately. The device also has GPS locate capability that pinpoints the location of the employee upon pressing the SOS button.

AlertGPS Safety Wearables recently added new technical features to the device, and Valley Water has replaced all older versions with the new device. The new features include a Personal Alarm button and an Automatic Fall Detection feature. If a worker feels threatened and wants to summon others nearby for help, the worker can press the Personal Alarm button on the Device to initiate a loud local alarm. The AlertGPS's fall detection feature senses when a worker falls. If the worker fails to respond after receiving an audible fall detection alert from the device, a call is automatically initiated into AlertGPS' Monitoring Center and the dispatchers will attempt to contact the employee or automatically summon help if unresponsive.

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

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-20-0003	02/07/20	Varela	Richardson	Collins	Staff to investigate if Valley Water has any surplus property approximately 20 acres in size in or near South County that could be used for police training.	02/27/20		
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		
R-20-0003	01/28/20	Santos Varela	Hawk	Hall	Agendize the South County Recycled Water Master Plan for Board discussion	02/18/20		
R-20-0005	02/04/20	Santos	Camacho	Taylor	Staff is to agendize discussion on a two year budget and water rates cycle.	03/09/20		

TO: Rick L. Callender, Chief of External Affairs **FROM:** Linh Hoang, Office of Communications Manager

SUBJECT: Water Truck Backdrop Image Change **DATE:** February 19, 2020

Attached to this memorandum is a Valley Water truck backdrop image that was slightly modified in order to ensure it is not pixelated.

During a print proofing process by our water truck wrap vendor, a low-photo quality concern was detected. While the vendor indicated that the original water truck backdrop image was still passable, staff recommends using a different photo of a similar image, with higher resolution, so as to not compromise on quality.

The previous image was a photo of Almaden Reservoir, while the new image is a photo of Calero Reservoir. No delay of the water truck design implementation is anticipated with this minor change.

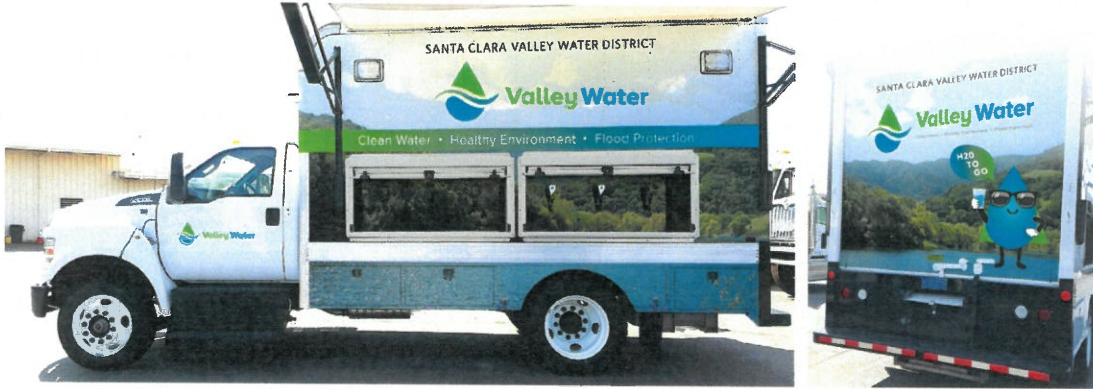
Please let me know of questions.



Linh Hoang
Unit Manager
Office of Communications

Attachment: Valley Water truck image with recommended higher resolution photo.

WATER TRUCK



Previously approved water truck design



Previously approved backdrop photo (Almaden Reservoir)



Proposed new water truck design



Proposed new backdrop photo (Calero Reservoir)



MEMORANDUM

FC 14 (08-21-19)

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Nina Hawk
SUBJECT: Release of Los Vaqueros Expansion Project Newsletter
DATE: February 12, 2020

The memorandum conveys to the Board a newsletter by Contra Costa Water District on the Los Vaqueros Expansion Project.

As the Board has directed, Valley Water has been evaluating potential long-term participation in the Los Vaqueros Expansion Project (Project) as a 'Local Agency Partner' (LAP). Project LAPs include several prominent Bay Area water agencies working with the Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) who owns the existing Los Vaqueros Reservoir (Los Vaqueros) facility in eastern Contra Costa County. Valley Water has been participating in the Project since early formation and LAP involvement started in 2016. In 2018, the Project received a maximum eligibility award of \$459 million from the California Water Commission as part of Proposition 1 Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP) grant funding process.

Ongoing Project analyses by the LAPs following the WSIP announcement has focused on formation of a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) to define roles and responsibilities, funding requirements, and operational service agreements between parties, among other Project considerations. Several LAPs, including Valley Water, are also reviewing water storage opportunities in the expanded Los Vaqueros and/or conveyance options using the proposed Transfer-Bethany Pipeline component of this Project, in coordination with existing State Water Project facilities. To ensure the LAPs and public are up to date on Project-related activities, CCWD plans to develop monthly newsletters with Project details. The first newsletter from CCWD for February 2020 was recently released and is provided as Attachment 1.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nina Hawk".

Nina Hawk
Chief Operating Officer
Water Utility Enterprise

Attachment 1: LVE Project Newsletter #1



FEBRUARY 10, 2020

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

March (TBD) – General Managers Meeting

April (TBD) – CEQA Notice of Determination

May 5 – General Managers Meeting at ACWA Conference

May 6 – Open house for LAPs at ACWA Conference

May/June (TBD) – Authorize Multi-Party Agreement Amendment

UPCOMING LAP BOARD COORDINATION

Valley Water Storage Committee

BAWSCA Board Meeting

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ADDITIONAL PROJECT INFO

ccwater.com/lvstudies

usbr.gov/mp/vaqueros

cwc.ca.gov/Water-Storage/WSIP-Project-Review-Portal/All-Projects/Los-Vaqueros-Reservoir-Expansion-Project

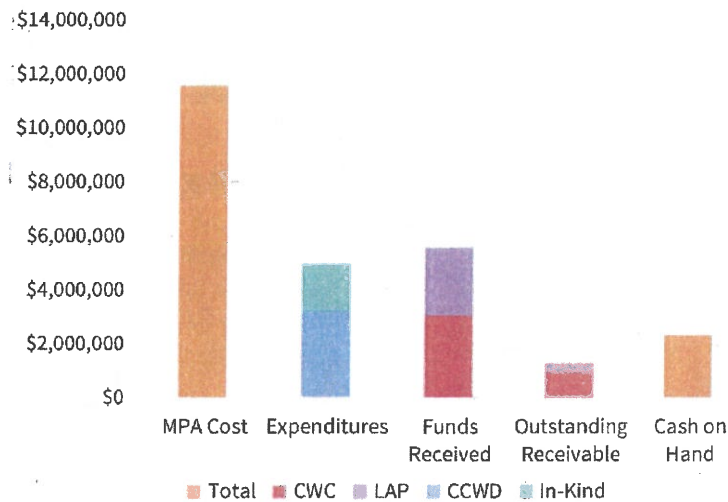
UPDATES ON KEY MILESTONES

FUNDING

Work is underway to amend the Multi-Party Cost Share Agreement (MPA) with the Local Agency Partners (LAPs) through December 2021. The amendment would support Joint Powers Authority (JPA) formation and work underway related to planning, permitting, and preliminary design. Funding provided under the amended agreement would be matched by the ongoing California Water Commission Early Funding Agreement.

Reclamation’s Sacramento office confirmed that existing funding from prior CALFED appropriations is sufficient to fund Reclamation’s share of ongoing work through March 2020. \$2.155 million in FY20 federal funding has been received by Reclamation and is currently held in reserve for upcoming pre-construction activities.

Multi-Party Cost Share Agreement
Summary To Date



FINAL FEDERAL FEASIBILITY REPORT & FINAL SUPPLEMENT TO THE FINAL EIS/EIR

The Office of Management and Budget completed their review of the Final Federal Feasibility Report and Final Supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report on January 30. The report is in the process of being transmitted to the Department of Interior for next steps in the authorization process under the WIIN Act. After the determination of feasibility is complete, the Final Feasibility Report and the attached Final Supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement Environmental Impact Report will be publicly released, tentatively scheduled for February 21.



JPA FORMATION

Jim Ciampa of Lagerlof, LLP was selected as Special Counsel for governance formation last month. The initial meeting with the LAP legal workgroup is planned in late February/ early March to begin work on the JPA formation agreement. The JPA agreement will continue to be developed in parallel with the remaining elements of the LVE Project term sheet. The target date for JPA formation is December 2020.

USAGE FEES

The final report on the usage fee independent review was completed last month with minor updates incorporated and distributed on February 4. District staff are working on a response and potential updates to the proposed CCWD usage fees for LAP use of existing District facilities; the first workgroup meeting is scheduled on March 11.

COST ALLOCATION/SERVICE AGREEMENTS

Development of key terms for the service agreements for allocation of capital and O&M costs for new and expanded LVE facilities is ongoing. The second workgroup meeting with the LAPs was held on February 5.

SOUTH BAY AQUEDUCT CAPACITY/RELIABILITY

CCWD and the LAP managers continue to coordinate with the Department of Water Resources to develop a work plan for next steps on the South Bay Aqueduct (SBA) capacity evaluation and condition assessment. The three SBA contractors are anticipated to take a leadership role on these efforts.

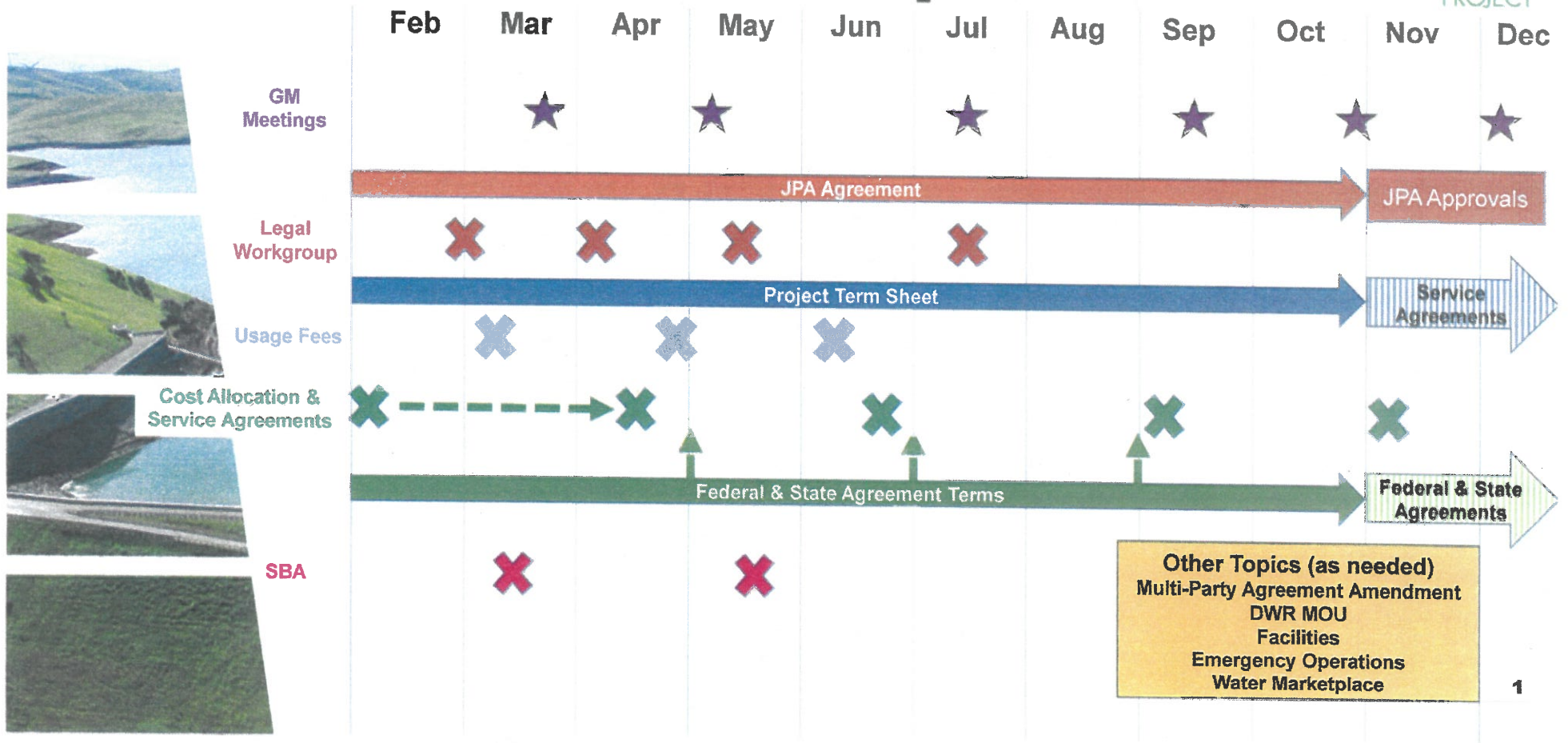
PERMITTING

A Draft Biological Assessment for terrestrial species was provided to Reclamation this month for their review. A formal request for initiation of re-consultation on the existing Los Vaqueros Biological Opinions will commence later this year.

DESIGN

The Request for Proposals for Pumping Plant No. 1 Replacement has been released and is anticipated for CCWD Board award in April 2020. Dam design work continues, progressing to 50 percent design and review by the Technical Review Board and Division of Safety of Dams in early summer 2020. Upcoming work includes a review of hydraulic and surge analysis of LVE operations on the District's existing Los Vaqueros and Transfer Pipelines.

2020 LAP Workshop Schedule





MEMORANDUM

FC 14 (02-08-19)

TO: Board of Directors **FROM:** Nina Hawk
SUBJECT: Retailer Water Use Reductions by Calendar Year **DATE:** February 12, 2020

This is our annual summary report of retailers water use reductions.

Table 1 below summarizes the retailer water use reductions achieved from 2014 through 2019, when compared to the same time period in 2013. Through December 2019, the combined reduction for the retailers is approximately 21 percent, which exceeds the 20 percent voluntary target adopted by the Board on June 13, 2017.

Future updates will be provided to the Board annually.

TABLE 1: ANNUAL CUMULATIVE WATER USE REDUCTIONS BY WATER RETAILER

Water Retailer	<u>2014</u> Feb - Dec	<u>2015</u> Jan - Dec	<u>2016</u> Jan - Dec	<u>2017</u> Jan - Dec	<u>2018</u> Jan - Dec	<u>2019</u> Jan - Dec
San Jose Water Company	13%	28%	29%	24%	22%	23%
Santa Clara, city	10%	18%	21%	14%	15%	18%
Sunnyvale	14%	26%	24%	14%	14%	13%
San Jose Municipal Water	13%	26%	27%	22%	21%	22%
California Water Service	16%	33%	32%	23%	18%	22%
Palo Alto	16%	29%	27%	18%	18%	20%
Mountain View	16%	28%	29%	24%	22%	23%
Great Oaks	16%	29%	29%	21%	18%	18%
Milpitas	11%	18%	19%	19%	17%	13%
Gilroy	14%	26%	25%	16%	16%	18%
Morgan Hill	19%	33%	30%	21%	19%	19%
Purissima Hills Water	16%	29%	31%	21%	19%	24%
Stanford	7%	28%	35%	30%	33%	31%
Combined	13%	27%	28%	21%	20%	20.7%

If you have any questions, I can be contacted at (408) 630-2736.

Nina Hawk
Chief Operating Officer
Water Utility Enterprise