



WATER SUPPLY AND DEMAND
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025
10:00 AM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Water Supply and Demand Management 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 10:00 a.m.

1.1. Roll Call.

Committee members in attendance were: District 3 Director Richard Santos, Chairperson presiding, District 5 Director Nai Hsueh, Vice Chairperson, and District 2 Director Shiloh Ballard, constituting a quorum of the Committee.

Staff members in attendance were: Gina Adriano, Antonio Alfaro, Emmanuel Aryee, Aaron Baker, Roseryn Bhudsabourg, Rick Callender, Theresa Chinte, Vanessa De La Piedra, Gavin Downs, Andrew Garcia, Rachael Gibson, Vincent Gin, Josh Golka, Andy Gschwind, Victor Gutierrez, Chris Hakes, Diahann Hudson Soleno, Cindy Kao, Matt Keller, Kaho Kong, Candice Kwok-Smith, Emelia Lamas, Kathleen Low, Jess Lovering, Katherine Maher, Ryan McCarter, Julianne O'Brien, Carlos Orellana, Steve Peters, Sarah Piramoon, Metra Richert, Don Rocha, Ashley Shannon, Nicholas Simard, Stephanie Simunic, Ranithri Slayton, Kirsten Struve, Charlene Sun, Darin Taylor, Gregory Williams, Jing Wu, Tina Yoke, and Beckie Zisser.

Public in attendance were: District 7 Director Rebecca Eisenberg, Molly Culton and Katja Irvin (Sierra Club), John Tang (San Jose Water Company) Maddy Benner, Bryan Boyer, Kurt Elvert, Chuck Gardner, Karen, Arthur Keller, Kateline Lin, Gunni Nixon, XXX-XXX-8214.

2. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Chairperson Santos declared time open for public comment on any item not on the agenda. Katja Irvin commented on several workplan additions including water demand and supply for local data centers and groundwater dewatering for large construction projects such as BART.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

3.1 **Approval of November 4, 2024 Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) Minutes.**

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

The Committee considered the minutes of the November 4, 2024 Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) meeting.

Public Comments: None.

It was moved by Director Hsueh, seconded by Vice Chairperson Ballard, and unanimously carried, to approve the November 4, 2024 WSDMC minutes.

4. **REGULAR AGENDA:**

4.1 **Elect 2025 Chair and Vice Chair.**

On a motion by Chairperson Santos, seconded by Director Hsueh, Director Hsueh was elected as the Chairperson and Director Ballard was elected as Vice Chairperson.

4.2 **Receive an update and discuss the B.F. Sisk Dam Raise and Reservoir Expansion Project; Recommend to the Board to Execute the First Amended and Restated Activity Agreement and Approve the San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority's Execution of the Management and Cost Share Agreement with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; Recommend to the Board to increase Valley Water's storage capacity up to 60,600 AF; Recommend to the Board to authorize up to \$2,057,636 to cover Valley Water's share of Project planning costs through February 2026.**

Cindy Kao reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo and in the attachment and was available to answer questions. Chuck Garner and Vincent Gin were also available to answer questions.

The Committee discussed the following with staff input: Central Valley Project (CVP) storage water loss will generally not exceed 10 percent annually, there are no time limits on water storage and it can be moved to another storage location, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) can take CVP water in situations such as extreme drought without paying Valley Water, raising State Route 152 is half the project cost and upgrades are needed for seismic standards, Reclamation does not have overall responsibility for raising State Route 152, a possible traffic study with Caltrans, research of cost reduction ideas, conversations at Valley Water relating to mitigating water evaporation and protecting wildlife.

Director Santos thanked Valley Water staff for building relationships and keeping Directors updated on the project.

Public Comment: Arthur Keller inquired about effects of an earthquake on the project and risks of drawing water the semitropic bank as well as risk of water pollution from recreation and mitigating evaporation. Cindy Kao and

Kirsten Struve noted the project will improve safety relating to seismic risk and the semitropic bank will continue to be viable and other risks will be monitored.

The Committee received the information and on a motion by Director Santos, seconded by Vice Chairperson Ballard, the Committee approved to recommend to the Board to Execute the First Amended and Restated Activity Agreement and Approve the San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority's Execution of the Management and Cost Share Agreement with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; Recommend to the Board to increase Valley Water's storage capacity up to 60,600 AF; Recommend to the Board to authorize up to \$2,057,636 to cover Valley Water's share of Project planning costs through February 2026.

4.3 Receive an update on Valley Water's Collaboration with Water Retailers on Water Supply and Demand Management and Renter/Landlord Engagement.

Ashely Shannon reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo and in the attachment and was available to answer questions.

The Committee discussed the following with staff input: the February 27, 2025 Annual Landscape Summit, the Audit Committee reviewing quantifiable outcomes and also the Valley Water Water Conservation Strategic Plan.

The Committee received the information, provided positive feedback and took no formal action.

4.4 Receive and update on Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project; recommend to the Board to Ratify the Resolution of the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Joint Powers Authority to Terminate the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement and Dissolve the Authority.

Katherine Maher reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo and in the attachments and was available to answer questions.

The Committee received the information, noted support for the recommendation, and emphasized the importance of business relationships for the future.

On a motion by Director Santos, seconded by Vice Chairperson Ballard, the Committee approved to recommend to the Board to ratify the Resolution of the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Joint Powers Authority to terminate the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement and dissolve the Authority.

4.5 Receive an information update on the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project.

Julianne O' Brien reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo and in the attachment and was available to answer questions.

Public Comment: Doug Peterson cited concern relating to the Board setting a project end date and noted project deliberations should run their course per Proposition 1 to give the project a fair evaluation. Katja Irvin submitted written comments.

The Committee discussed the following with staff input: permits are needed including lake and streambed alteration agreements, 401 vs. 404 and 1602 permits, the Valley Habitat Plan, property access for the geotechnical boring, a possible extension for one of the properties, categorical exemptions for

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and additional CEQA analysis, the importance of project financial transparency.

The Committee received the information and suggested that the WSDMC discusses the roles Pacheco play in each of the WSMP portfolios first, before discussing the topic of potential partnership for the Pacheco Project.

4.6 Review and Discuss the Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) Work Plan and approve 2025 meeting schedule.

Staff confirmed there are no items for February 2025 listed on the work plan, and the Committee approved canceling the February 24, 2025 meeting.

The Committee received the information and discussed the following with staff input: groundwater construction information may be part of Item 4.1, Sustainable Groundwater Management Act annual update in October 2025 and possibly before then. Additionally, new construction ordinances and retrofits can fit in the workplan under Item 3.3 relating to Model Water Efficient New Development Ordinance, i.e., MWENDO.

The Committee suggested providing financial data relating to costs of not having Valley Water projects and providing it to the public.

On a motion by Chairperson Hsueh, seconded by Vice Chairperson Ballard, the Committee approved the WSDMC Work Plan and 2025 meeting schedule.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS:

Stephanie Simunic stated that the November 4, 2024 WSDMC minutes were approved, Item 4.2 relating to B.F. Sisk and Item 4.4 relating to Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project, staff recommendations were approved, Item 4.6 relating to the Work Plan was approved with additions, and the next meeting will occur March 24, 2025.

6. ADJOURN:

6.1. Adjourn to Regular Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Monday March 24, 2025.

Chairperson Hsueh adjourned the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

Date Approved: March 24, 2025

Stephanie Simunic
Assistant Deputy Clerk II