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WATER SUPPLY AND DEMAND  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

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# MINUTES

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**SPECIAL MEETING  
FRIDAY, May 17, 2024  
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) 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 11:03 a.m.

1.1. Roll Call.

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

Staff members in attendance were:

Gina Adriano, Joseph Aranda, Aaron Baker, Roseryn Bhudsabourg, Justin Burks, Rick Callender, Rita Chan, Isela Chaparro, Vanessa De La Piedra, Phil Dolan, Andrew Garcia, Samantha Green, Andy Gschwind, Jason Gurdak, Chris Hakes, Linh Hoang, Cindy Kao, Candice Kwok-Smith, Dave Leon, Ryan McCarter, Nicole Merritt, Carmen Narayan, Julianne O'Brien, Carlos Orellana, Steve Peters, Sarah Piramoon, Metra Richert, Ashley Shannon, Stephanie Simunic, Kirsten Struve, Charlene Sun, Darin Taylor, Sana Wazit, Jing Wu, Becky Zisser.

Public in attendance were:

Katja Irvin and Molly Culton (Sierra Club), Jack Kiefer (Hazen), Arthur Keller, and Luke Wang.

**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. There was no one who wished to speak.

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

#### **3.1 Approval of April 22, 2024 Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) Minutes.**

**Recommendation:** Approve the minutes.

The Committee considered the minutes of the April 22, 2024 Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) meeting.

**Public Comments:** None.

It was moved by Vice Chairperson Keegan, seconded by Chairperson Santos, and unanimously carried, to approve the April 22, 2024 Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) minutes.

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

#### **4.1 Review Potential Water Conservation Targets for Inclusion in the 2050 Water Supply Master Plan; and Recommend to the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board the 126,000 Acre Feet per Year (AFY) (Option B) Water Conservation Goal by 2050 for Inclusion in the Water Supply Master Plan 2050.**

**Recommendation:** Recommend to Santa Clara Valley Water District Board the 126,000 Acre Feet per Year (Option B) water conservation goal by 2050 for inclusion in the Water Supply Master Plan 2050.

Metra Richert reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo and per the information contained in Attachment 1 and was available to answer questions.

**Public Comments:** Steve White asked staff several questions relating to projected water savings noted in the attachments.

It was moved by Director Hsueh, seconded by Vice Chairperson Keegan, and unanimously carried, to recommend to the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board the 126,000 Acre Feet per Year (Option B) water conservation goal by 2050 for inclusion in the Water Supply Master Plan 2050.

#### **4.2 Receive Information on the Creation of a Demonstration Garden Featuring Santa Clara Valley Water District's Landscape Rebate Program.**

**Recommendation:** Receive information and provide input to staff about the creation of a Demonstration Garden featuring Santa Clara Valley Water District's Landscape Rebate Program.

Ashley Shannon reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo and per the information contained in Attachment 1 and was available to answer questions.

Public Comments: Steve White inquired is there is a way to provide the information to the community at large at any time. Ashely Shannon replied that Valley Water plans to have educational components be a part of the garden, such as interpretive signage, as well as information online.

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

**4.3. Receive Information on the Water Use Projections, Water Demand Elasticity and Customer Affordability Study and Provide Feedback and Direction to Staff as Necessary.**

**Recommendation:** **Receive information on the Water Use Projections, Water Demand Elasticity and Customer Affordability Study (Study) and:**

- A. Review the Study scope and objectives as identified, and;**
- B. Provide feedback and recommendations to staff as necessary.**

Daren Taylor introduced Kevin Kostiuk, Project Manager, Raftelis, who reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo and per the information contained in Attachment 1 and was available to answer questions. Joe Crea (Technical Reviewer) and Elaine Conti (Project Director) of Raftelis were also available to answer questions.

Public Comments: Katja Irvin made comments on using the most recent demand forecast, total utility costs as a measure for the cost burden, and the schedule of the study. Jim Kuhl made comments on the importance of water consumption and water bills. Steve White made comments on household income and predicting affordability.

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

- This study, one complete, could possibly be presented at an Association of California Water Agencies Conference.
- Forwarding this report as a non-agenda informative memo to the Board.

**4.4. Receive update and discuss the water conservation program savings number for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023.**

**Recommendation:** **Receive update and discuss the water conservation program savings number for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023.**

Justin Burks reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo and per the information contained in Attachment 1 and was available to answer questions.

Vice Chairperson Keegan left her seat briefly during this item.

Public Comments: Steve White made comments relating to the models regarding greywater systems and the landscape rebate program's inclusion of trees.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

**4.5. Receive an Informational Update on Costs Associated with the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project.**

**Recommendation: Receive an informational update on costs associated with the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project.**

Ryan McCarter reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo and per the information contained in Attachment 1 and was available to answer questions.

Director Hsueh left her seat briefly during this item.

Public Comments: Katja Irvin thanked the Directors for addressing the letter from the Sierra Club, and thanked Jim Kuhl for his submitted analysis and asked the Committee to consider it. Jim Kuhl commented on an economic analysis comparing the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project to the Orange County Wastewater Recycling Facility. Steve White commented on the current plan for the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project and moving towards water reuse. Arthur Keller asked if Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project uses new water or existing water.

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

- The Committee requested staff address questions in Handout 4.5-B from the Sierra Club before it goes to the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board.

**4.6 Review and Discuss the Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) Work Plan, Upcoming Discussion Items, and the Committee's Next Meeting Date/Schedule.**

**Recommendation: Review and provide feedback on the WSDMC Work Plan, upcoming discussion items, and the Committee's next meeting date/schedule.**

The Committee took no formal action and noted a need for regular monthly meetings.

Public Comments: None

**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.*

There was no clerk review and clarification of committee requests.

**6. Adjourn:**

**6.1. Adjourn to Regular Meeting/Special Meeting at TBD per Committee.**

Chairperson Santos adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p.m., to a subsequently scheduled regular meeting in June 2024, through the Board Scheduler.

Date Approved: 6/24/2024

Stephanie Simunic  
Assistant Deputy Clerk II