



WATER SUPPLY AND DEMAND
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 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: Chanie Abuye, Gina Adriano, Karen Adriano, Antonio Alfaro, Aaron Baker, Justin Burks, Rita Chan, Theresa Chinte, Phil Dolan, Gavin Downs, Anthony Fulcher, Andrew Garcia, Rachael Gibson, Paola Giles, Vincent Gin, Jason Gurdak, Andrew Gschwind, Victor Gutierrez, Heather Hamp, Marino Hernandez, Linh Hoang, Susana Inda, Matt Keller, Cindy Kao, Candice Kwok-Smith, Jess Lovering, Marta Lugo, Katherine Maher, Ryan McCarter, Nicole Merit, Kathy Nguyen, Julianne O'Brien, Carlos Orellana, Steve Peters, Mark Poole, Don Rocha, Desiree Sausele, Ashley Shannon, Stephanie Simunic, Kirsten Struve, Charlene Sun, Cheryl Togami, Metra Ulloa, Genevieve Yip, and Jing Wu.

Public in attendance were: Michael Bolzowski (California Water Services Company), Arthur Keller, Juan Liem (Great Oaks Water), 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 June 23, 2025 Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) Minutes.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

The Committee considered the minutes of the June 23, 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 June 23, 2025 WSDMC minutes.

4. REGULAR AGENDA:

4.1 Receive an Update on Water Conservation Program Costs.

Recommendation: Receive information on Water Conservation Program Costs.

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: Program budget and rebudgeting, Program public outreach and buy-in, Water Supply Master Plan conservation goals, possibilities of obtaining state funds for the Program, capturing runoff water as an additional conservation strategy, and tracking and communication with local cities participation in the Model Water Efficient New Development Ordinance.

Public Comment: Arthur Keller stated that if not enough water is sold the price will increase, which may lead to more expensive water.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

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).

Recommendation: Receive information on Assembly Bill 130 and Senate Bill 131 as it relates to the implementation of MWENDO.

Genevieve Yip reviewed the information on this item, as detailed in the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and along with Antiono Alfaro and Rachael Gibson, was available to answer questions.

Staff confirmed that Valley Water did not support these bills. Staff also clarified the bills only apply to residential building standards, and that commercial building standards are not directly affected by the moratorium. Staff noted they will return with further information to the Committee regarding ongoing efforts related to water efficiency building standards for commercial development.

The Committee discussed the following with staff input including: general California Environmental Quality Act reforms relating to the bills, focusing on commercial buildings relating to MWENDO, getting to the objectives of MWENDO relating to impacting land use decisions, and Valley Water's water conservation budget.

Public Comment: Arthur Keller asked what cities participate in MWENDO and which do not. Genevieve Yip stated that Santa Clara adopted MWENDO measures and that San Jose, Gilroy, Milpitas, Mountain View, Morgan Hill, Palo Alto, Saratoga, and Sunnyvale have rules in their current building codes that align with MWENDO.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

4.3 Review and Discuss Information on the Sites Reservoir Project.

Recommendation: Review and discuss 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 stated that last week, the California Water Commission awarded the Sites Project an additional \$219 million in Prop 1 funding through the Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP), on Friday, the Sites Authority Board authorized an early funding agreement with the California Water Commission for five percent of that amount (which is approximately \$10.5 million) that could be authorized for early funding, the Project has funding through June 2026, and at Valley Water's current 0.2 percent level of participation, Valley Water's total share of capital costs are estimated to be in the range of \$15-\$18 million, but cost could fluctuate depending on participation level.

Staff further provided information relating to the water right hearing process with the State Board, noting a status conference is scheduled for September 4, 2025, and stated the negotiations with Reclamation on their participation agreement are scheduled to start September 8 and 9, 2025. Staff noted opposition of the project from some environmental groups and support from the Governor, and that the price of the project has increased, but is still one of the lowest unit costs projects in the Water Supply Master Plan update.

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.

Discussion ensued relating to the remaining 2025 meeting dates and redistributing items in the work plan. The Committee unanimously approved canceling the September 22, 2025 meeting and combining topics with the October 27, 2025 meeting.

Public Comment: None.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS:

None.

6. ADJOURN:

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

****Note: the September 22, 2025 WSDMC meeting was canceled. The next meeting occurred October 27, 2025.***

Chairperson Hsueh adjourned the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

Date Approved: October 27, 2025

Stephanie Simunic
Assistant Deputy Clerk II