



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

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# MINUTES

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**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023  
11:00 AM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

A special meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Joint Recycled Water Policy Advisory 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 11:00 a.m.

**1.1 Roll Call.**

Valley Water Board Committee members in attendance were District 4 Director Jim Beall, District 3 Director Richard Santos, and District 6 Director Tony Estremera, Chairperson presiding.

City of San José/Santa Clara members in attendance were City of San José Councilmember David Cohen and City of Santa Clara Councilmember Kathy Watanabe as an Alternate constituting a quorum of the Committee.

Valley Water staff members in attendance were: Brandon Adriano, Antonio Alfaro, Aaron Baker, Nastaran Basiri, Bart Broome, Lakeisha Bryant, Jiana Escobar, Rachael Gibson, Vincent Gin, Walter Gonzalez, Andrew Gschwind, Zachary Helsley, Lei Hong, Brian Hopper, Girlie Jacobson, Candice Kwok-Smith, Elise Latedjou-Durand, Sean Lee, Dave Leon, Carlos Orellana, Becky Manchester, Nicole Merritt, Melanie Richardson, Don Rocha, Medi Sinaki, Diahann Soleno, Kirsten Struve, Charlene Sun, David Tucker and Beckie Zisser.

City of Santa Clara Councilmember in attendance was Councilmember Kevin Park and City of San José/Santa Clara staff members in attendance were: Arthine Cossey vanDuyne, Kip Harkness, Pedro Hernandez, Henry Louie, Shilpa Mehta, Jeff Provenzano, Rosa Tsongtaatarii, and Gary Welling.

Public in attendance were: Paul Brown (Paul Redvers Brown Inc.), Phillippe Daniel (Liquisti LLC.), Jan Davel (CDM Smith), Nicole Harvie, Katja Irvin (Sierra Club-Loma Prieta Chapter), Ezra David Romero (KQED News), and Shane Trussell (Trussell Technologies).

## **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 who wished to speak.

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

### **3.1 Approval of September 6, 2023 Joint Recycled Water Policy Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes.**

Recommendation: Approve the Minutes.

The Committee considered the attached minutes of the September 6, 2023 Committee meeting.

Public Comments:  
None.

It was moved by Director Santos, seconded by Councilmember Cohen, and was carried by majority vote, that the minutes be approved. Councilmember Watanabe abstained from the vote per not being present at the meeting.

## **4. REGULAR AGENDA:**

### **4.1 Expansion of the Purified and Recycled Water System and Development of a Potable Reuse Project.**

- Recommendation:
- A. Discuss development of a 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 per the November 17, 2023 action at the joint meeting of the Valley Water Board and the San Jose City Council; and
  - B. Request staff to return with the roadmap, including mutual objectives, timelines and resources needed to complete agreements within two years no later than April 2024 to the JRWPAC.

Melanie Richardson reviewed 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: Melanie Richardson reviewed Slide 1 and Slides 17 through 18; Kip Harkness reviewed Slides 2 through 4; Kirsten Struve reviewed Slides 5 through 10, Slide 12, and Slides 14 through 15; and Jeff Provenzano reviewed Slides 11, 13, and 16.

Melanie Richardson, Kip Harkness, Kirsten Struve, Jeff Provenzano, and Gary Welling were available to answer questions.

Public Comments:  
None.

The Committee received the information, requested staff to return with the roadmap, and noted the following:

- Director Beall requested staff follow up on looking into expediting the timelines especially for the full-scale DPR project by overlapping timeframes for agreements and planning/design; and noted the potential for showing joint support to the state regarding the climate bond and any other state water purification programs for future joint state funding opportunities.
- The Committee confirmed to move forward with any future agreements, feasibility studies, and cost sharing budgets would require review and approval from both San Jose and Santa Clara City Councils and the Valley Water Board, decisions regarding how to run a facility would be dependent on who provided the funding, and staff will follow up with a recommendation regarding the logistics of a DPR responsible agency.
- The Committee noted the importance of getting the public's support for purified water per the climate crisis, showed appreciation for staff's work, and encouraged staff to work towards creating the largest possible purification center while expediting timelines.

**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:**

Adjourn to Regular Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on April 18, 2024.

Chairperson Estremera adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m., to the regular meeting at 10:00 a.m. on April 18, 2024.

Nicole Merritt  
Assistant Deputy Clerk II

Date Approved: May 29, 2024

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