

To: Board of Directors
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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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Dam Spillway Condition Assessments

In February 2017, major incidents at Oroville Dam led to significant damage and erosion of its spillways. As a result, Governor Brown has ordered detailed evaluations of large spillway structures at all high-hazard dams before the next flood season.

Per the Governor's directive, the Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) has completed a reconnaissance-level assessment of spillways at the District's Almaden, Anderson, Calero, Chesbro, Coyote, Guadalupe, Lenihan, Stevens Creek, and Uvas Dams, and has expressed concerns that these spillways may have potential geologic, structural, or performance issues that could jeopardize their ability to safely pass a flood event. Therefore, DSOD has requested the water district to perform a comprehensive condition assessment at each of these spillways.

The water district is in the process of preparing a plan for the spillway evaluation work to be submitted to DSOD by June 1, 2017, for DSOD's review and approval. The scope of the spillway condition assessments will focus on identifying potential geologic hazards, characterizing both the foundation materials, and any existing concrete material susceptible to erosion and instability. The assessments will include an evaluation of the concrete lining, drainage system, and any potential for slab undermining and hydraulic jacking.

The spillway condition assessments for Almaden, Anderson, Calero, and Guadalupe Dams will be performed within the existing consultant agreements for the seismic retrofit or dam improvement capital projects of these four dams.

An amendment will be necessary for the consultant services performing the seismic stability assessment for Calero, Chesbro, and Uvas Dams to incorporate the spillway condition assessments for these three dams. The water district anticipates requesting board approval of this amendment by December 2017.

A new capital project will be initiated in FY 2018 to evaluate the spillway structures at Lenihan and Stevens Creek Dams.

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

26th Annual National River Cleanup Day - Saturday, May 20, 2017

In support of the 26th Annual National River Cleanup Day (NRCD), the water district, in partnership with the Creek Connections Action Group, coordinated another successful cleanup event in Santa Clara County.

From Palo Alto to Gilroy, 48 sites participated in this year's National River Cleanup Day. A total of 1,251 volunteers cleaned 64.8 miles of creek and shoreline removing approximately 33,408 pounds of trash, including 3,086 pounds of recyclables.

There was great participation this year, which included Director Linda LeZotte, who co-hosted a site in San José on Ross Creek. Water district employees also hosted the district's cleanup site where they cleaned a stretch of Guadalupe River behind water district headquarters. Other organizations that participated included Lockheed Martin, Telemundo, PG&E, Save The Bay, Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, Forrest Hill Elementary, Blackford Elementary School, Santa Clara University, San José Fairmont, various Boy/Girl, and Cub Scout troops, Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful, South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition, Grassroots Ecology, GreenTown Los Altos, Star Fellowship, Rotary Club of San Jose, De Mattei Construction, and various other cities and agencies.

Some of the interesting items found this year include shopping carts, credit cards, wallet, license, propane canisters, irrigation control valve cover, pesticide pump, gardening equipment, tire, garbage bin, stroller, Rush Hour 3 (VHS), bicycle, wind chime, bed frame, television, sharps, Winnie the Pooh toy, toy turtle, Olaf mask, spray cans, dart board, ice skate, gas cylinder, Styrofoam, whiffle ball, washing machine, couch, mattress, PVC pipe, drip irrigation line, metal bucket, animal skull, small knife, lawn umbrellas, CPU, clean suit, poncho, pacifier, John Deere tractor, and baby clothes.

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