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## RECYCLED WATER COMMITTEE MEETING

# MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025  
12:00 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

### **1. CALL TO ORDER:**

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Recycled Water Committee (Committee) was called to order in the Valley Water Headquarters Building Boardroom at 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and by Zoom teleconference, at 12:00 p.m.

#### 1.1. Roll Call.

Committee members in attendance were District 4 Director Jim Beall, and District 3 Vice Chairperson Richard P. Santos, constituting a quorum of the Committee.

The Board Member in attendance via Zoom utilizing AB 2449 due to illness was District 6 Director Tony Estremera.

Nicole Merritt requested that Director Estremera state for the record if there are any individuals over 18 years of age present in the room, and if so, state the general relationship to the individual and confirmed that all votes for the meeting would be roll call votes in compliance with AB 2449.

Director Estremera confirmed there were no individuals over the age of 18 present in the room.

Staff members in attendance were: Antonio Alfaro, Brandon Adriano, Gina Adriano, Karen Adriano, Hossein Ashktorab, Aaron Baker, Jiana Escobar, Walter Gonzalez, Brian Hopper, Girlie Jacobson, Emelia Lamas, Francesca Lomotan, Marta Lugo, Melissa Mendolla, Nicole Merritt, Carlos Orellana, Jimmy Qiu, Stephanie Simunic, Medi Sinaki, Kirsten Struve, Darin Taylor, Dave Tucker, Zoe Vulpe, Kristen Yasukawa, and Beckie Zisser.

Public in attendance were: Jan Davel (CDM Smith), Phillippe Daniel, (Liquisti LLC), Tom Hall (EOA, Inc.), Pedro Hernandez (City of San Jose), Katja Irvin (Sierra Club), Arthur Keller (Minerva Consulting), Darwin Lasat (South Bay Water Recycling), and Eileen McLaughlin (Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge).

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

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

2.1. Election of 2025 Recycled Water Committee (RWC) Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

Recommendation: Nominate and elect the 2025 RWC Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

Public Comments:

None.

It was moved by Vice Chairperson Santos for Director Estremera to remain Chairperson, and amended and seconded by Director Beall, and unanimously carried that Chairperson Estremera remain Chairperson and Vice Chairperson Santos remain Vice Chairperson by roll call vote.

## **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

3.1. Approval of December 13, 2024 Recycled Water Committee Meeting Minutes.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

The Committee considered the attached minutes of the December 13, 2024 Committee meeting.

It was moved by Vice Chairperson Santos and seconded by Director Beall, and unanimously carried that the minutes be approved by roll call vote.

## **4. REGULAR AGENDA:**

4.1. Receive Purified Water Program Update Including Partnerships with the Cities of San Jose and Santa Clara and Provide Feedback.

Recommendation: Receive an update on the following topics:

- A. Update on Phase I Facility and full-scale direct potable reuse (DPR) facility at the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center
- B. DPR Engagement Efforts; and
- C. Ongoing Outreach Activities.

Kirsten Struve reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo.

Kirsten Struve was available to answer questions.

Public Comments:

None.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and without discussion noted the update on the collaborative agreement amendment

development to support the Phase I Facility and the framework development for the full-scale direct potable reuse (DPR) facility at the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center, and the ongoing DPR engagement efforts, and outreach activities.

4.2. Receive South Santa Clara County Reuse Collaboration Update and Provide Feedback.

Recommendation: Receive an update and provide feedback on South County water reuse collaboration and implementation.

Dave Tucker reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the information contained in Attachment 1.

Dave Tucker and Kirsten Struve were available to answer questions.

Public Comments:  
None.

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

- The Committee noted the update on the South County feasibility and master planning processes and the recycled water (Phase 1C) pipeline segment.
- The Committee noted the newly elected City of Gilroy Mayor Bozzo and confirmed the continued partnership with the South County Regional Wastewater Authority (SCRWA) and the technical staff for the Cities of Morgan Hill and Gilroy.
- The Committee noted support for South County paying their fair share.

4.3. Receive the Desalination Engineering Feasibility Study (EFS) Update.

Recommendation: Receive an update on the Desalination EFS.

Hossein Ashktorab reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo.

Hossein Ashktorab was available to answer questions.

Public Comments:  
Eileen McLaughlin expressed thankfulness to Kirsten Struve and team for organizing a meeting that explained the overview process of the study and answered questions.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and without discussion noted the update on the continued efforts for engaging and receiving feedback from the environmental and community stakeholders.

4.4. Receive and Accept the 2025 Proposed Recycled Water Committee (RWC) Work Plan, and Provide Feedback on Upcoming Discussion Items, and the 2025 RWC Meeting Schedule.

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Recommendation: Receive and accept the 2025 proposed RWC Work Plan, and provide feedback on upcoming discussion items and the 2025 RWC meeting schedule.

Kirsten Struve reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and per the information contained in Attachments 1 - 3.

Kirsten Struve was available to answer questions.

Public Comment:

None.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and noted acceptance of the 2025 proposed RWC Work Plan and meeting schedule.

**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.*

Nicole Merritt confirmed the Committee officially approved for Director Estremera to remain the Chairperson and Director Santos to remain Vice Chairperson for 2025 under Item 2.1; and received and noted updates for the Purified Water Program, the South Santa Clara County Reuse Collaboration, the Desalination EFS, and acceptance of the 2025 RWC Work Plan and meeting schedule under Items 4.1 - 4.4.

**6. Adjourn:**

6.1. Adjourn. The Next Regular Meeting is Scheduled at 12:00 p.m. on March 26, 2025.

Chairperson Estremera adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m. The next regular meeting on March 26, 2025, was subsequently canceled along with the regular meeting on April 23, 2025. The next special meeting is scheduled to occur at 12:30 p.m. on April 29, 2025.

Nicole Merritt  
Assistant Deputy Clerk II

Date Approved: April 29, 2025