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Valley Water

RECYCLED WATER COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 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, 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: Hossein Ashktorab, Aaron Baker, Roselyn Bhudsabourg, Jiana Escobar, Vincent Gin, Jason Gurdak, Candice Kwok-Smith, Francesca Lomotan, Nicole Merritt, Carlos Orellana, Mario Rivas, Ray Ruiz, Kirsten Struve, Charlene Sun, David Tucker, and Kristen Yasukawa.

Public in attendance were: Pedro Hernandez and Sanjay Reddy (Carollo Engineers) and Arthur Keller (Minerva Consulting.)

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.

Arthur Keller expressed support for a report on the desalination in Antioch per a recent article in the San Jose Mercury News.

Kirsten Struve confirmed there is a desalination plant in Antioch using river water which is slightly saline, and noted staff are tracking this information for inclusion in the desalination feasibility study update.

Director Beall noted interest in a desalination tour in Antioch.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3.1. Approval of July 30, 2025, Recycled Water Committee Meeting Minutes.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

The Committee considered the attached minutes of the July 30, 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. Demonstration Facility and Full-Scale Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) Facility at the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center; and
- B. Ongoing Outreach Activities

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

Kirsten Struve and Kristen Yasukawa were available to answer questions.

Public Comments:

None.

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

- The Committee expressed appreciation for staff's efforts on the purified water tours, and emphasized the importance of prioritizing school outreach through the county by coordinating with school superintendents to arrange additional opportunities for student participation in the tours.
- The Committee noted staff's outreach to the Santa Clara County Office of Education regarding Valley Water's water education program and the purification center tours.
- The Committee confirmed the original purified water bottle supply is expected to run out around October 1, 2025, and noted staff will continue to use the same bottling process per the state's Division of Drinking Water (DDW).
- The Committee acknowledged the importance of continued outreach to community leaders, the distribution of purified water bottles, and expressed support for staff's progress.

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

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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, Nicole Merritt, and Aaron Baker were 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, support for staff's accomplishments, and interest in a future upcoming legislative agenda item regarding state/federal funding for water projects and server farm guidelines.

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 Regular Meeting is Scheduled at 12:00 p.m. on October 29, 2025.

Chairperson Estremera adjourned the meeting at 12:22 p.m. The next regular meeting on October 29, 2025, was subsequently canceled. The next special meeting is scheduled to occur at 12:00 p.m. on December 16, 2025.

Nicole Merritt
Deputy Clerk (Committee Meetings)

Date Approved: December 16, 2025

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