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## RECYCLED WATER COMMITTEE MEETING

# MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2025  
12:30 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

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

A special 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 12:30 p.m.

#### 1.1. Roll Call.

Committee members in attendance were District 4 Director Jim Beall, District 3 Vice Chairperson Richard P. Santos, and District 6 Director Tony Estremera, Chairperson presiding, constituting a quorum of the Committee.

Staff members in attendance were: Brandon Adriano, Gina Adriano, Hossein Ashktorab, Aaron Baker, Henry Barrientos, Nastaran Basiri, Roselyn Bhudsabourg, Jiana Escobar, Rachael Gibson, Walter Gonzalez, Jason Gurdak, Zachary Helsley, Brian Hopper, Girlie Jacobson, Candice Kwok-Smith, Elise Latedjou-Durand, Francesca Lomotan, Melissa Mendolla, Nicole Merritt, Carlos Orellana, Steve Peters, Breanne Roderick, Ray Ruiz, Kirsten Struve, Charlene Sun, Geoffrey Tick, Kristen Yasukawa, Andrea Yau-Chan, and Beckie Zisser.

Public in attendance were: Jan Davel (CDM Smith), iPhone (58), Arthur Keller (Minerva Consulting), Richard Luthy and Yeo Myoung-Cho (Stanford University).

### **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.

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

#### 3.1. Approval of February 26, 2025 Recycled Water Committee Meeting Minutes.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

The Committee considered the attached minutes of the February 26, 2025

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Committee meeting.

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

**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. Phase I Facility and full-scale direct potable reuse (DPR) facility at the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center, including status of agreements
- 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 and Aaron Baker were available to answer questions.

Public Comments:

None.

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

- The Committee noted support of staff's work on the DPR Demonstration and full-scale facilities and their outreach/engagement efforts.
- Vice Chair Santos noted a request to review an organizational chart/s reflecting how many Valley Water and City staff including their job titles are involved with the various phases of the DPR facility project by the next RWC meeting.

**4.2. Receive Information on Investigating Different Sources of Water for Purification Including Urban Runoff and the Stormwater Study with Stanford University and Provide Feedback.**

Recommendation: Receive information on investigating different sources of water for purification including urban runoff and the stormwater study with Stanford University and provide feedback.

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

Richard Luthy, Yeo-Myong Cho, and Hossein Ashktorab were available to answer questions.

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Public Comments:

None.

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

- Director Beall noted interest in monitoring Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAs), looking into how the City of San Jose is handling stormwater runoff, confirming the expectations of the Regional Quality Water Board, and how Valley Water can be involved.
- The Committee confirmed that storm water permits do look at dissolved compounds by a regional monitoring program that has published results like the Stanford University's study.
- The Committee noted that Orange Memorial Park in San Mateo County has stormwater capture/recharge for Colma Creek.
- The Committee noted the potential of reaching out to the City of San Jose Mayor to share information regarding urban runoff for potential future collaboration to assist with the health of the community via a venue other than the Committee.

4.3. Consider the Draft Agenda for the May 23, 2025, Joint Recycled Water Policy Advisory Committee (JRWPAC) for Review Which Includes Coordination on the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center (SVAWPC) and Building Relationships With the Cities of San Jose and Santa Clara; and Provide Feedback.

Recommendation: Consider the draft agenda for the May 23, 2025, JRWPAC for review, which includes coordination on the SVAWPC and building strong collaborative relationships with San Jose and Santa Clara; and provide feedback.

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

Hossein Ashktorab and Kirsten Struve were available to answer questions.

Public Comments:

None.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and confirmed the Committee's integration agreement requires the Election of Chairperson to be addressed yearly and without further discussion noted support of the JRWPAC draft agenda.

4.4. Receive Information on the National Water Research Institute Independent Advisory Panel (IAP) for the Purified Water Project.

Recommendation: Receive information on the 8th meeting of the IAP for evaluation of Santa Clara Valley Water District's Purified Water Program and related efforts.

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

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Hossein Ashktorab 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 confirmed that the IAP can assist with answering technical questions and provide recommendations on program developments with the newly added IAP members with expertise in DPR.
- Director Beall noted interest in looking into how to fund the most efficient facilities on modest operational budgets.
- The Committee noted having an IAP reviewing the proposals will assist with the Division of Drinking Water permitting future facilities.
- The Committee noted interest in touring demonstration facilities and attending the WateReuse California Annual Conference in San Diego in the fall.

**4.5. Receive and Discuss the 2025 Recycled Water Committee (RWC) Work Plan, and Provide Feedback on Upcoming Discussion Items, and the Next Meeting Date.**

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 Attachment 1.

Kirsten Struve was available to answer questions.

Public Comment:  
None.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and noted the upcoming special RWC May 19, 2025 meeting will address the amendments of the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center agreements and naming of the project and noted the cancellation of the regular May 28, 2025 meeting.

**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.

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**6. Adjourn:**

6.1. Adjourn. The Next Regular Meeting is Scheduled at 12:00 p.m. on May 28, 2025.

Chairperson Estremera adjourned the meeting at 1:16 p.m. The next regular meeting on May 28, 2025, was canceled with the next special meeting scheduled to occur at 1:30 p.m. on May 19, 2025.

Nicole Merritt  
Assistant Deputy Clerk II

Date Approved: May 19, 2025

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