

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

## Chief Executive Officer Bulletin Week of March 17 to March 23, 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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**Grant Funds at Work: Final Report of the Vasona Creek Stream Stabilization and Habitat Enhancement Phase 2 Project by West Valley College**

West Valley College received a \$300,000, Safe, Clean Water, and Natural Flood Protection grant to fund habitat restoration on Vasona Creek at the West Valley College campus. The project included the reconstruction of a 740-foot long channel segment to add habitat complexity and stabilize a highly eroding portion of the channel. Non-native vegetation along the reconstructed channel and adjacent floodplain areas was removed and replaced with native plants.

The final report on the completed Vasona Creek Stream Stabilization and Habitat Enhancement Phase 2 Project is included in the board's March 24, 2017, Non-Agenda packet.

For further information, please contact Chris Elias at 408-630-2379.

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**Alamitos Pond Field Trip Aim to Foster Learning and Career**

As part of the water district's Water Education Program, a tour of the Alamitos Percolation pond was hosted on March 20, 2017, for seventy, seventh grade students from Sylvandale Middle School in the Franklin-McKinley School District.

During their visit, the students and their teachers visited the following:

- Groundwater Model Station: to learn where water comes from in Santa Clara County, the importance of groundwater, and latest innovations at the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center.
- Enviroscape Model: to discuss and learn about point and non-point source pollution and how it affects local water supply in the San Francisco Bay and the Pacific Ocean.
- Wetlands Game station: to learn about the importance of wetlands as a habitat for endangered species and the issues posed by wetland habitat loss.

Throughout their visit, the students were engaged and were able to connect what they learned to the importance of water resources in supporting the environment and the quality of life in the local community.

The teachers expressed their appreciation to the Water Education Program and the water district for providing the students with a hands-on learning experience and an interactive field trip.

In the coming week, the Water Education program will follow up with a visit to Sylvandale Middle School to teach an additional ninety students on information from the field trip at workstations and have discussions on career opportunities in the water industry.

For further information, please contact Chris Elias at 408-630-2379.

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**Director LeZotte**

**Staff is to return with information and potential policy language on "Wall Street" banks and how we deal with them in the future on financing R-16-0048**

The water district recommends that when a financial institution chooses to participate and qualify in negotiated sales of water district debt instruments, the institutions must not be under any suspension from negotiated sales activity by the California State Treasurer's Office.

A supporting memorandum regarding this policy was issued by District Counsel on January 11, 2017. The water district updated the Debt Management Policy, Ad-3.7, to include the following language: "For negotiated sale, any underwriters that are currently suspended by the California State Treasurer's Office from its negotiated underwriting pool may not participate in the water district's negotiated sale, pending board approval." At the March 14, 2017, water district board meeting, the board approved the suspension of Wells Fargo Bank from the water district's Negotiated Sale Underwriter Pool through September 27, 2017. The Board Policy and Planning Committee plans to add to their workplan, at their April 10, 2017 meeting, the topic of potential changes to water district policies that relate to engaging with socially responsible businesses, including Wall Street banks.

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

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**Director Estremera**

**Staff to provide the Board with information on how many times in the last 12 months, staff has authorized work on expired contracts/agreements, and identify a process for improvement**

**R-17-0007**

Due to a significant workload from the Presidents' Day Storm Event, a response to this Board Member Request will be provided by March 30, 2017.

For further information, please contact Katherine Oven at (408) 630-3126.

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**Director Keegan**

**Staff to provide information on previous Board presentations and direction on opportunities for flood management on the Anderson Dam project, and provide analysis of benefits to operation of dam**

**R-17-0008**

Updates on the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit project were provided to the board on January 22, 2013, July 9, 2013, April 10, 2014, June 9, 2015, November 10, 2015, June 28, 2016, and December 13, 2016.

In the July 9, 2013, board agenda memo, the components of the recommended project were described, which included the following: "Construction of a high-level outlet that will discharge to the existing spillway with a maximum discharge of about 4,600 cfs. This outlet will be installed to meet DSOD emergency drawdown requirements and may be used in the future to improve flood management in Coyote Creek."

The water district may perform an analysis in the future to determine the benefits to operation of the dam with the incorporation of a flood management component once the current project focus on seismic retrofit has been completed. The report from the analysis would serve as an opportunity for the board to provide direction on flood management as part of the operations at the Anderson Dam.

For further information, please contact Katherine Oven at (408) 630-3126.

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