



Santa Clara Valley Water District Water Supply and Demand Management Committee

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

**Monday, February 23, 2026
10:00 AM**

District Mission: Provide Silicon Valley safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment and economy.

COMMITTEE OFFICERS:

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Director, District 5
Shiloh Ballard, Vice Chairperson
Director, District 2
Richard Santos
Director, District 3

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

1.1. Roll Call.

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

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3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

- 3.1. Election of 2026 Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. [26-0170](#)
Recommendation: Nominate and elect the 2026 WSDMC Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.
Manager: Wendy Ho, 408-630-3874
Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 4.1. Approval of December 8, 2025 Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) Minutes. [26-0171](#)
Recommendation: Approve the minutes.
Manager: Wendy Ho, 408-630-3874
Attachments: [Attachment 1: 12082025 WSDMC Minutes](#)
Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

5. REGULAR AGENDA:

- 5.1. Receive Information on 2025 Urban Water Management Plan Update and Provide Feedback. [26-0146](#)
Recommendation: Receive information on 2025 Urban Water Management Plan update; Provide Feedback to Staff.
Manager: Kirsten Struve, 408-630-3138
Attachments: [Attachment 1: PowerPoint](#)
Est. Staff Time: 15 Minutes
- 5.2. Receive Update on Groundwater Basins Managed by Valley Water and Compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. [26-0184](#)
Recommendation: Receive an update on the groundwater basins managed by Valley Water and compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.
Manager: Gregory Williams, 408-630-2867
Attachments: [Attachment 1: PowerPoint](#)
Est. Staff Time: 15 Minutes
- 5.3. Review and Approve 2026 Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) Work Plan, Provide Feedback on Upcoming Discussion Items, and the 2026 WSDMC Meeting Schedule. [26-0172](#)
Recommendation: A. Review and approve the 2026 WSDMC Work Plan and make adjustments as necessary; and
B. Confirm dates for the 2026 WSDMC Committee meetings

Manager: Wendy Ho, 408-630-3874

Attachments: [Attachment 1: 2026 WSDMC Committee Work Plan](#)

[Attachment 2: Proposed 2026 WSDMC Committee Meeting Dates](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

6. 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.

7. ADJOURN:

7.1. Adjourn. The Next Regular Meeting is Scheduled at 10:00 a.m., on Monday, March 23, 2026.



Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 26-0170

Agenda Date: 2/23/2026

Item No.: 3.1.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM **Water Supply and Demand Management Committee**

Government Code § 84308 Applies: Yes No
(If "YES" Complete Attachment A - Gov. Code § 84308)

SUBJECT:

Election of 2026 Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

RECOMMENDATION:

Nominate and elect the 2026 WSDMC Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

SUMMARY:

The Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) was established to assist the Board of Directors (Board), consistent with direction from the full Board, to achieve its policy to provide reliable water supply to meet current and future water usage; make policy recommendations and receiving and discussing information related to demand management, including water conservation, sustainable groundwater management, and additional water storage options; and assist their respective Directors on policies and actions related to these matters.

Officers of the Committee include the Committee Chair and Vice Chair, who serve as the Committee's primary and secondary facilitators and representatives. The Committee Chair and Vice Chair are elected by the Committee to serve a 1-year term. Nomination and election of the Chair and Vice Chair typically occur annually at the start of the calendar year.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:

The election of WSDMC Chairperson and Vice Chairperson is not subject to environmental justice analysis.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

File No.: 26-0170

Agenda Date: 2/23/2026
Item No.: 3.1.

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Wendy Ho, 408-630-3874



Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 26-0171

Agenda Date: 2/23/2026

Item No.: 4.1.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM
Water Supply and Demand Management Committee

Government Code § 84308 Applies: Yes No
(If "YES" Complete Attachment A - Gov. Code § 84308)

SUBJECT:

Approval of December 8, 2025 Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes.

SUMMARY:

A summary of Committee discussions, and details of all actions taken by the Committee, during all open and public Committee meetings, is transcribed and submitted for review and approval.

Upon Committee approval, minutes transcripts are finalized and entered into the District's historical records archives and serve as historical records of the Committee's meetings.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:

The approval of minutes is not subject to environmental justice impact analysis.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: 12082025 WSDMC Minutes

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Wendy Ho, 408-630-3874

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WATER SUPPLY AND DEMAND
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 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) Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (Committee) was called to order by Chairperson Hsueh at 12:00 p.m. in the Valley Water Headquarters Building Boardroom at 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and by Zoom teleconference.

1.1. Roll Call.

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

Staff members in attendance were: Chanie Abuye, Gina Adriano, Antonino Alfaro, Aaron Baker, Roseryn Bhudsabourg, Justin Burks, Gavin Downs, Andrew Garcia, Vincent Gin, Joshua Golka, Andrew Gschwind, Jason Gurdak, Marino Hernandez, Wendy Ho, Bassam Kassab, Matt Keller, Kaho Kong, Ryan McCarter, Carmen Narayanan, Carlos Orellana, Paola Reyes, Metra Ulloa, Stephanie Simunic, Kirsten Struve, Charlene Sun, Erina Szeto, Darin Taylor, Greg Williams, Jing Wu.

Public in attendance were: Director Rebecca Eisenberg (District 7), Dominic Blum-Gutierrez, Arthur Keller, Kateline Lin, Doug Muirhead.

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

Chairperson Hsueh 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 October 27, 2025 Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) Minutes.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

The Committee considered the minutes of the October 27, 2025 Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) meeting.

Public Comment: None.

It was moved by Vice Chairperson Ballard, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously carried, that the minutes be approved as presented.

4. REGULAR AGENDA:

4.1 Receive Update on Groundwater Basins Managed by Valley Water and Compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

Recommendation: Receive an update on the groundwater basins managed by Valley Water and compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

Jason Gurdak 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 including: the Valley Water Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) that will be submitted to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) in 2026, relating to the Santa Clara and Llagas subbasins in Santa Clara County, managed exclusively by Valley Water, and the North San Benito Subbasin in Santa Clara and San Benito counties, primarily managed by San Benito County Water District. Staff noted at least several public meetings with opportunity for input will be held before the final plan is submitted to the DWR.

Public Comment: None.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

4.2 Receive an Update on Valley Water’s South County Managed Aquifer Recharge Activities.

Recommendation: Receive an update on Valley Water’s South County managed aquifer recharge activities.

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

Staff presented four potential South County Recharge Projects that are being studied per the 2025 Water Supply Master Plan: 1. San Pedro Ponds Improvement, 2. Coyote Valley Recharge Pond, 3. Madrone Channel Expansion, 4. Butterfield Channel Managed Aquifer Recharge

The Committee received the information and requested that Valley Water’s representative on the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), Director Beall, discuss sewer implementation in South County at LAFCO, as the

primary challenge with San Pedro Ponds Project is due to the nearby septic systems interfering with operating the San Pedro Ponds at full capacity.

Public Comment: Doug Muirhead.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

4.3 Receive and Discuss Information Regarding the Semitropic Groundwater Storage Bank.

Recommendation: Receive and Discuss information regarding the Semitropic Groundwater Storage Bank.

Kaho Kong 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 including: the water quality of groundwater in the Kern County Subbasin and Department of Water Resources (DWR) timelines relating to the review of the Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs). Further discussion ensued relating to staff efforts on other out-of-county groundwater banking opportunities.

Staff noted once the Subbasin is returned to DWR oversight, DWR will review the final 2025 Subbasin GSPs, including the final Semitropic GSP. Staff stated they will continue to review potential impacts to banking operations as SGMA is implemented, in addition to other factors that may impact Semitropic operations, such as water quality.

Public Comment: Doug Muirhead and Arthur Keller.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

4.4 Review and Discuss Water Supply and Demand Committee (WSDMC) Work Plan and Upcoming Discussion Items.

Recommendation: Review and discuss the WSDMC Work Plan and upcoming discussion items.

Staff noted one item for the January 26, 2026 WSDMC meeting, the Urban Water Management Plan but that it was not critical to be in January and could be moved.

Public Comment: None.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS:

Staff noted the request from the Committee relating to Valley Water's representative on the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), Director Beall; discuss sewer implementation in South County with LAFCO.

The Committee took no formal action.

6. ADJOURN:

6.1. Adjourn. The Next Regular Meeting is Scheduled at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 26, 2026.

Chairperson Hsueh adjourned the meeting at 1:21 p.m.

Date Approved:

Stephanie Simunic
Assistant Deputy Clerk II



Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 26-0146

Agenda Date: 2/23/2026

Item No.: 5.1.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM Water Supply and Demand Management Committee

Government Code § 84308 Applies: Yes No
(If "YES" Complete Attachment A - Gov. Code § 84308)

SUBJECT:

Receive Information on 2025 Urban Water Management Plan Update and Provide Feedback.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive information on 2025 Urban Water Management Plan update; Provide Feedback to Staff.

SUMMARY:

The Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water), as a wholesale urban water supplier, is required by California Water Code §10610-10656 to update its Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) every five years. Valley Water's UWMP documents important information on water supply, water usage, water supply reliability, water conservation programs, and water shortage contingency planning in Santa Clara County. It provides an overall picture of Valley Water's current and future water conditions and management over the next 25 years and complements other water resource planning efforts.

Valley Water last updated its UWMP in 2021 and is currently developing the 2025 UWMP in accordance with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) guidelines. This memorandum summarizes key requirements of the UWMP and Valley Water's timeline for completion. The 2025 UWMP must be adopted following a public hearing and submitted to DWR by July 1, 2026.

Demand Projections

The UWMP must include current and projected water use in five-year increments for a period of at least 20 years. Valley Water recently completed its Water Supply Master Plan (WSMP) 2050 with two demand projections. Valley Water plans to use the WSMP demand projections for developing its 2025 UWMP.

Water Supply Reliability Analysis

The UWMP will also identify and quantify the existing and planned sources of water available to Valley Water for the next 25 years to meet the projected countywide demand. The plan requires water supply reliability analysis under normal, a single dry year, and five consecutive dry year

conditions through 2045. In addition to this analysis, a drought risk analysis is also required for a five-year drought that is assumed to occur in the next five years and represents the worst drought in an agency's service area.

Valley Water is planning to use the WSMP 2050 analysis and recommended projects as the basis for future supply estimation. For the five-year drought risk analysis, Valley Water will use information on historical droughts and actions in the most recent drought to conduct the analysis.

Water Shortage Contingency Plan

As part of the UWMP update, Valley Water will also update its Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP), now a separate and standalone plan, to establish actions and procedures to address water shortages due to droughts and other emergencies. Following DWR requirements, the WSCP also summarizes other planning efforts related to natural disasters, drought revenue impacts, as well as Valley Water's legal authority and communication protocol to respond to water shortages.

Demand Management Measures

In recognizing the importance of demand management to sustainable management of water resources in California, the UWMP requires urban suppliers to present their efforts to promote water conservation and reduce water demands. Valley Water's demand management measures include metering, public education and outreach, rebates for residential and commercial users, including rebates for lawn conversion, free water use audits and consultation, and many more. The 2025 UWMP will summarize conservation efforts over the past five years, as well as Valley Water's conservation goals and water savings.

Reduced Reliance on the Delta

Starting from the last UWMP update, DWR requires the suppliers receiving or planning to receive water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta) to demonstrate their reduced reliance on the Delta. Valley Water receives Delta water from the State Water Project, Central Valley Project, and water transfers and exchanges. Therefore, Valley Water falls under this requirement. Valley Water, with the support of all its retailers, has made significant investments in demand management and local supplies to increase regional self-reliance and reduce the county's reliance on the Delta. These investments include conservation and demand management; recycled and purified water; seismic retrofits of local reservoirs; and regional collaborations. With these past efforts and planned investments and water conservation goals recommended in the WSMP 2050, Valley Water will be able to fulfill this requirement.

Coordination and Outreach

Valley Water is coordinating with retailers on data and information sharing and will provide retailers with the draft UWMP and WSCP for review. For regional collaboration on updating the UWMP, Valley Water has notified all cities within Santa Clara County, the County, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, and the Bay Area Water Conservation and Supply Agency of its efforts. The draft plans will be posted on the Valley Water website for public review, and a public hearing will be held for plan adoption.

Timeline and Next Steps

Below is the timeline for Valley Water's 2025 UWMP development:

- November - December 2025: reviewed DWR's draft guidebook, identified data requirements, developed analysis methodologies, and coordinated with internal stakeholders
- December 2025 - February 2026: engage and coordinate with external stakeholders on data and information sharing
- March - April 2026 - Draft plan review
- May 2026: Public review of draft plan
- June 2026: Public hearing for plan adoption

Valley Water will bring another update to this committee before the public hearing. Staff will also continue to coordinate with water retailers on demand projections, water supplies, and reduced Delta reliance, to support each agency's UWMP development.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:

The Urban Water Management Plan addresses water supply equity by ensuring a cost-effective, high-quality supply is available for all of Santa Clara County, including disadvantaged communities.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: PowerPoint

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Kirsten Struve, 408-630-3138

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2025 Urban Water Management Plan

Water Supply and Demand Management Committee
February 23, 2026

Urban Water Management Plan

- State requirement
- Current and future water management over next 25 years
- Submittal by July 1, 2026



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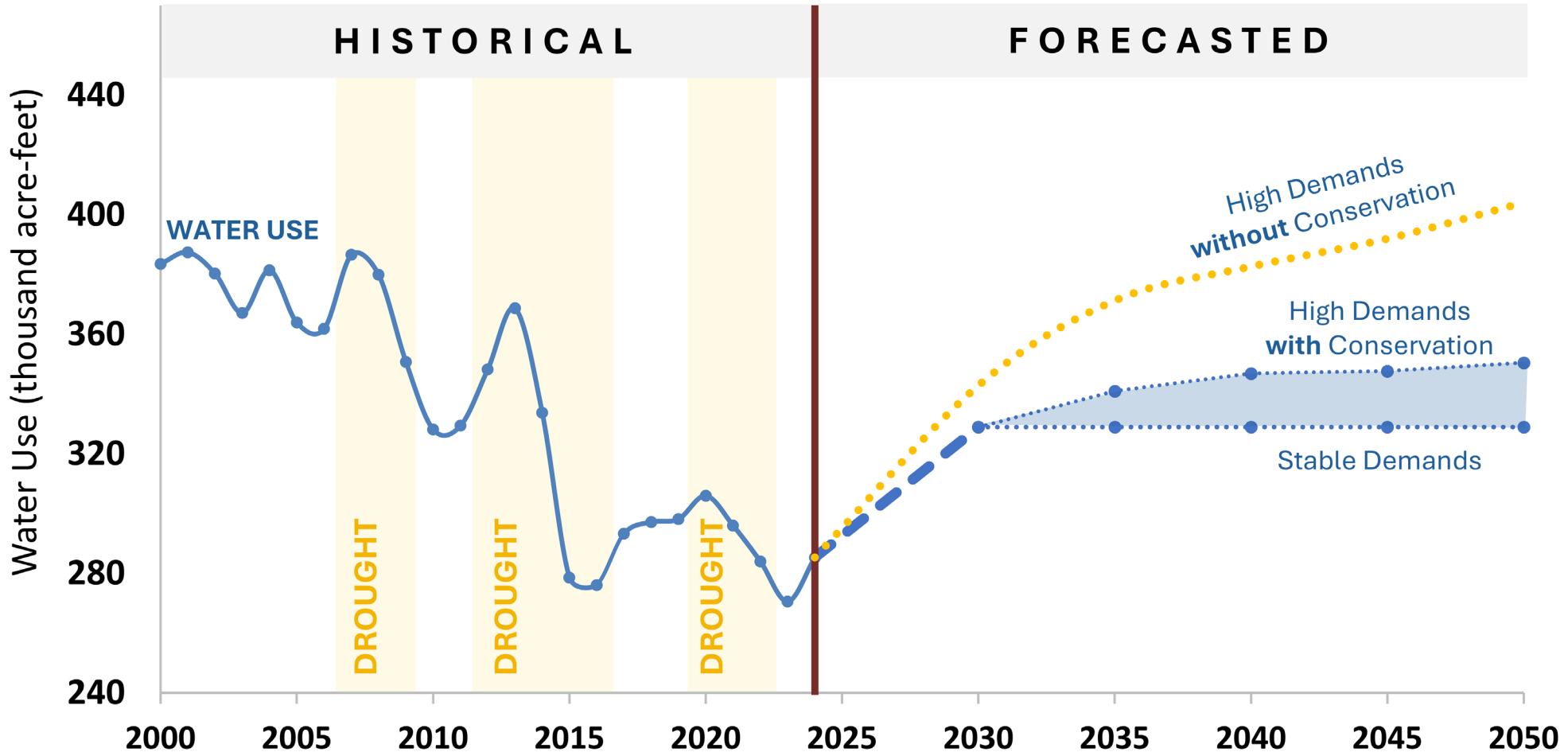
Urban Water Management Plan

Key Requirements

- Demand projection
- Water supply reliability assessment
- Drought Risk Assessment
- Water Shortage Contingency Plan
- Demand management measures
- Reduced reliance on the Delta
- Collaboration and coordination



Demand Projection



Water Supply Reliability Analysis

- Existing and planned water supply to meet demand
 - normal year
 - single dry year
 - five consecutive dry year
- Water Supply Master Plan 2050 recommended projects
- Delivery Capability Report 2025

Water Shortage Contingency Plan

- Shortage stage
- Actions and procedures
- Legal Authority
- Communication
- Financial impact

Adopt six standard shortage stages

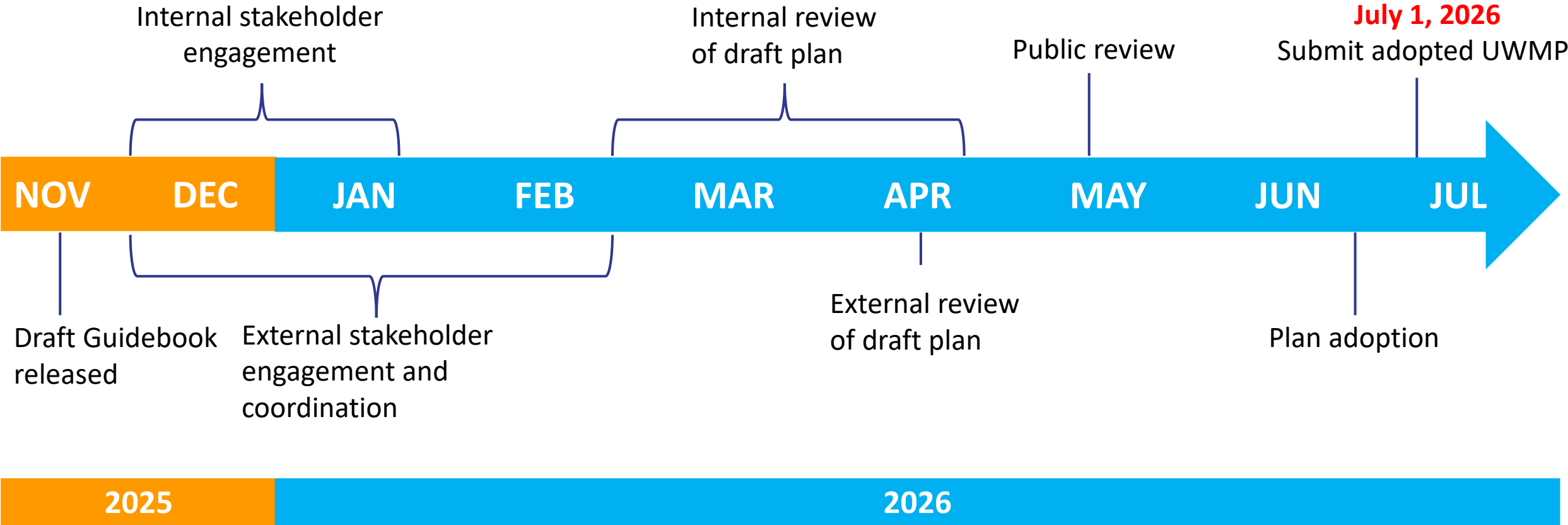
Existing Valley Water Stages				DWR Standard Stages	
Stage	Title	Projected End-of-Year GW Storage (AF)	Short-term reduction in water use	Stage	Water Shortage
1	Normal	> 300,000	None	1	0-10%
2	Alert	< 300,000	0-10%	2	10-20%
3	Severe	< 250,000	10-20%	3	20-30%
4	Critical	< 200,000	20-40%	4	30-40%
5	Emergency	< 150,000	Over 40%	5	40-50%
				6	> 50%

Reduced Delta Reliance

- Demonstrate reduced Delta supply in water supply portfolios
- Provide data and common language to water retailers



Timeline and Deadline



Next Steps

- Complete analysis and plan update
- Coordinate with water retailers
- Provide another update to Committee

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Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 26-0184

Agenda Date: 2/23/2026

Item No.: 5.2.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM Water Supply and Demand Management Committee

Government Code § 84308 Applies: Yes No
(If "YES" Complete Attachment A - Gov. Code § 84308)

SUBJECT:

Receive Update on Groundwater Basins Managed by Valley Water and Compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive an update on the groundwater basins managed by Valley Water and compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

SUMMARY:

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires that groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) managing a basin ranked as medium- or high-priority submit a groundwater sustainability plan (GSPs) or prescribed Alternative to a GSP (Alternative) to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) by a certain statutory deadline. Valley Water met this deadline and has a DWR approved Alternative for the high-priority Santa Clara and Llagas subbasins. Additionally, Valley Water serves as a GSA with San Benito County Water District (SBCWD) for the medium-priority North San Benito Subbasin.

Valley Water staff last updated the Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (Committee) on December 8, 2025 with a schedule for the required periodic evaluation of the Alternative that is due to DWR by December 17, 2026. This Committee update includes the progress and outreach plan for the periodic evaluation of the Alternative for the Santa Clara and Llagas subbasins and an update for the North San Benito Subbasin. Under SGMA, periodic evaluations are required at least once every five years.

Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins

Staff are conducting technical analyses needed to update information on basin conditions and incorporating DWR recommended actions into the periodic evaluation of the Alternative. The recommended actions listed below are designed to facilitate DWR evaluation and improve implementation of the Alternative.

1. Explain how inter-basin items have been coordinated.
2. Ensure monitoring network details are consistent with DWR's SGMA Portal Monitoring

Network Module.

As work on the Alternative progresses, staff will update the Committee and engage interested parties through outreach, including email updates, social media posts, and public meetings. A public review of the draft updated Alternative is expected to be available in late summer/early fall 2026 to solicit public input prior to consideration by Valley Water Board of Directors in late fall 2026.

North San Benito Subbasin

Valley Water shares GSA responsibilities with SBCWD for the North San Benito Subbasin, which is primarily located in San Benito County. The periodic evaluation of the DWR approved GSP is being led by SBCWD, including all technical analyses. Valley Water staff are supporting the evaluation and update by serving on the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The first TAC meeting was held at the SBCWD on January 13, 2026.

As work on the GSP progresses, staff will update the Committee and engage interested parties. A public review of the draft updated GSP for the North San Benito Subbasin is expected to be available in early fall 2026 to solicit public input prior to consideration by both the SBCWD and Valley Water Board of Directors in fall 2026.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:

There are no environmental justice impacts associated with this item.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: PowerPoint

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Gregory Williams, 408-630-2867



Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update

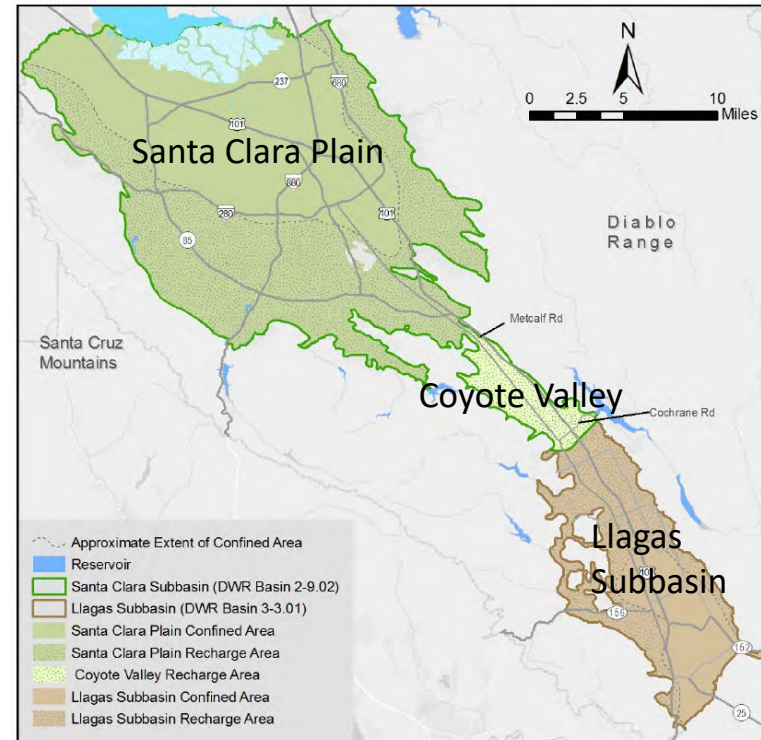
Presented by: Scott Elkins, Groundwater Management Unit

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GSA Responsibilities

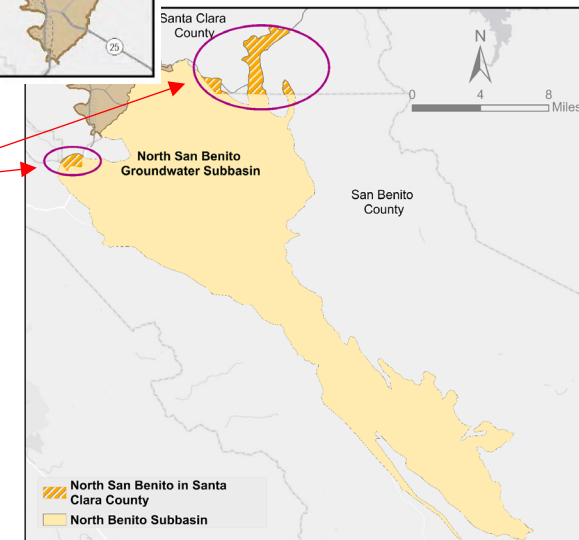
- Valley Water is the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA):
 - Santa Clara and Llagas subbasins
 - North San Benito Subbasin in Santa Clara County
- Santa Clara and Llagas subbasins
 - Periodic evaluation of DWR approved Alternative Plan – due December 17, 2026
 - Annual Water Year (WY) Report – due April 1, 2026
- North San Benito Subbasin
 - Periodic evaluation of DWR approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) – due January 12, 2027
 - Led by San Benito County Water District

Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins:



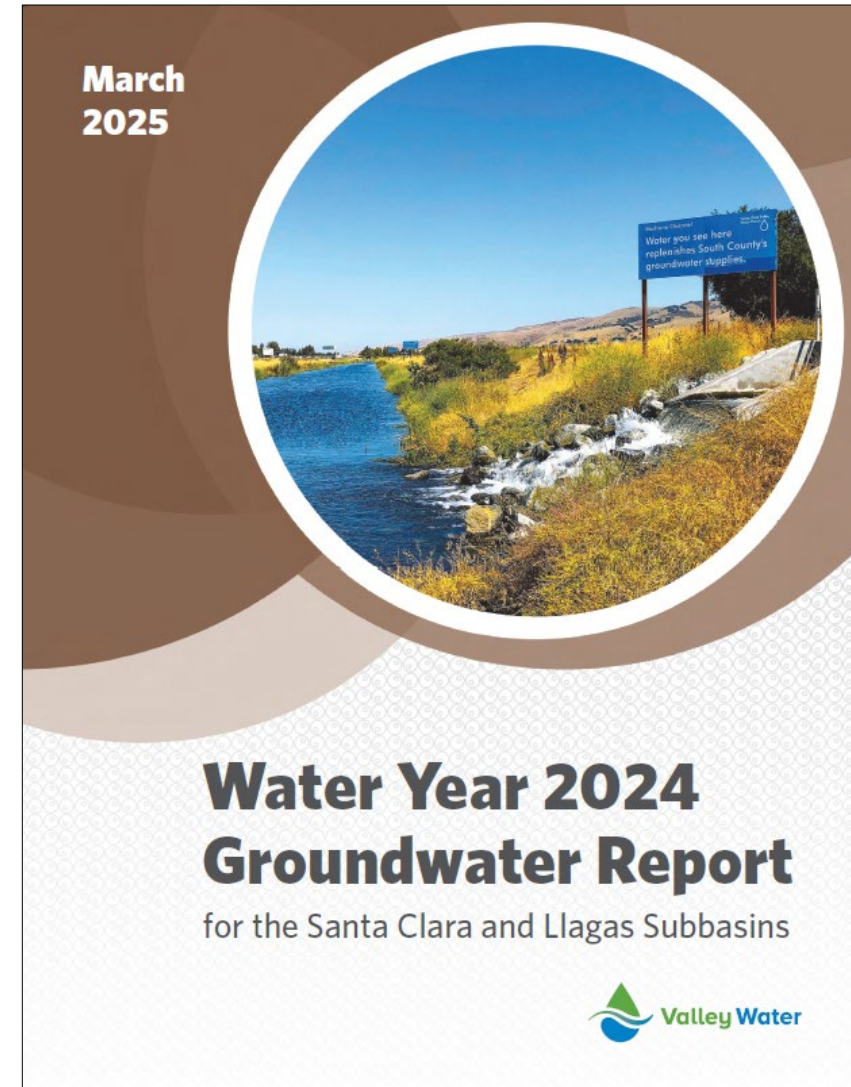
North San Benito Subbasin:

small areas in Santa Clara County



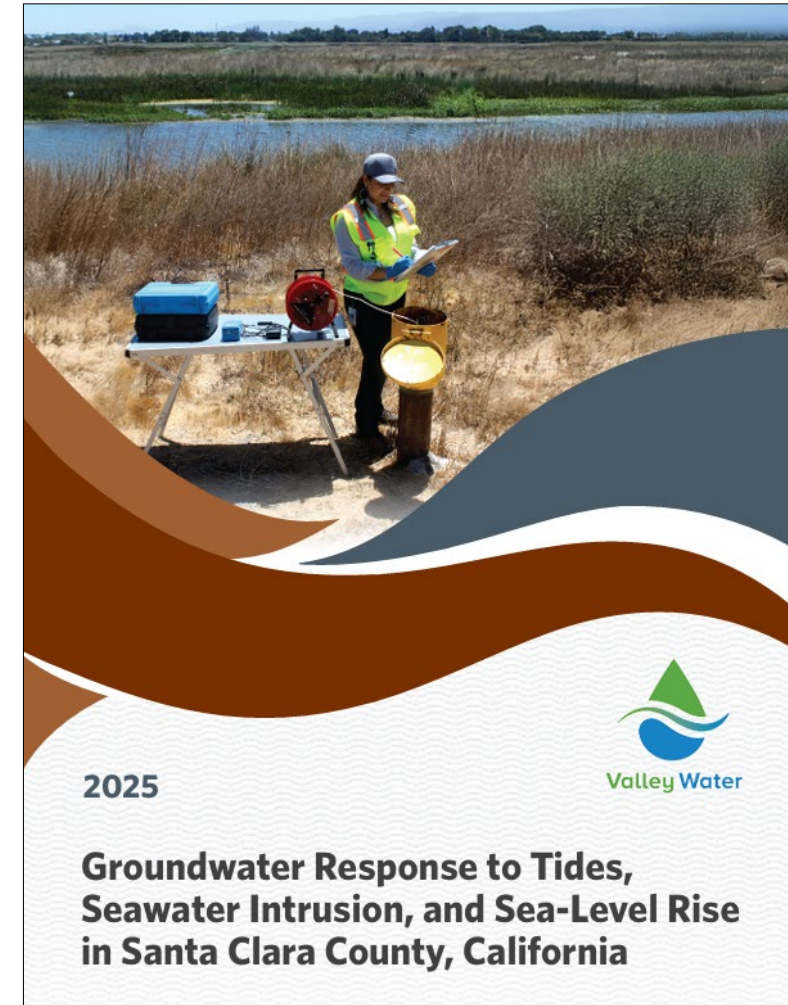
Progress: Annual Water Year Report

- 2025 WY Report (October 1, 2024 – September 31, 2025)
 - Annual snapshot of groundwater:
 - Use and recharge
 - Levels
 - Quality
 - Land subsidence
 - Status of outcome measures
 - Continued healthy groundwater supply and good quality
 - On-schedule to meet regulatory deadline – April 1, 2026
 - Available on Valley Water and DWR SGMA websites




Progress: Periodic Evaluation of Alternative Plan

- 2026 Groundwater Management Plan (GWMP) (2015 – 2024)
 - Update to the 2021 GWMP (2010 – 2019)
 - Address DWR recommended actions
 - Explain how inter-basin items have been coordinated
 - Ensure monitoring network details are consistent with DWR's SGMA Portal Monitoring Network Module
 - New and updated technical studies
 - Example: 2025 groundwater rise and emergence study
 - On-schedule to meet regulatory deadline – December 17, 2026




Community Outreach

- Engage interested parties via:
 - Email, website, social media updates
 - Board Committee updates
 - Water Supply and Demand Management Committee
 - Agricultural Water Advisory Committee
 - Public meeting(s) – late summer/fall 2026
 - Outreach with free domestic well testing program



Domestic well sampling



**Water
Year 2024
Groundwater
Quality Summary**

Did you know that groundwater is an essential local water resource, providing about half of the water used in Santa Clara County and nearly all water used in South County? Valley Water is committed to protecting your water supplies and ensuring they are sustainable into the future.

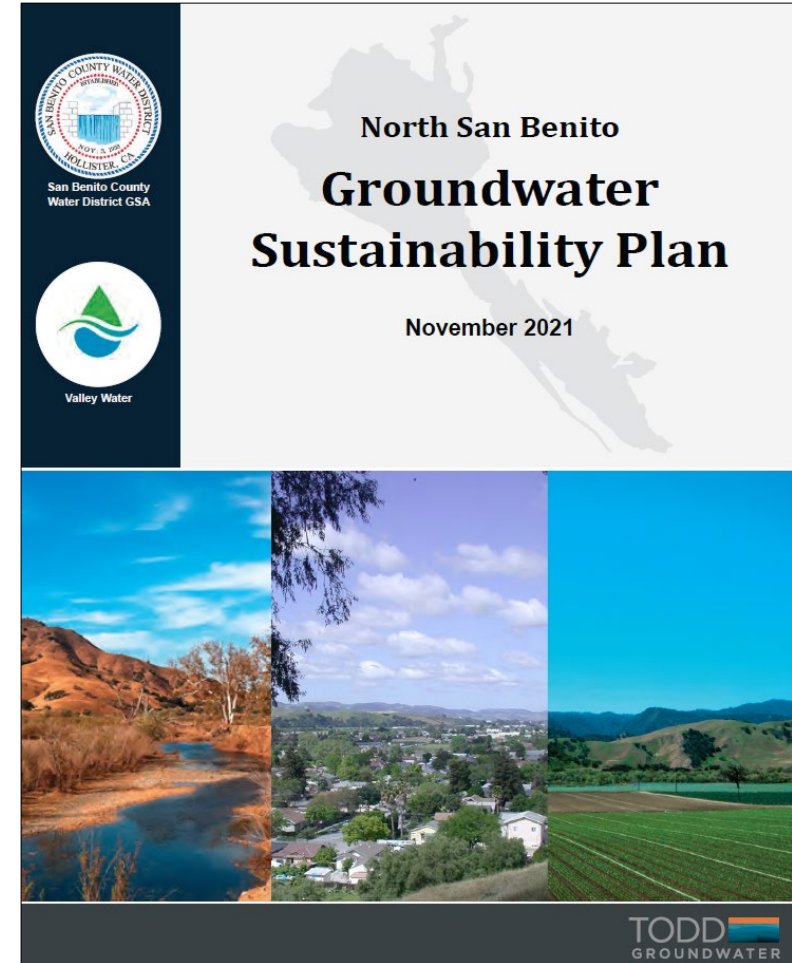
This report summarizes groundwater testing in Water Year 2024 (October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024), which indicates generally high water quality.

Expected Schedule

- **September – October 2026:** 60-day public review period
 - Public notice via newspaper, email, website, and social media
- **November 2026:** Tentative schedule for public hearing to adopt the updated plan
- **December 17, 2026:** Deadline to submit to DWR

Periodic Evaluation of Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP)

- Valley Water & San Benito County Water District
 - GSAs responsibilities for GSP development and periodic evaluation
 - San Benito County Water District
 - Lead on GSP update, outreach, and implementation
 - Valley Water
 - Support and serve on Technical Advisory Committee
 - Inform local interested parties
- **January 12, 2027:** Deadline to submit to DWR



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Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 26-0172

Agenda Date: 2/23/2026

Item No.: 5.3.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM Water Supply and Demand Management Committee

Government Code § 84308 Applies: Yes No
(If "YES" Complete Attachment A - Gov. Code § 84308)

SUBJECT:

Review and Approve 2026 Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) Work Plan, Provide Feedback on Upcoming Discussion Items, and the 2026 WSDMC Meeting Schedule.

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Review and approve the 2026 WSDMC Work Plan and make adjustments as necessary; and
- B. Confirm dates for the 2026 WSDMC Committee meetings

SUMMARY:

Under direction of the Clerk, Work Plans are created and implemented by all Board Committees to increase Committee efficiency, provide increased public notice of intended Committee discussions, and enable improved follow-up by staff. Work Plans are dynamic documents managed by Committee Chairs and are subject to change.

Discussion of topics as stated in the Plan have been described based on information from the following sources:

- Items referred to the Committee by the Board;
- Items requested by the Committee to be brought back by staff;
- Items scheduled for presentation to the full Board of Directors and
- Items identified by staff.

For 2026, staff is seeking Committee acceptance of the 2026 proposed WSDMC Work Plan (Attachment 1) and the 2026 WSDMC meeting schedule. (Attachment 2).

The WSDMC meetings are planned regularly for the 4th Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m. (unless otherwise noted) or as called by the Chairperson.

The May 25 WSDMC meeting date will occur the following Monday, June 1, due to the Monday May 25 Memorial Day Holiday. Staff requests having a combined November and December 2026 meeting to be determined upon feedback from the Committee. This schedule is subject to change.

Establishing a work plan and meeting schedule is necessary to provide staff with a basis for meeting planning, logistics coordination, and agenda item preparation.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:

The review and acceptance of the WSDMC Work Plan and meeting schedule are not subject to environmental justice analysis.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: 2026 WSDMC Committee Work Plan

Attachment 2: Proposed 2026 WSDMC Committee Meeting Dates

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Wendy Ho, 408-630-3874

WATER SUPPLY AND DEMAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2026 WORKPLAN

TASK	AGENDA ITEM	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
WSMP Strategy 1: Ensure reliability and sustainability of the existing water supply system													
1.1	Water Conservation Savings Model/Annual Water Conservation Savings			X									
1.2	Water Conservation as a Way of Life recommendations (including water waste restrictions)										X		
1.3	SCW Funding (LRP & Demo Garden)			X									
1.4	Collaboration with Retailers + Outreach, including Renters/Landlords						X						
1.5	Water Use Demand, Elasticity, and Rate Affordability Study				X						X		
WSMP Strategy 2: Diversify water supplies to meet the Level of Service goal													
2.1	Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) - 2026 Groundwater Management Plan		X			X			X		X		
2.2	South County Recharge				X								X
2.3	Sites Reservoir Expansion			X		X			X				
2.4	BF Sisk Dam Raise				X			X			X		
2.5	Groundwater Banking Opportunities					X							
2.6	Semitropic Groundwater Bank										X		
WSMP Strategy 3: Minimize the risk of shortage and disruption													
3.1	Drought Reports (as needed during droughts)												
WSMP Strategy 4: Maintain affordable water rates through cost-effective water supply investments and management													
4.1	Investments in no-regrets package, including stormwater resource plan						X						
4.2	Stormwater Capture/FloodMAR						X						
4.3	Find opportunities to ensure new development has improved water wise features (MWENDO, land use coordination)								X				
Other:													
5.1	UWMP Update		X			X							

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**Santa Clara Valley Water District
Water Supply and Demand Management Committee 2026
Meeting Schedule for Approval**

**All meetings will take place at 10:00 a.m.
on the fourth Monday monthly *unless noted below**

January 26 (Canceled)

February 23

March 23

April 27

*June 1 (due to May 25 Memorial Day Observed Holiday)

June 22

July 27

August 24

September 28

October 26

*November 23 or December 28 - Staff requests these meetings
are combined to a date TBD that works for the Committee.

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