



**SOUTH COUNTY REGIONAL
WASTEWATER AUTHORITY**

**JOINT WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE
(CITY OF GILROY, CITY OF MORGAN HILL AND VALLEY WATER)**

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING SESSION
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023
8:30 AM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Joint Water Resources Committee (City of Gilroy, City of Morgan Hill, and Valley Water) (Committee) was called to order at 8:30 a.m. at the South County Regional Wastewater Authority (SCRWA), 1500 Southside Drive, Gilroy, CA 95020.

1.1. ROLL CALL

Committee Members in attendance were: City of Gilroy Mayor and Vice Chairperson Marie Blankley and City of Gilroy Mayor Pro Tempore Dion Bracco; City of Morgan Hill Council Members Yvonne Martinez-Beltran and Rene Spring; Valley Water District 3 Director Richard Santos and Valley Water District 1 Director John L. Varela, Chairperson presiding, constituting a quorum of the Committee.

Valley Water staff in attendance: Hossein Ashktorab, Aaron Baker, Walter Gonzales, Nicole Merritt, and Kirsten Struve.

SCRWA staff in Attendance were: Jimmy Forbis, City of Gilroy City Administrator & SCRWA Manager and Saeid Vaziry, SCRWA Environmental Programs Manager.

Public in Attendance was: None.

2. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA.

Chairperson Varela declared time open for public comment on any item not on the agenda. There was no one present who wished to speak.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3.1. Approval of April 20, 2023 Joint Water Resources Committee Meeting Minutes.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

The Committee considered the attached minutes of the April 20, 2023 Committee meeting.

Public Comments:
None.

It was moved by Director Santos and seconded by Council Member Martinez-Beltran and unanimously carried that the minutes be approved.

4. REGULAR AGENDA:

- 4.1 Receive South County Water Reuse Collaboration and Implementation Update and Provide Feedback.

Recommendation: Receive update and provide feedback on Technical Working Group discussions related to South County Water Reuse Collaborations.

Kirsten Struve reviewed the information on this item per the attached Committee agenda memo and per the information contained in Attachment 1.

Kirsten Struve was available to answer questions.

Public Comments:
None.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and noted the following:

- The Committee noted the South County water reuse agreements updates are pending until further notice when all parties can equally participate in the review process.
- The Committee expressed support for the South County Pipeline Project and the award of the \$300,000 United States Bureau of Reclamation Grant received per the continued collaboration of staff from Gilroy, Morgan Hill, SCRWA, and Valley Water.

- 4.2. Review and Discuss the Joint Water Resources Committee 2023 Proposed Work Plan, and Next Meeting Date/Location.

Recommendation: Receive information on the Joint Water Resources Committee 2023 Proposed Work Plan; and provide feedback on upcoming discussion items and next meeting date/location.

The Committee considered this Item without a staff presentation.

Public Comments:
None.

The Committee expressed interest in reviewing the upcoming agenda items for the 2024 JWRC Work Plan and support for having the next meeting after the SCRWA meeting in January 2024.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS.

This is an opportunity for the Clerk to review and obtain clarification on any formally moved, seconded, and approved requests and recommendations made by the Committee during the meeting.

None.

6. ADJOURN:

6.1. Adjourn to Regular Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on January 3, 2024 or TBD per the Committee.

Chairperson Varela adjourned the meeting at 8:47 a.m. to the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. on January 3, 2024.

Nicole Merritt
Assistant Deputy Clerk II

Approved: January 3, 2024

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