



**JOINT RECYCLED WATER POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CITY OF SAN JOSÉ/SCVWD/CITY OF SANTA CLARA**

MINUTES

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2024
11:30 AM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A special meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) and the Cities of San José and Santa Clara was called to order at San José City Hall at 200 East Santa Clara Street, San José, California, and by Zoom teleconference at 11:33 a.m.

1.1 Roll Call

City of San José members in attendance were City of San José Councilmember David Cohen and City of San José Councilmember Peter Ortiz.

City of Santa Clara members in attendance were City of Santa Clara councilmember Kathy Watanabe as an Alternate.

Valley Water Board Committee members in attendance were District 4 Director Jim Beall, District 3 Director Richard Santos, and District 6 Director Tony Estremera constituting a quorum of the Committee.

City of San José staff in attendance were: Kip Harkness, Kerrie Romanow, Jeff Provenzano, Rosa Tsongtaatarii, Pedro Hernandez, Sierra Knoley-Chavez, Henry Louie, and Joe Foster.

City of Santa Clara staff in attendance were: Gary Welling and Shilpa Metha.

Valley Water staff in attendance were: Aaron Baker, Medi Sinaki, Kirsten Struve, Lei Hong, Sam Bogale, Hossein Ashktorab, Nicole Merritt, and Brian Hopper.

Public in attendance were: Sanjay Reddy (Carollo Engineers), and participants were also on Zoom teleconference.

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

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

1.2 Director Santos motioned to nominate Director Estremera for Chairperson;

Councilmember Watanabe seconded the motion to nominate Director Estremera for Chairperson. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2.1 Approval of December 15, 2023 Joint Recycled Water Policy Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes. Director Santos motioned to approve; Director Beall seconded the motion. The motion was approved, Councilmember Watanabe abstained.

3. REGULAR AGENDA:

3.1 Update on Roadmap for implementation of Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) pilot project.

Kirsten Struve and Jeff Provenzano presented the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachment 1 were reviewed by staff as follows: Kirsten Struve reviewed slides 1 through 6; Jeff Provenzano reviewed slides 7 through 9, and Kirsten Struve reviewed slide 10.

Kirsten Struve, Jeff Provenzano, Aaron Baker, and Kip Harkness were available to answer questions.

Public Comments: None.

The Committee received the information, requested the Committee meet before the end of 2024 to receive an update on the project status.

- Director Santos, Councilmember Watanabe, and Councilmember Ortiz inquired about the project's resource allocation for staff positions. Director Estremera, Director Beall, and Councilmember Cohen commented on the timeline of the project and inquired about financing, including grant competition. Staff provided feedback to the Committee regarding leveraging the existing advanced water purification facility infrastructure and knowledge-gained that may benefit the timeline, planning, and design of the purified water demonstration facility and full-scale facility. San José staff clarified the City will have dedicated staff, funded by Valley Water, to advance the project. Councilmember Watanabe mentioned the Treatment Plant Advisory Committee (TPAC), City staff indicated an update would be provided to TPAC in the future. Councilmember Watanabe and Director Beall commented on similar projects in southern California and Texas, including the potential for elected officials to tour facilities in southern California. Staff provided information regarding the similarities and differences between the projects.

Recommendation:

- A. Receive information and provide feedback on the roadmap and next steps to develop needed agreements for the expansion of the purified and recycled water system and development of a potable reuse project to ensure our community is more drought resilient; and

- B. Provide feedback on resource needs to support a direct potable reuse collaborative project.
- 3.2 Review Proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budgets for Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center and South Bay Water Recycling System.

Sam Bogale and Jeff Provenzano presented the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachment 1 were reviewed by staff as follows: Sam Bogale reviewed slides 1 through 5; and Jeff Provenzano reviewed slides 6 through 9.

Sam Bogale and Jeff Provenzano were available to answer questions.

Public Comments: None.

The Committee noted the information and took no formal action.

Recommendation:

- A. That the Joint Recycled Water Policy Advisory Committee make recommendations to the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors and the San José City Council on their respective proposed budgets for the ensuing fiscal year for the maintenance, expansion, replacement, improvement, and operation of the South Bay Water Recycling system and the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center.

4. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS:

Chair Estremera requested more frequent meetings.

5. ADJOURN:

Adjourn to next scheduled meeting September 4, 2024.

Chairperson Estremera adjourned the meeting at 12:33p.m., to the next scheduled meeting.

Pedro Hernandez
Senior Program Manager

Date Approved: September 4, 2024

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