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

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING SESSION
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2024
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 Councilmember Dion Bracco; City of Morgan Hill Councilmembers 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 were: Hossein Ashktorab, Aaron Baker, Walter Gonzalez, Andy Gschwind, Ryan McCarter, Nicole Merritt, Kirsten Struve, and Dave Tucker.

SCRWA, City of Gilroy, and City of Morgan Hill staff in attendance were: SCRWA Environmental Programs Manager Saeid Vaziry, City of Gilroy Utilities Director Heath McMahon, and City of Morgan Hill Public Services Director Chris Ghione.

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 3, 2024 Joint Water Resources Committee Meeting Minutes.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

The Committee considered the attached minutes of the April 3, 2024 Committee meeting.

Public Comments:

None.

It was moved by Director Santos and seconded by Councilmember 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 an update and provide feedback on the South County water reuse collaboration and implementation.

Dave Tucker reviewed the information on this item per the attached Committee agenda memo.

Dave Tucker was available to answer questions.

Public Comments:

None.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and confirmed staff has been working with the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) on the grant agreement, and are currently waiting for the federal funding to be distributed; and noted appreciation for staff's work.

- 4.2. Receive Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project Update.

Recommendation: Receive an update and information on the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project.

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

Ryan McCarter 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 for continuing to utilize options for recapturing creek storm flows and providing community education/outreach on the project status and regulations.
- The Committee noted the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit project is currently in the Design phase with the Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) and the Federal

Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and working on the Environmental Review: California Environmental Quality Act/National Environmental Policy Act (CEQA/NEPA) and the permitting process with a goal to start construction in 2026.

4.3. Review and Accept the Joint Water Resources Committee 2024 Proposed Work Plan, and Confirm the Next Meeting Date.

Recommendation: A. Review and accept the Joint Water Resources Committee 2024 Proposed Work Plan; and
B. Confirm the next meeting date.

The Committee considered this Item without a staff presentation.

Public Comments:

None.

The Committee received and noted the information and took no formal action.

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 noted the South County Water Reuse Collaboration Update and expressed appreciation for staff's work under Item 4.1; noted and provided feedback including support for options to recapture water and provide community education/outreach for the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project under Item 4.2; and noted the JWRC Work Plan and confirmed upcoming meeting date under Item 4.3.

6. ADJOURN:

6.1. Adjourn to Regular Meeting at 8:30 a.m. on October 2, 2024.

Chairperson Varela adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m. to the regular meeting scheduled at 8:30 a.m. on October 2, 2024.

Approved: April 2, 2025

Nicole Merritt
Assistant Deputy Clerk II

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