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RECYCLED WATER COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2025
12:00 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 12:00 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, Karen Adriano, Emmanuel Aryee, Sepideh Bahrami, Henry Barrientos, Nastaran Basiri, Roselyn Bhudsabourg, Rita Chan, Rachael Gibson, Joshua Golka, Brian Hopper, Girlie Jacobson, Francesca Lomotan, Melissa Mendolla, Nicole Merritt, Carlos Orellana, Angie Perkins Haslam, Mario Rivas, Ray Ruiz, Medi Sinaki, Kirsten Struve, Charlene Sun, Darin Taylor, David Tucker, Nadia Webster, Kristen Yasukawa and Tina Yoke.

Public in attendance were: Valley Water District 2 Director Shiloh Ballard, Valley Water District 7 Director Rebecca Eisenberg, Aracely Barrientos, Maya Barrientos, Jan Davel (CDM Smith), Scott Maloni, Melanie Tan, and Roya Yousefelihiyeh (Black & Veatch), Eileen McLaughlin (Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge), Mark Millan (Data Instincts), Pedro Hernandez and Sanjay Reddy (Carollo Engineers), Doug Peterson, and XXX-XXX-8150.

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 May 19, 2025, Recycled Water Committee Meeting Minutes.

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Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

The Committee considered the attached minutes of the May 19, 2025 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 Partnership with the Cities of San Jose and Santa Clara.

Recommendation: Receive an update on the following topics:

- A. Update on Demonstration Facility and Full-Scale Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) Facility at the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center
- B. DPR Engagement Efforts;
- C. Debrief on Joint Recycled Water Policy Advisory Committee;
- D. SFPUC/BAWSCA collaboration efforts; and
- E. 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 noted the following:

- Director Beall confirmed the City of Milpitas has purple pipes and is involved with the San Jose-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility and expressed interest in potentially engaging cities outside the county such as the City of Fremont or areas in the South Alameda County for the purified water initiative.

4.2. Receive Desalination Engineering Feasibility Study Update.

Recommendation: Receive an update on the Desalination Engineering Feasibility Study.

Nastaran Basiri and Henry Barrientos reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the information contained in Attachment 1 and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachment 1 were reviewed by staff as follows: Nastaran Basiri reviewed Slides 1 through 6 and Henry Barrientos reviewed Slides 7 through 19.

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Nastaran Basiri, Henry Barrientos, and Kirsten Struve were available to answer questions.

Public Comments:

Eileen McLaughlin expressed looking forward to meeting with staff to ask additional questions, noted staff has been effective at explaining the project status, and shared appreciation for the Seawater Intrusion, Groundwater Rise and Emergence report as an informational resource.

Doug Peterson expressed support for Valley Water exploring the feasibility of desalination, noted wastewater purification as the more appropriate and cost effective option for the South Bay to avoid undermining the environmental and recreation goals for the area south of Charleston Slough, and requested to be included in future meetings that address any decisions related to this area.

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

- Director Beall confirmed staff is looking to reach out in the future to the Cities of Palo Alto, Mountain View, Sunnyvale regarding desalination.
- The Committee noted water rights, high costs, and proximity to both a deep-water outfall and the Valley Water system are among the challenges associated with desalination.
- The Committee confirmed interest in receiving the reports again regarding the regional desalination effort.
- Director Beall confirmed that dependent upon the final alternative selected, staff may look to review how sea level rise could affect desalination in the Bay Area.
- The Committee confirmed that the study is in the preliminary stage and an update is scheduled for the fall 2025.

4.3. Receive State and Federal Grant Opportunities Update.

Recommendation: Receive an update on state and federal financial assistance programs supporting Valley Water's recycled and purified water programs.

Angie Perkins Haslam, Dave Tucker, and Joshua Golka reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo.

Angie Perkins Haslam, Dave Tucker, Joshua Golka, and Rachael Gibson 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 staff are scheduling meetings with local congressional representatives during their time in their home districts.

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- The Committee confirmed that the Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) Planning grants update would be shared at the next Joint Water Resources Committee meeting with the Cities of Gilroy and Morgan Hill.

4.4. 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 discuss the 2025 RWC Work Plan and provide feedback on upcoming discussion items and the next meeting date.

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 without further discussion the updated RWC Work Plan and support for the expansion of nonpotable recycled water use topic, which was a referral from the June 10, 2025 Board of Directors meeting, to be addressed at the RWC July 30, 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.

6. Adjourn:

6.1. Adjourn. The Next Special Meeting is Scheduled at 12:00 p.m. on July 30, 2025.

Chairperson Estremera adjourned the meeting at 12:48 p.m. The next special meeting is scheduled to occur at 12:00 p.m. on July 30, 2025.

Nicole Merritt
Assistant Deputy Clerk II

Date Approved: July 30, 2025