

To: Board of Directors
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Chief Executive Officer Bulletin Week of July 7 –13, 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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Statewide Mercury Control Program for Reservoirs Update - Questionnaire to Reservoir Owners and Operators

This is to inform the Board that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) has requested information from reservoir owners, including the water district, on the current status and strategies regarding water chemistry and fisheries management policies.

This information will be shared with the Statewide Mercury Control Program for Reservoirs. The responses will help the State Board further develop its statewide reservoir program for mercury. The water district received a questionnaire for each of the following seven water bodies:

1. Anderson Lake
2. Chesbro Reservoir
3. Coyote Lake
4. Lexington Reservoir
5. Stevens Creek Reservoir
6. Uvas Reservoir
7. Vasona Reservoir

The original questionnaire is available on-line at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/mercury/reservoirs/docs/res_questionnaire.pdf

The following topics are included in the questionnaire:

- The reservoir's characteristics (infrastructure, shape, drinking water supply and source water).
- Reservoir management (drawdown, temperature, thermal stratification, mixing, and water quality parameters monitored).
- Specialized management (oxygen, restoration of salmon runs, weed control, invasive species, and chemical application).
- Mercury monitoring and management (studies, monitoring, management practices, sediment removal, fish stocking, fish consumption, and advisories/signage).
- Input on creating a technical review committee to participate in the state-wide effort.

The water district will complete the questionnaire before the deadline of August 6, 2017. If needed, additional time can be requested from the State Board.

The water district is currently overseeing the Guadalupe River Watershed Mercury Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements, which require operation of oxygenation systems in three reservoirs (Almaden, Calero, and Guadalupe) and one lake, Lake Almaden, to reduce the formation of methylmercury. Methylmercury is a toxic form of mercury that bioaccumulates in the food chain.

In addition to the oxygenation systems, the TMDL requires technical studies and participation in a coordinated monitoring program with landowners of former mercury mine sites, including the County of Santa Clara, Mid-peninsula Open Space District, and the Guadalupe Rubbish Company.

For further information, please contact Afshin Rouhani at (408) 630-2616.

Director Santos

**Staff to schedule a Board policy meeting to review and discuss EL-5 (Procurement).
R-17-0014**

In response to this request, the board is scheduled to discuss Board Executive Limitations Policy, EL-5: Procurement, during its August 22, 2017, meeting.

For further information, please contact Michele King at (408) 630-2711.

Director Kremen

**The Board directed staff to agendize an item for Board discussion on the roles and functions of Directors serving on external committees
R-17-0016**

The board was provided with a confidential memorandum on July 7, 2017, responding to the request to discuss the roles and functions of Directors serving on external committees.

For further information, please contact Michele King at (408) 630-2711.

Director LeZotte

**Response to Board Member Request for staff to investigate opportunities to shorten FAHCE DEIR internal review process and return to the Board with a modified schedule proposal and summary of associated impacts
R-17-0019**

In response to this request from June 15, 2017, to evaluate the internal review time for the Fisheries and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), a two-week internal review period is scheduled.

The FAHCE team will work in advance with internal reviewers to reserve time for the accelerated review. The Draft EIR is scheduled to be released for public comment in late January 2018.

For further information, please contact Vincent Gin at (408) 630-2633.

Director Keegan

**Response to Board Member Request for staff to provide historical ecologic information to both GCRCD and District Boards
R-17-0020**

Below is list and hyperlinks to the historical ecology reports published by San Francisco Estuary Institute. The water district will provide this response to the Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District (GCRCD) Board through GCRCD's Executive Director.

These hyperlinks will also be added to the www.valleywater.org/FAHCE website. Hard copies of these reports are also available.

Specific watersheds

1. Coyote Creek Watershed Historical Ecology Study: Historical Conditions and Landscape Change in the Eastern Santa Clara Valley, California
http://www.sfei.org/sites/default/files/CoyoteCreek_HistoricalEcology_SFEI_2006.pdf
2. Historical Vegetation and Drainage Patterns of Western Santa Clara Valley: A technical memorandum describing landscape ecology in Lower Peninsula, West Valley, and Guadalupe Watershed Management Areas
http://www.sfei.org/sites/default/files/HistoricalEcology_of_Western_SantaClaraValley_SFEI_111910.pdf
3. Upper Penitencia Creek Historical Ecology Assessment
http://www.sfei.org/sites/default/files/Upper_Penitencia_HE_061412_highres_forprinting.pdf
4. South Santa Clara Valley Historical Ecology Study: Including Soap Lake, the Upper Pajaro River, and Llagas, Uvas-Carnadero, and Pacheco Creeks.
http://www.sfei.org/sites/default/files/biblio_files/SouthSantaClaraValleyHEStudy_CompleteReport_LowResolution_0.pdf

Countywide Reports

1. Historical Landscape Ecology of an Urbanized California Valley: Wetlands and Woodlands of the Santa Clara Valley
http://www.sfei.org/sites/default/files/HEP_Landscape_Ecology_2007.pdf
2. Santa Clara Valley Historical Ecology GIS Data
<http://www.sfei.org/projects/santa-clara-valley-historical-ecology-gis#sthash.xO1Up9GT.dpbs>
3. Ecology, Assemblage Structure, Distribution, and Status of Fishes in Streams Tributary to the San Francisco Estuary, California
http://www.sfei.org/sites/default/files/general_content/No530_Leidy_FullReport_revised_0.pdf

For further information, please contact Vincent Gin at (408) 630-2336.

Director LeZotte

Staff to provide the Board with a link to the two biological opinions issued on the California Water Fix R-17-0022

The following hyperlinks for the two biological opinions issued on the California Water Fix were provided to the board on June 27, 2017.

1. National Marine Fisheries Service:
http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/central_valley/CAWaterFix.html
2. US Fish and Wildlife Service:
<https://www.fws.gov/sfbaydelta/HabitatConservation/CalWaterFix/Index.htm>

For further information, please contact Garth Hall at (408) 630-2750.
