

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

Chief Executive Officer Bulletin Week of June 30 – July 6, 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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Symposium: Phytophthora species in Restoration Nurseries, Plantings, and Wildlands

The water district hosted the second symposium of the Working Group for Phytophthoras in Native Habitats on Thursday, May 18, 2017. The symposium provided updates on new developments in the local, regional, and state response to the emerging threat of Phytophthora plant pathogens (pathogen) and the impacts of this root-rot disease on mitigation projects, restoration, and wildland habitats.

The symposium featured eight speakers who addressed new developments in research, taxonomy, restoration, remediation, and nursery retrofits to combat the pathogen. Speakers included representatives from the US Forest Service, California Department of Food and Agriculture, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, Phytosphere Research, The Watershed Nursery, University of California at Davis, Oregon State University, and the water district.

The symposium was well-attended by 140 participants representing 68 different organizations, including various regulatory agencies, such as the US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Army Corps of

Engineers, California Regional Water Quality Control Board, CA Department of Fish and Wildlife, US Forest Service, CA Department of Forestry, and the County of Santa Clara Agriculture Division; as well as various consultants, native plant nurseries, local non-profit groups, other Bay Area water utilities, public agencies, land managers, the general public, and water district staff.

The symposium format was a combination of short presentations, question and answer sessions, and roundtable group discussion. A highlight of the day was a preview of the water district's prototype heat auger. This tool was developed through collaboration with the water district's Watershed Field Operations Unit, the Equipment Management Unit, the Environmental Mitigation and Monitoring Unit, and the water district's plant pathogen consultant. The heat auger will assist in the remediation of infected mitigation sites by heat-treating contaminated soil in a metal cylinder. Once the heated soil reaches the appropriate temperature, Phytophthora plant pathogens are eradicated. This innovative tool should be ready for field trials within the next two months.

The event was videotaped for those who could not attend and the link will be provided when available on the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Priority D2 web page. To learn more about the pathogen, please visit: www.calphytos.org.

For further information, please contact Sue Tippets at (408) 630-2253.

Water District Celebrates Completion of Reaches 4 to 5b of the Lower Silver Creek Flood Protection Project

On Saturday, June 10, 2017, the water district celebrated the completion of reaches 4 to 5b of the Lower Silver Creek Flood Protection Project with members of the Capitol/Dobern community. A ribbon cutting ceremony recognized the completion of nearly a decade of work to bring flood protection improvements to the Lyndale and Capitol/Dobern neighborhoods.

Water district Interim CEO Norma Camacho emceed the event with board Vice-Chair Richard Santos and Director Tony Estremera as featured speakers. Assemblymember Ash Kalra and Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez were present to provide remarks recognizing the water district for the work on the project.

Vice-Chair Santos and Director Estremera both spoke to the history of the project and emphasized the importance of partnerships when working to provide flood protection in flood risk communities, including how the Lower Silver Creek Flood Protection project became the largest American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funded flood protection project through Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Acting California State Conservation Engineer Greg Norris, on behalf of the NRCS, sent a statement read by Vice-Chair Santos expressing the agency's appreciation to be part of the project.

Berenice Martinez from the Capitol/Dobern Neighborhood Association thanked the water district on behalf of the community for completing the flood protection work and for beautifying the neighborhood. The program finished with water district providing an overview of the project.

At the conclusion of the program, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the Dobern Bridge entrance.

The last portion of the Lower Silver Creek Flood Protection Project, reaches 5c to 6, is expected to be completed by December 2017. When this portion of the project and the Cunningham Detention Facility are completed, both projects will protect nearly 3,200 homes and businesses along Lower

Silver Creek from a one-percent flood event.

For more information on the Lower Silver Creek Flood Protection project, please visit:

<http://www.valleywater.org/Services/LowerSilverCreek.aspx>

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

Varela

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An e-mail message from the water district with clarifying questions was sent to Quyen Vuong on June 16, 2017, to the address the questions and requests listed on the "Request to Speak" form, however, no response was received.

A follow-up e-mail from the water district, dated June 30, 2017, responded to these questions and requests from Quyen Vuong and a copy of the e-mail response is provided below:

1. Who should we call when residents see that the pump in their area is broken?

Without the location of the pump, our response is very general. The Santa Clara Valley Water District manages the creek where we own property or have built flood protection improvements. The City of San Jose (or other cities) operate the storm drain systems that discharge water into a creek. These drainage pipes usually flow by gravity into a creek but sometimes the water is pumped. The pumps are typically operated by the city department of public works.

2. Please clean the bottom of the creek in District 7. It is full of debris, dead trees, trash, etc., causing the flood in D7. No flood in D4 because the creek was well kept.

Most of the Coyote Creek in District 7 is owned by the City of San Jose. The District will be clearing trash and debris at sites under its ownership this year both in District 7 and in District 4. Coyote Creek in District 4 has been enlarged and modified to convey flood flows so is maintained in accordance with design criteria. While trash, debris and blockages can contribute to flooding, Coyote Creek is not large enough in the areas that flooded to convey the storm water runoff received.

3. Please reach out to work with community based organizations such as International Children Assistance Network who can help relay messages and foster discussion with the Vietnamese community.

I have forwarded your comment to our Communications staff.

*Please let me know if you have any follow up questions or comments.
Sue Tippets*

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