



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING

# MINUTES

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**REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025  
12:00 PM**

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(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Santa Clara Valley Water Commission (Commission) was called to order by Hon. Chairperson Dailey in the Valley Water Headquarters Building Boardroom at 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and by Zoom teleconference, at 12:00 p.m.

A quorum of 12 was established of Commission members present in person.

1.1 Roll Call.

**Members in attendance were:**

**Municipality**

**Representative**

**Alternate**

City of Campbell

Hon. Member Terry Hines

City of Cupertino

Hon. Member Liang Chao

City of Gilroy

Hon. Terence Fugazzi

City of Los Altos

Hon. Member Pete Daily

Town of Los Altos Hills

Town of Los Gatos

Hon. Member Rob Rennie (Late)

City of Milpitas

Hon. Member Carmen Montano

City of Monte Sereno

Hon. Member Lisa Shannon

City of Mountain View

Hon. Member Lucas Ramirez

City of Palo Alto

Hon. Member Keith Reckdahl

City of San José

Hon. Member Domingo Candelas

City of Saratoga

Hon. Member Chuck Page

City of Sunnyvale

Hon. Member Murali Srinivasan

County of Santa Clara

Hon. Member Sylvia Arenas (Late)

Open Space Auth. SCV

Hon. Member Calvin Gill

Midpen. Regional OSD

Hon. Member Jed Cyr (Late)

**Members not in attendance were:**

<b><u>Municipality</u></b>	<b><u>Representative</u></b>	<b><u>Alternate</u></b>
City of Campbell		Hon. Member Elliot Scozzola
City of Cupertino		Hon. Member Kitty Moore
City of Gilroy	Hon. Member Dion Bracco	
City of Los Altos		Hon. Member Larry Lang
Town of Los Altos Hills	Hon. Member Rajiv Bhateja	
Town of Los Gatos		Hon. Member Maria Ristow
City of Milpitas		Hon. Member Gary Barbadillo
City of Monte Sereno		Hon. Member Bryan Mekechuk
City of Morgan Hill	Hon. Member Yvonne Martinez-Beltran,	Hon. Member Miriam Vega
City of Mountain View		Hon. Member Pat Showalter
City of Palo Alto		Hon. Member Vicki Veenker
City of San José		Hon. Member Lori Mitchell
City of Santa Clara	Hon. Member Karen Hardy	Hon. Member Suds Jain
City of Saratoga		Hon. Member Tina Walia
City of Sunnyvale	Hon. Member Alysa Cisneros	
County of Santa Clara		Hon. Member Betty Duong
Midpen. Regional OSD		Hon. Member Yoriko Kishimoto

Valley Water Board Representatives in attendance were Vice Chairperson Richard Santos (District 3) and Director Nai Hsueh (District 5).

Staff members in attendance were: Jennifer Abadilla, Gina Adriano, Aaron Baker, Roseryn Bhudsabourg, Justin Burks, Rita Chan, Keila Cisneros, Hoan Cutler, Christopher Hakes, Linh Hoang, Matt Keller, Feliser Lee, Dave Leon, Rachael Gibson, Cindy Jacinto, Cindy Kao, Carmen Narayanan, Melanie Richardson, Metra Ulloa, Desiree Sausele, Ashley Shannon, Stephanie Simunic, Kirsten Struve, and Darin Taylor.

Public in attendance were: Valley Water Director Rebecca Eisenberg (District 7), Viktoria Gleason and Brendan McCarthy, (City of Santa Clara) Victoria Lam (County of Santa Clara) Anne Cooper, Fiona, and Nancy Le.

- 2. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA:**  
Chairperson Page 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 January 22, 2025 Santa Clara Valley Water Commission Meeting Minutes.**

**Recommendation: Approve the minutes.**

The Commission considered the attached minutes of the January 22, 2025 meeting.

Public Comments: None.

It was moved by Hon. Member Ramirez, seconded by Hon. Member Candelas, and carried by a vote of 12-0 to approve the January 22, 2025 Santa Clara Valley Water Commission Meeting Minutes approved as submitted.

Member Gill announced the passing of Hon. Member Flaughter of the Open Space Authority Board of Directors.

#### **4. REGULAR AGENDA:**

##### **4.1 Review Proposed Fiscal Year 2025-26 Groundwater Production Charges and Provide Feedback.**

**Recommendation: Review proposed Fiscal Year 2025-26 Groundwater Production Charges and provide feedback.**

Carmen Narayanan reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Commission Agenda Memo; and per the information contained in the Attachments.

Members Arenas and Rennie arrived at 12:12 p.m.

The Commission discussed the following with staff input including: long-term cost projection water rates relating to debt service, different groundwater charge zones of benefit, testing public appetite for bond ballot measures, working with and writing a letter to local legislators relating to county water and housing projections, the 2040 and 2050 Water Supply Master Plan projections, public outreach relating to the south county agricultural community regarding groundwater production charges, the Water Rate Assistance Program administered through Sacred Heart Community Services, Proposition 4 and other funding opportunities, builder remedy project rejections, and the Valley Water District Act.

Member Arenas requested the Valley Water Farm Bureau presentation and stated she is willing to assist with communication to the Farm Bureau. She further requested information on the Water Rate Assistance Program.

Member Candelas left at 12:47 p.m. and Member Arenas left at 12:53 p.m. Member Cyr arrived at 12:54 p.m.

Public Comments: None

The Commission received the information and took no formal action.

#### **4.2. Receive an Overview of the Water Conservation Program.**

**Recommendation: Receive an overview of the Water Conservation Program.**

Metra Richert reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Commission Agenda Memo; and per the information contained in the Attachments.

The Commission discussed the following with staff input including: state regulations relating to non-potable water usage, public outreach for the program including utilizing high school students, public outreach for the Model Water Efficient New Development Ordinance, use of water from “Purple Pipes,” i.e. non-potable water, Valley Water’s focus on potable pipe water, and Valley Water’s Landscape Conservation Program.

Public Comments: None

The Commission received the information and took no formal action.

#### **4.3 Receive Report regarding Valley Water's Role in Emergency Preparedness and Response.**

**Recommendation: Receive report regarding Valley Water role in emergency preparedness and response.**

Alexander Gordon presented the information on this item, per the attached Commission Agenda Memo; and per the information contained in the Attachments.

The Commission discussed the following with staff input including charging Cal Fire for usage of water taken out of reservoirs to fight fires, SB 496, infrastructure in cases of levy failures, susceptibility in non-traditional fire zones, partnering with jurisdictions relating to wildfire risk, and how climate change can affect infrastructure.

Public Comments: None

The Commission received the information and took no formal action.

#### **4.4 Review the 2025 Santa Clara Valley Water Commission Work Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Commission Requests; and the Commission’s Next Meeting Agenda.**

**Recommendation: Review the Commission work plan to guide the commission’s discussions regarding policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation.**

Stephanie Simunic noted the materials as outlined in the agenda attachment and was available to answer questions.

Public Comments: None

The Commission received the information and took no formal action.

**5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMISSION REQUESTS:**

Stephanie Simunic noted the January 22, 2025 Commission minutes were approved and no clarification was needed.

**6. REPORTS:**

**6.1. Directors Report**

No report was received.

**6.2 Managers Report**

Rachael Gibson suggested a Commission tour in August 2025 of a Valley Water facility. Chairperson Daily asked the Commission if any members would be opposed to meeting August instead of July, and most members agreed. Valley Water staff stated they will coordinate dates and times with Commission members.

**6.3 Committee Member Report**

No report was received.

**6.4 Informational Links**

Links noted on agenda.

**7. ADJOURN**

**7.1 Adjourn to Regular Meeting at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, July 23, 2025, or to a date to be determined for a Commission tour of a Valley Water Facility.**

Chairperson Daily adjourned the meeting at 1:39 p.m.

Stephanie Simunic,  
Assistant Deputy Clerk II

Date approved: August 27, 2025