



Santa Clara Valley Water District Water Supply and Demand Management Committee

HQ. Bldg. Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California
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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

**Monday, August 25, 2025
10:00 AM**

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

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Director, District 5
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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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 3.1. Approval of June 23, 2025 Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) Minutes. [25-0680](#)
Recommendation: Approve the minutes.
Manager: Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193
Attachments: [Attachment 1: 06232025 WSDMC Minutes](#)
Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

4. REGULAR AGENDA:

- 4.1. Receive an Update on Water Conservation Program Costs. [25-0634](#)
Recommendation: Receive an update on Water Conservation Program costs.
Manager: Kirsten Struve, 408-630-3138
Attachments: [Attachment 1: PowerPoint](#)
[Attachment 2: Water Conservation Flyer](#)
Est. Staff Time: 40 Minutes
- 4.2. Receive Information on Assembly Bill 130 and Senate Bill 131 as it Relates to the Implementation of Model Water Efficient New Development Ordinance (MWENDO). [25-0683](#)
Recommendation: Receive information on Assembly Bill 130 and Senate Bill 131 as it relates to the implementation of Model Water Efficient New Development Ordinance (MWENDO).
Manager: Marta Lugo, 408-630-2237
Est. Staff Time: 30 Minutes
- 4.3. Receive and Discuss Information on the Sites Reservoir Project. [25-0674](#)
Recommendation: Receive and discuss information on the Sites Reservoir Project.
Manager: Vincent Gin, 408-630-2633
Est. Staff Time: 15 Minutes
- 4.4. Receive and Discuss the 2025 Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) Work Plan, and Provide Feedback on Upcoming Discussion Items, and Next Meeting Date. [25-0681](#)
Recommendation: Receive and discuss the 2025 WSDMC Work Plan and provide feedback on upcoming discussion items and next meeting date.
Manager: Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193.
Attachments: [Attachment 1: 2025 WSDMC Work Plan](#)
Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

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.

6. ADJOURN:

- 6.1. Adjourn. The Next Regular Meeting is Scheduled at 10:00 a.m., on Monday, September 22, 2025.



Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 25-0680

Agenda Date: 8/25/2025
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:

Approval of June 23, 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: 06232025 WSDMC Minutes

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193

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WATER SUPPLY AND DEMAND
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 23, 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 by Chairperson Hsueh at 10:00 a.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: Gina Adriano, Karen Adriano, Emmanuel Aryee, Roselyn Bhudsabourg, Justin Burks, Phil Dolan, Gavin Downs, Rachael Gibson, Vince Gin, Andrew Gschwind, Matt Keller, Cindy Kao, Candice Kwok-Smith, Dave Leon, Jess Lovering, Katherine Maher, Melih Ozbilgin, Steve Peters, Mark Poole, Don Rocha, Breanne Roderick, Ashley Shannon, Kirsten Struve, Nicholas Simard, Stephanie Simunic, Ranithri Slayton, Charlene Sun, Darin Taylor, Cheryl Togami, Metra Ulloa, Sana Wazit, and Wendy Young.

Public in attendance were: District 7 Director Rebecca Eisenberg, Kurt Elvert and John Tang (San Jose Water Company), Jerry Brown (Executive Director, Sites Reservoir Project), Manny James, XXX-XXX-4356, XXX-XXX-8214.

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 May 5, 2025 Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) Minutes.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

The Committee considered the minutes of the May 5, 2025 Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) meeting.

Public Comments: None.

It was moved by Director Santos, seconded by Vice Chairperson Ballard, and unanimously carried, to approve the May 5, 2025 WSDMC minutes.

4. REGULAR AGENDA:

4.1 Receive Information on Investments in “No Regrets” Package, Including Stormwater Resource Plan.

Recommendation: Receive information on the “No Regrets” package implementation.

Metra Ulloa reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo and in the attachment and with Kirsten Struve, was available to answer questions.

The Committee discussed the following with staff input including: project timeline and meeting goals relating to utilizing Valley Water’s Water Supply Master Plans and participation in the Model Water Efficient New Development Ordinance (MWENDO). Further discussion ensued relating to cities in Santa Clara County participating in MWENDO, gray water permitting, stormwater capacity and retention, and Advanced Metering Infrastructure.

The Committee requested the cost of water conservation relating to finances be added to the workplan for July or August. The Committee further requested that staff bring revenue sources at the strategic planning session with the Board.

Public Comments: None.

The Committee received the information and on a motion from Director Santos, seconded by Vice Chairperson Ballard, the Committee approved unanimously recommending to the Board to send a letter to cities in Santa Clara County encouraging participation in MWENDO.

4.2 Receive Information on the Sites Reservoir Project.

Recommendation: Receive and discuss information on the Sites Reservoir Project.

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

Public Comment: None.

Staff clarified that the project is governed by the Sites Joint Powers Authority (JPA), the California Department of Fish and Wildlife role is to manage the State's share of water for the environmental benefit, and the California Department of Water Resources (CDWR) role is coordination. Staff further stated that operational agreements are in process between the Sites Authority and both the CDWR and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

The Committee discussed the following with staff input including: comparing the project to other projects in the Water Supply Master Plan, environmental benefits, valuing project cost and storage estimates, and increased participation level for Valley Water.

Staff noted a project status update is planned for Committee presentation in August or September.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

4.3 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.

Discussion ensued relating to holding a July meeting and topics listed on the workplan over the next few months. Chairperson Hsueh stated the July meeting can be cancelled as no critical agenda items are scheduled.

Public Comment: None.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

4. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS:

None.

5. ADJOURN:

5.1. Adjourn to Regular Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Monday July 28, 2025.

Chairperson Hsueh adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

Date Approved:

Stephanie Simunic
Assistant Deputy Clerk II

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Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 25-0634

Agenda Date: 8/25/2025

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:

Receive an Update on Water Conservation Program Costs.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive an update on Water Conservation Program costs.

SUMMARY:

Valley Water has provided our community with a robust water conservation program (Program) since 1992. The Program supports the following conservation goals (relative to 1992 water use) established by Valley Water's Board of Directors through the Water Supply Master Plan (WSMP):

- 99,000 acre-feet per year (AFY) by 2030;
- 110,000 AFY by 2040; and
- 126,000 AFY by 2050.

In addition, the Program supports Valley Water's Board Resolution 23-52 to Make Water Conservation a Way of Life in Santa Clara County and supports our retailers to meet various state legislations (i.e., Senate Bill 606, Assembly Bill 1668, and the non-functional turf ban).

Valley Water runs over 20 different water conservation and demand management programs to ensure every sector contributes towards achieving the Board's goals; we provide outreach and educational material and host the annual Landscape Summit, which is attended by over 150 industry professionals. Information about current conservation programs is detailed in the attached flyer (Attachment 2) and can be found at www.watersavings.org.

Achieving the Board's goals, supporting legislation, and running over 20 different water conservation and demand management programs make Santa Clara County the 10th lowest residential water user in the state.

Costs by Board Goal

The figure below shows the costs of achieving the 2030, 2040, and 2050 water conservation Board

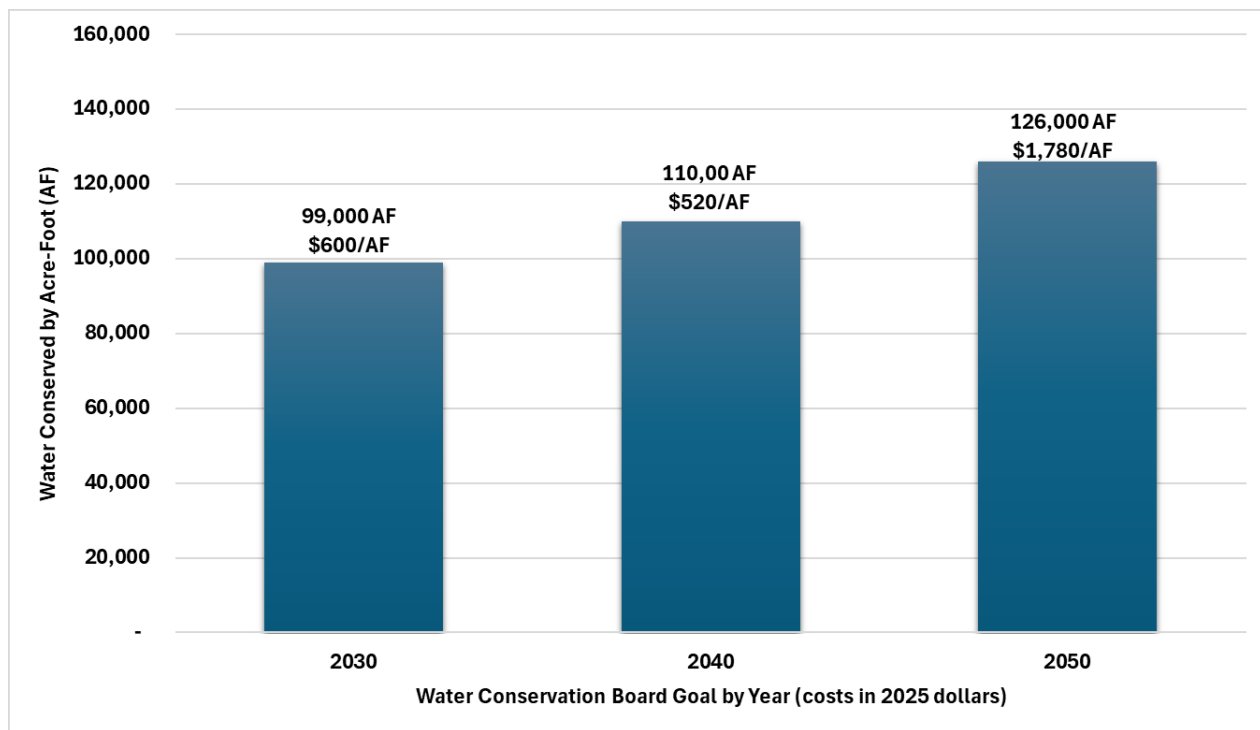
goals. Only the 2050 goal accounts for the additional staff costs. These costs are not the complete water conservation budget but the specific programs that make up meeting these goals. The 2030 goal cost is inclusive of the over 20 different rebate programs the water conservation program currently runs. The 2040 goal consists of the “No Regrets” package of conservation and stormwater capture projects and programs, which is broadly supported by stakeholders, relatively low cost, and can be implemented independently of other projects and programs in the Water Supply Master Plan 2040. These projects and programs include:

1. Advanced Metering Infrastructure
2. Leak Repair Incentives
3. Graywater Rebate Program Expansion
4. Model Water Efficiency New Development Ordinance
5. Stormwater Capture

The 2050 goal was recently adopted by the Board in July 2024 as part of the development of the Water Supply Master Plan 2050. The goal leverages Valley Water’s existing programs by increasing rebate rates and participation in the following programs:

1. Large Landscape Water Budgets and Program
2. Large Landscape Irrigation Controllers
3. Flow Sensors with Automatic Shutoffs
4. Water Efficient Technologies
5. Advanced Metering Infrastructure Leak Alert and Home Water Reports
6. Residential Irrigation Controllers (single-family homes)
7. Turf Replacement Rebate (i.e., Landscape Rebate Program)
8. Submetering (additional dwelling unit and multi-family residential)
9. Leak Assistance Program

Progress towards achieving the 2030 and 2040 goals was provided to the Committee in March and June of this year.



Water Conservation Program Budget

The water conservation budget for the past six years and the proposed budget are below. With a budget of \$13.5 million in fiscal year (FY) 2026, Valley Water's water conservation budget has almost doubled compared to FY 2020.

Year	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	Proposed FY27
Water Conservation Program (millions)	\$ 7.6	\$ 4.8	\$ 8.4	\$ 12.8	\$ 8.4	\$ 16.3	\$ 13.5	\$ 13.5
Drought Emergency (millions)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6.5	\$ 13.1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 7.6	\$ 4.8	\$ 14.9	\$ 25.9	\$ 8.4	\$ 16.3	\$ 13.5	\$ 13.5

These costs are inclusive of not only achieving the Board's goals, but also providing outreach and educational material, and hosting the annual Landscape Summit, which is attended by over 150 industry professionals.

The 2021 Water Conservation Strategic Plan identified that to achieve the Board's 2030 and 2040 goals, the water conservation program would need additional resources, including adding five full-time staff and increasing the budget. Since then, the program has added three full-time staff, with the remaining two positions included in the budget as unfunded needs.

Cost-Sharing Agreements

To increase participation in Valley Water's rebate programs, Valley Water has entered into cost-sharing agreements with several cities and water retailers, currently including:

- City of Gilroy
- City of Milpitas
- City of Morgan Hill
- City of Palo Alto
- City of Santa Clara
- San Jose Municipal Water System
- City of Mountain View

Cost-sharing agreements include funds paid by retailers and cities to Valley Water and funds paid by Valley Water to retailers. Currently, Valley Water has agreements with six retailers and cities, totaling about a million dollars, to increase the rebate rates for their customers participating in one or more of the following Valley Water rebate programs:

- Landscape Rebate Program
 - Landscape Conversion
 - Large Landscape Lawn to Mulch
 - Rainwater Capture
- Laundry-to-Landscape Graywater
- Submeters
- Water Efficient Technology (WET)

Cost-sharing contributions vary by retailer. For the Landscape Rebate Program, for example, cost-sharing partners increase available rebates for their customers by \$1,000-\$3,000 for single-family sites and \$10,000-\$35,000 for commercial, institutional, and multi-family sites.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:

Environmental justice and equity impacts on local communities are expected/likely to result from the implementation of the water conservation program toward meeting the long-term water conservation 2030, 2040, and 2050 goals. Water conservation offers a range of environmental justice benefits by equitable access to clean water, reducing pollution, protecting ecosystems, mitigating climate change, saving costs for vulnerable communities, enhancing drought resilience, and empowering residents with knowledge and skills for sustainable water use. Valley Water provides such water conservation information in multiple languages and via various outreach techniques to reach all members of our community. Valley Water acknowledges that during drought, disadvantaged communities may be disproportionately impacted. To address these impacts, Valley Water promotes access to equitable and affordable water supplies (Water Supply Goal 2.6). Valley Water offers specific programs, such as the Landscape Direct Installation Program to provide water-efficient landscapes to low-income residents.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: PowerPoint

Attachment 2: Water Conservation Flyer

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Kirsten Struve, 408-630-3138

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Water Conservation Program Costs

Presented by: Metra Ulloa, Water Supply Planning & Conservation Manager
Water Supply and Demand Management Committee – August 25, 2025

Water Conservation Program Goals

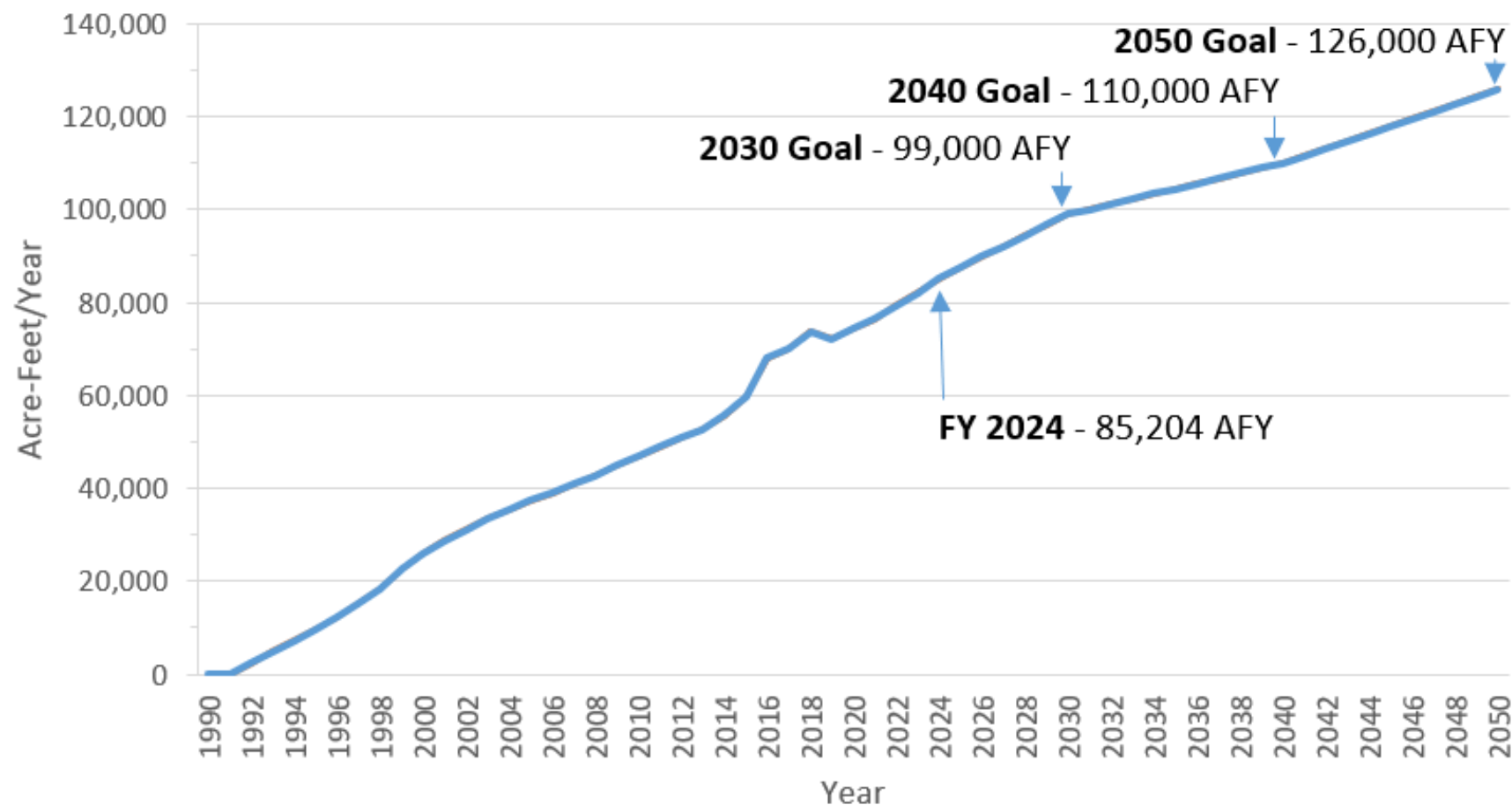
Goals are established as part of the Water Supply Master Plan process

Current Water Conservation Targets:

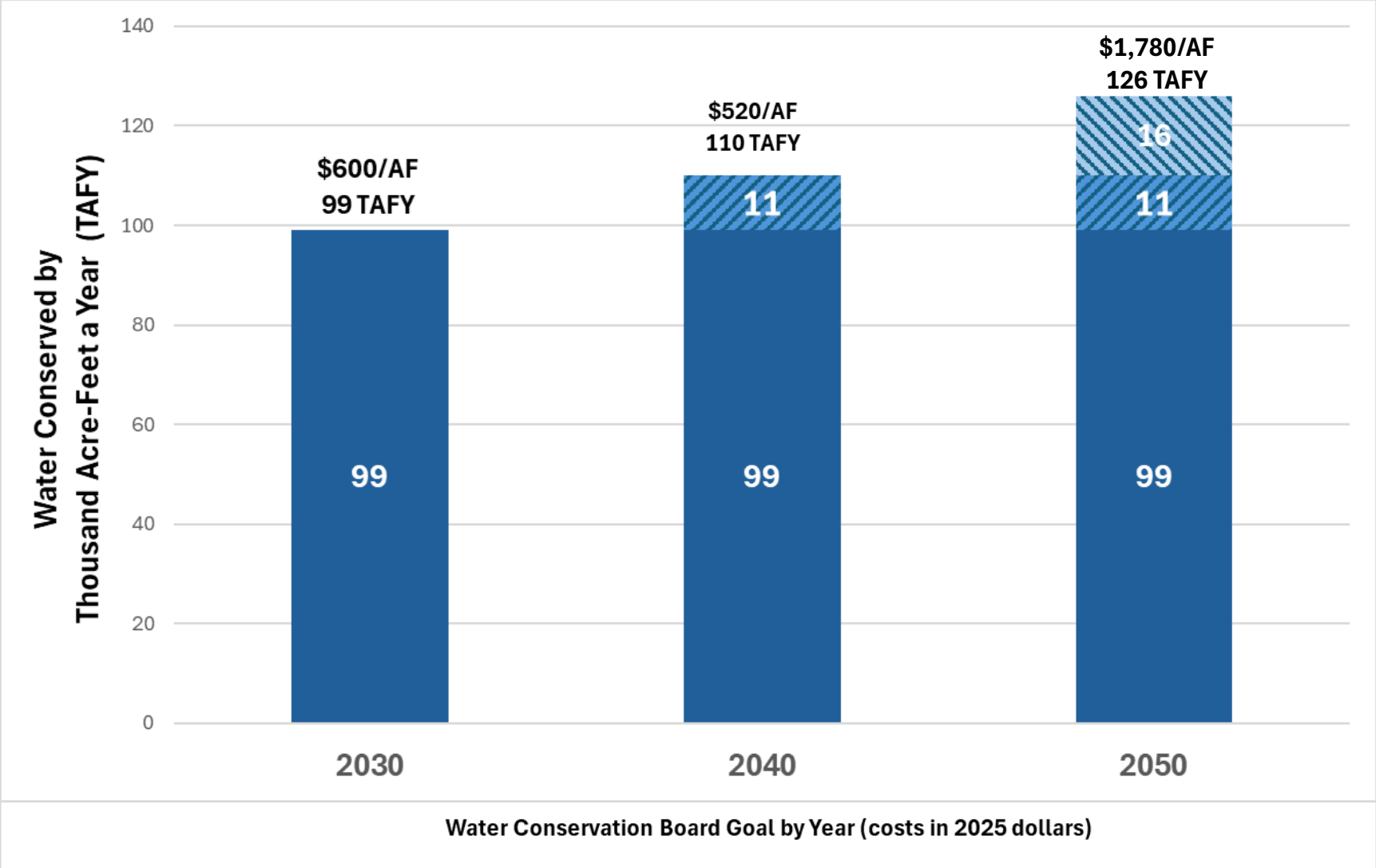
- 99,000 AFY by 2030, and
- 110,000 AFY by 2040,
- 126,000 AFY by 2050
 - Developed as part of the current WSMP update



Water Conservation Target Progress



Costs of Board Water Conservation Goals

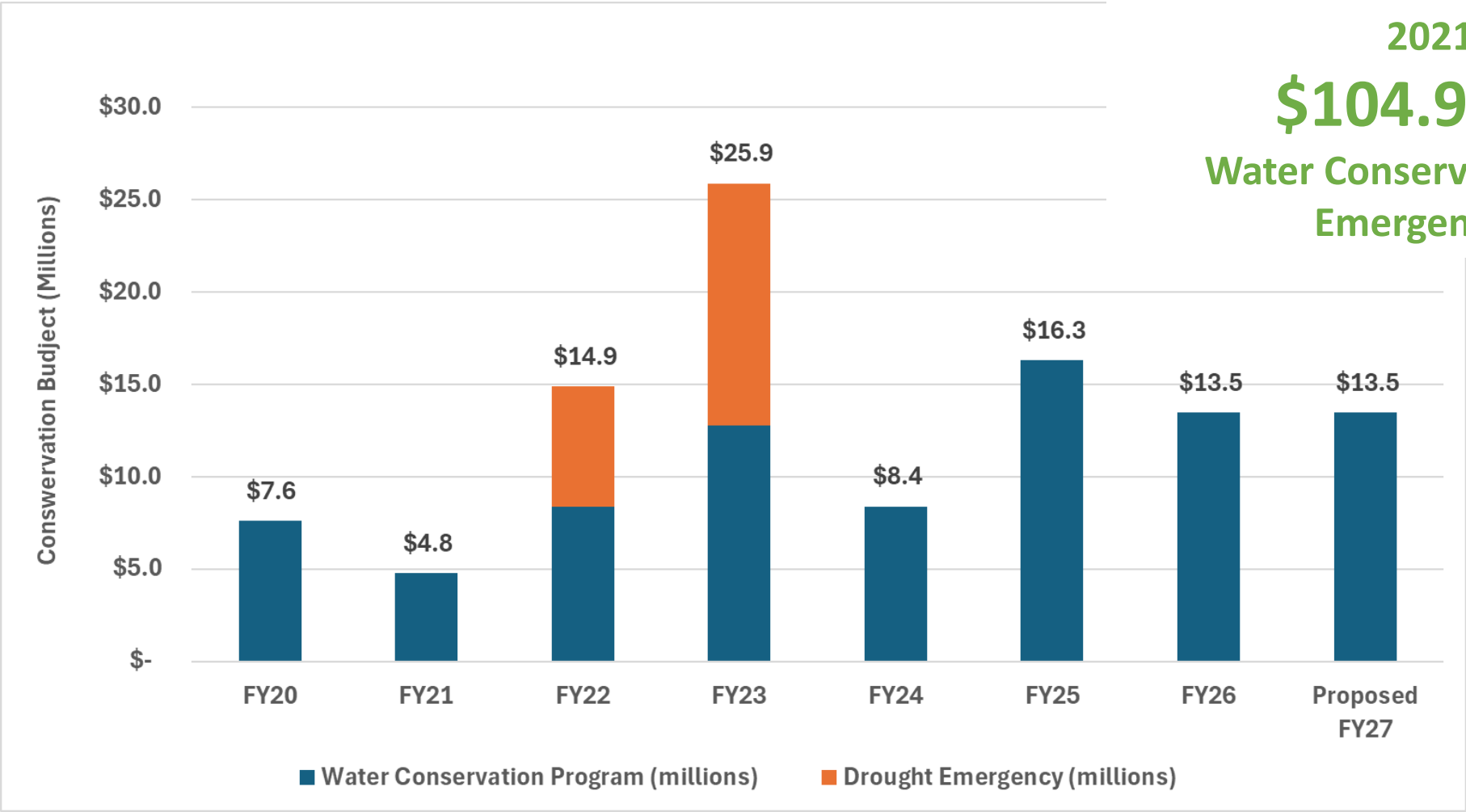


Water Conservation Program Budget

2021-2027

\$104.9 Million

Water Conservation & Drought
Emergency Budget



Cost-Share Agreements & Grants

Valley Water has about a million dollars in cost-share agreements with several cities and water retailers to increase the rebate rates for their customers participating in Valley Water rebate programs:

- **Partner agencies contribute funding for:**
 - Landscape Rebate Program
 - Laundry-to-Landscape Graywater
 - Residential Submeters
 - Water Efficient Technologies

The Water Conservation program was awarded \$700,000 in IRWM Proposition 1 grant funding and will receive an additional \$7 million as part of the Safe Clean Water Bond.

QUESTIONS



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Water Conservation Rebates and Programs



Say YES to Saving Water!

Valley Water's water conservation rebates and programs are designed to make water conservation easier, helping you say YES to saving water. Learn more about all of our conservation programs and resources by visiting watersavings.org.

Online Shopping Cart

Valley Water offers free water conservation devices that can help you save water. You can request free water efficient devices and free resources to evaluate your water use efficiency. Visit cloud.valleywater.org/shopping-cart to order your FREE gear and literature today!

Landscape Rebate Program

The Landscape Rebate Program can help you create beautiful drought resilient landscapes. Get started by finding more information at valleywater.dropletportal.com. Make sure you submit an online application for approval and schedule a pre-inspection **before beginning any work** on your project.

■ Rebate Caps

The following landscape rebate site caps apply to the combined program components, including Landscape Conversion, Large Landscape Lawn to Mulch, Irrigation Equipment Upgrade and Rainwater Catchment.

- \$3,000 for single-family or multi-family residential properties (4 or fewer units)
- \$100,000 for all commercial, industrial, institutional properties or multi-family residential properties (5 or more units)

Rebate rates and caps may be higher in some areas.
Other programs are capped separately.

■ Landscape Conversion

Any property with qualifying high-water using landscapes (i.e., lawn or functional swimming pools) can receive a rebate of at least \$2 per square foot (sq. ft.) for converting to a drought resilient landscape.

■ Large Landscape Lawn to Mulch

Any commercial, industrial, institutional properties or multi-family residential properties can receive a rebate of at least \$1 per sq. ft. for converting a qualifying lawn to a minimum of 3 inches of mulch (minimum 15,000 sq. ft. lawn area). The irrigation system watering any trees in the converted lawn area needs to be converted to a low-flow irrigation system. Golf course options are offered.



A converted low-water use garden featuring California poppies in bloom.

■ Irrigation Equipment Upgrade

Rebates are offered for replacing old, inefficient irrigation equipment with new, qualifying high-efficiency equipment, including:

- High-efficiency nozzles (up to \$5 each)
- Rotor sprinklers or spray bodies with pressure regulation and or check valves (up to \$20 each)
- Rain Sensors (up to \$50)
- Flow sensors, hydrometers, and dedicated landscape meters (up to \$1,000)
- Smart irrigation controllers (up to \$300-\$2,000 each)
- Sprinkler to In-Line Drip Conversion (\$0.25 per sq. ft.)

■ Rainwater Capture

Rainwater capture or diversion projects collecting rainwater from existing downspouts can receive rebates for the following:

- Rain barrels up to 199 gallons (up to \$35 per barrel)
- Cisterns 200 gallons or more (\$0.50 per gallon)
- Rain gardens (\$1 per sq. ft. of roof area diverted, up to \$300)

Graywater Rebate Program

Receive at least \$200 per home for transforming your clothes washer into a graywater system. Plants don't need drinking water to thrive: reuse graywater in your yard! Apply online and find how-to videos at watersavings.org. No pre-inspection is required but **wait for approval before beginning any work**.

Landscape Surveys

Request to have your landscape and irrigation system surveyed by a trained irrigation professional for FREE. Following the survey, the specialist will provide you with a customized report, outlining any apparent leaks or inefficiencies, suggestions for irrigation scheduling, and recommendations for money-saving landscape rebates. Whether your landscape is small or large, we have a program to fit your needs.

Water Wise Outdoor Survey Program

A Water Wise Outdoor Survey is for landscapes at single-family, small commercial, industrial, institutional properties or multi-family residential sites up to half an acre. To get started, have a recent copy of your water bill on hand and submit a request at valleywater.org/outdoor-survey.

Call **408-630-2000** or email waterwise@valleywater.org with questions. If you are a customer of San Jose Water Company, please contact them directly to schedule a CATCH survey at **408-279-7900** or customer.service@sjwater.com.

Large Landscape Program

A Large Landscape Survey is for landscapes at commercial, industrial, institutional properties or multi-family residential common areas with over half an acre. Also, free landscape water budgets are available for some properties, which compare your actual irrigation use to a property specific budget. Visit waterfluence.com to see if your property already receives this free benefit. Request a survey at watersavings.org.

Commercial and Facility Rebates

Receive up to \$100,000 for replacing or updating equipment with water-efficient technology that results in measurable water savings. This custom rebate based on the measured amount of water saved is available to qualifying facilities including facilities like businesses, schools, hospitals and government buildings. The rebate is \$4 per 100 cubic ft. of water saved per year, or 100% of the project cost (excluding labor and taxes), whichever is less.

Fixture Replacement Program

Replace old qualifying fixtures for FREE! Inefficient fixtures can be replaced for free by licensed plumbers at qualifying commercial, industrial, institutional properties or multi-family residential properties. Inefficient fixtures that qualify include toilets, urinals, showerheads, faucet aerators, and pre-rinse spray valves. Sign up at blusinc.com, call **800-597-2835**, or customerservice@blusinc.com.

Submeter Rebate Program

Submeters can save 10-30% of water used! Received at least \$150 per installed water submeter by upgrading from a single meter. Accessory dwelling units (ADUs or granny units), mobile home parks, apartments, and condominium complexes can qualify. There is no rebate cap when all eligibility requirements are met.

Report Water Waste

Help local residents and businesses preserve our shared water supply by confidentially reporting water waste and violations of outdoor water-use restrictions. Any specific notes like location, date and time, or frequency will help our inspectors follow up. To report water waste, you may do one of the following:

- Use our Access Valley Water app (by downloading or using the QR code)
- Email waterwise@valleywater.org
- Call **408-630-2000**



Our rebates help make the change!

For more information, contact the Water Conservation Hotline at **(408) 630-2554** or by email at conservation@valleywater.org.

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Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 25-0683

Agenda Date: 8/25/2025

Item No.: 4.2.

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 Information on Assembly Bill 130 and Senate Bill 131 as it Relates to the Implementation of Model Water Efficient New Development Ordinance (MWENDO).

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive information on Assembly Bill 130 and Senate Bill 131 as it relates to the implementation of Model Water Efficient New Development Ordinance (MWENDO).

SUMMARY:

Signed into law by Governor Newsom on June 30, 2025, Assembly Bill (AB) 130 and Senate Bill (SB) 131 enact significant reforms to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The reforms are intended to accelerate new housing development by streamlining the environmental review process. While AB 130 and SB 131 aim to benefit housing production, the new law imposes a moratorium on local governments to adopt or amend residential building standards through 2031 and poses a challenge to local water conservation policies, including the adoption of Valley Water's Model Water Efficient New Development Ordinance (MWENDO).

Key CEQA Reforms

AB 130 and SB 131 include a range of CEQA streamlining provisions focused on accelerating housing and related infrastructure development. These reforms include new CEQA exemptions for urban infill housing and farmworker housing, certain infrastructure improvements including, community water and sewer systems, utilities, broadband, community-serving facilities (e.g., day care facilities, health care centers, and food banks), high-speed rail facilities, advanced manufacturing facilities in industrial areas, and wildfire prevention projects, as well as local government rezoning as part of the implementation of approved housing elements.

Pertinent to Valley Water, Public Resources Code Section 21080.48 establishes a water infrastructure exemption for certain community water systems funded by Proposition 4, the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024. This exemption applies only to projects that do not involve construction activities and that deliver long-term net benefits to climate resiliency, biodiversity, and sensitive species recovery, while also

including procedures and ongoing environmental protection and management. The exemption is in effect through January 1, 2030.

Impacts to the Model Water Efficient New Development Ordinance

To support housing production, AB 130 and SB 131 prohibits the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) and any other adopting agency, from October 1, 2025, until June 1, 2031, from considering, approving, or adopting any proposed building standards affecting residential units unless certain conditions are met. The new legislation limits the use of Health & Safety Code Sections 17958, 17958.5, and 17958.7 to implement stricter local standards, thereby temporarily restricting local governments from adopting new or amended reach codes, including MWENDO, for residential developments through 2031.

There are only a few explicitly delineated exceptions to the moratorium, including: emergency health and safety measures, home hardening for wildfire protection, or energy conservation-related updates aligned with state climate goals.

As a result, further adoption of MWENDO is restricted during this moratorium unless the ordinance is determined to be an emergency health and safety measure in response to a declared drought emergency.

Next Steps and Ongoing Efforts

Given the temporary freeze on local adoption of MWENDO, staff continues to actively engage with local jurisdictions to explore alternative strategies for promoting water use efficiency. Programs such as landscape rebates, graywater system incentives, and recycled water expansion remain critical in supporting water supply reliability. Valley Water will continue to support local jurisdictions with technical assistance, conservation rebates, and public outreach to help maintain progress toward long-term water sustainability.

Additionally, Valley Water's 2040 water supply reliability goals, established through the Water Supply Master Plan, are based on a broad set of initiatives but do not yet reflect the additional savings expected from the State-mandated ban on irrigation of nonfunctional turf in Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional (CII) landscapes. This requirement complements the supplemental MWENDO provision prohibiting decorative, nonfunctional turf on CII landscapes, as adopted by the Board in 2023.

While the temporary moratorium imposed by AB 130 and SB 131 restricts local governments from adopting new or amended residential building standards, including MWENDO, through 2031, potentially limiting one avenue for achieving long-term water efficiency in new residential developments, Valley Water remains well positioned to meet its 2040 targets. A majority of cities in Santa Clara County already have measures that align with elements from MWENDO. The combination of existing initiatives, sufficient time remaining to meet 2040 targets, and additional savings from the CII turf restrictions provides a strong foundation for achieving the long-term water supply reliability goals.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:

There are no environmental justice impacts associated with this item. This action is unlikely to or will not result in disproportionate impacts on any specific communities relative to the general population from the implementation of this project.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

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Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 25-0674

Agenda Date: 8/25/2025

Item No.: 4.3.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM Water Supply and Demand Management Committee

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

SUBJECT:

Receive and Discuss Information on the Sites Reservoir Project.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and discuss information on the Sites Reservoir Project.

SUMMARY:

The Sites Reservoir Project (Project) is a proposed 1.5 million acre-foot (AF), off-stream reservoir that would be located north of the Delta approximately 10 miles west of the town of Maxwell in Colusa County. The Project is designed to divert excess flows on the Sacramento River during storms and store it in Sites Reservoir, which can then be released to provide water supply during dry years. In addition to providing water supply for Project participants, the Project will provide public benefits including environmental water supply, recreation facilities, and regional flood benefits. Current members of the Sites Project Authority (Authority) and Reservoir Committee (Participants) include both Central Valley Project (CVP) water agencies north of the Delta and State Water Project (SWP) water agencies south of the Delta. There is also state and federal participation in the Project through the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation).

The Project is one of several investment options evaluated in the Water Supply Master Plan 2050 (WSMP) planning process to help ensure water supply reliability.

Staff will provide a brief verbal update on the Sites Reservoir Project.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:

There is no environmental justice impact associated with this item.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

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UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

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Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 25-0681

Agenda Date: 8/25/2025

Item No.: 4.4.

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 and Discuss the 2025 Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) Work Plan, and Provide Feedback on Upcoming Discussion Items, and Next Meeting Date.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and discuss the 2025 WSDMC Work Plan and provide feedback on upcoming discussion items and next meeting date.

SUMMARY:

Under direction of the Clerk, Work Plans are used by 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.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:

The Committee's Work Plan is not subject to environmental justice impact analysis.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: 2025 WSDMC Work Plan

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Task	Agenda Item	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
FY 25	Drought Preparation												
1.1	Drought Response Plan					✖	✖					X	
FY 23	WSMP Strategy 1: Secure Existing Supplies - 99,000 AF Conservation by 2030												
2.1	Water Conservation Savings Model/Annual Water Conservation Savings			X									
2.2	Water Conservation as a Way of Life recommendations (including water waste restrictions)								X				
2.3	New Programs (Lawn Busters, Pilot programs, landscape design assistance, demonstration garden, + affordability discussion/supporting underserved communities)			X					X				
2.5	SCW Funding (LRP & Demo Garden)			X						X			
2.6	Collaboration with Retailers+outreach, including Renters/Landlords	X							X				
2.7	Water Use Demand, Elasticity, and Rate Affordability Study				X								
FY 24	WSMP Strategy 2: Increase Water Conservation (109,000 AF) and Stormwater Capture (1,000 AF) by 2040												
3.1	Investments in no-regrets package, including stormwater resource plan						X						
3.2	Stormwater Capture/ FloodMAR						X						
3.3	Find opportunities to ensure new development has improved water wise features (MWENDO, land use coordination)								X	✖			
3.4	Water Conservation Program Costs								X				
FY 24	WSMP Strategy 3 Optimize the Use of Existing Supplies and Infrastructure (SGMA/groundwater management and storage projects)												
4.1	Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) - annual update										X		
4.2	South County Recharge										X		
4.3	Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project	X											
4.4	Sites Reservoir Expansion						X		X			X	
4.5	BF Sisk Dam Raise	X		X			✖					X	
4.6	Groundwater Banking Opportunities				X						X		
4.7	Semitropic Groundwater bank			X							X		
4.8	Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project	X			X			X			X		

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