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RECYCLED WATER COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 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, Hossein Ashktorab, Aaron Baker, Henry Barrientos, Nastaran Basiri, Lakeisha Bryant, Rachael Gibson, Walter Gonzalez, Wendy Ho, Candice Kwok-Smith, Cecil Lawson, Francesca Lomotan, Nicole Merritt, Carlos Orellana, Ray Ruiz, Medi Sinaki, Kirsten Struve, Darin Taylor, David Tucker, and Kristen Yasukawa.

Public in attendance were: District 7 Director Rebecca Eisenberg, Arthur Keller (Minerva Consulting), Eileen McLaughlin, Doug Muirhead, and Melanie Tan and Roya Yousefelahiyeh (Black & Veatch).

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 September 24, 2025, Recycled Water Committee Meeting Minutes.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

The Committee considered the attached minutes of the September 24, 2025 Committee meeting.

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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. Negotiation of an Agreement with the City of San Jose and Microsoft Corporation to move the purification center visitor trailer and construct certain improvements;
- C. Bottling Efforts

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:

- The Committee confirmed that installation of a traffic signal at McCarthy Lane and Zanker Road along with bike lanes, and road widening is part of Microsoft's plan near the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center for safety purposes.

- 4.2. Receive Update on the 8th Independent Advisory Panel Meeting.

Recommendation: Receive information on the 8th meeting of the Independent Advisory Panel for evaluation of Valley Water's Purified Water Program.

Medi Sinaki reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and per the information contained in Attachment 1.

Medi Sinaki was available to answer questions.

Public Comments:
None.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and without further discussion, noted the 8th Independent Advisory Panel meeting update.

- 4.3. Receive South Santa Clara County Water Reuse Collaboration Update and Provide Feedback.

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Recommendation: Receive an update and provide feedback on South Santa Clara County water reuse collaboration supporting Valley Water's recycled and purified water programs.

David Tucker reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and per the information contained in Attachment 1.

David Tucker and Kirsten Struve were available to answer questions.

Public Comments:
Doug Muirhead

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

- The Committee expressed support for meeting with the Mayors of Morgan Hill and Gilroy should progress not occur as expected.
- The Committee expressed interest in additional details regarding cost allocation for rate payers, developers, and cities.
- The Committee noted the challenges associated with the changes in the city staff and that Valley Water staff are continuing to push forward to collaborate on the agreements with the cities to address the governance issues.
- The Committee noted support for continued efforts to ensure the entire county including the northern part of South County is included in the master plan.

4.4. Receive Desalination Engineering Feasibility Study Update.

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

Henry Barrientos reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and per the information contained in Attachment 1.

Henry Barrientos and Kirsten Struve were available to answer questions.

Public Comments:
Doug Peterson
Eileen McLaughlin
Arthur Keller

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

- The Committee discussed the challenges associated with using Moffett field and nearby areas as a potential site and expressed support for further details at the next RWC meeting and looking into a formal letter of interest.
- The Committee confirmed that staff will include a cost analysis as part of the study.

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- The Committee noted the comments from Doug Peterson regarding the Baylands Master Plan and the Baylands Comprehensive Conservation Plan and expressed support for staff receiving a copy.
- The Committee discussed the complexities associated with the deferred Palo Alto Water Advanced Purification Center Project.
- The Committee noted the Water Supply Master Plan is focusing on potable reuse and desalination may not be needed in the near term.
- The Committee noted the next update will be provided in the first quarter of 2026 upon following engagement with interest groups and the completion of the Alternative Analysis Report.

4.5. Receive Purified Water Public Outreach Update and Provide Feedback.

Recommendation: Receive information and provide feedback on the 2025 public outreach highlights for the Purified Water Program.

Kristen Yasukawa reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and per the information contained in Attachment 1.

Handout 4.5-A, Santa Clara County Medical Association Bulletin and Handout 4.5-B, Testimonial Video were distributed to the Committee and made available to the public.

Kristen Yasukawa was available to answer questions.

Public Comments:
None.

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

- The Committee expressed support for developing a commercial and for sharing the Testimonial Video during tours to further outreach efforts.
- The Committee expressed appreciation for staff's work and Chair Estremera's assistance in engaging the medical community
- The Committee asked about staff's coordination with the County Health Officer.

4.6. Receive and Discuss the 2025 Recycled Water Committee (RWC) Work Plan, and Provide Feedback on 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 and Nicole Merritt were available to answer questions.

Public Comment:
None.

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The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and expressed support for canceling the regular 12:00 p.m. meeting on January 28, 2026, and to have the next regular meeting in February 2026.

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/Special Meeting is Scheduled as TBD per Committee.

Chairperson Estremera adjourned the meeting at 1:19 p.m. The regular 12:00 p.m. meeting on January 28, 2026, was subsequently canceled and the next regular meeting was scheduled to occur at 12:00 p.m. on February 25, 2026.

Nicole Merritt
Deputy Clerk (Committee Meetings)

Date Approved: February 25, 2026

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