



WATER SUPPLY AND DEMAND
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2024
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 in the Valley Water Headquarters Building Boardroom at 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and by Zoom teleconference, at 10:00 a.m.

1.1. Roll Call.

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

Staff members in attendance were:

Gina Adriano, Karen Adriano, Joseph Aranda, Emmanuel Aryee, Aaron Baker, Justin Burks, Rick Callender, Rita Chan, Theresa Chinte, Vanessa De La Piedra, Phil Dolan, Gavin Downs, Rachael Gibson, Vincent Gin, Walter Gonzalez, Andy Gschwind, Chris Hakes, Heather Hamp, Linh Hoang, Diahann Hudson (Soleno), Dana Jacobson, Cindy Kao, Matt Keller, Candice Kwok-Smith, Emelia Lamas, Jess Lovering, Kathleen Low, Ryan McCarter, Carmen Narayan, Julianne O'Brien, Carlos Orellana, Ethan Palmer, Matthew Payne, Steve Peters, Sarah Piramoon, Don Rocha, Metra Richert, Ashley Shannon, Nicholas Simard, Stephanie Simunic, Kirsten Struve, Charlene Sun, Darin Taylor, Sana Wazit, Jing Wu, Genevieve Yip, Beckie Zisser.

Public in attendance were:

Shiloh Ballard, Micheal Bolzowski, Brian Boyer (Cinnabar Hills Golf Club), Director Rebecca Eisenberg, Chuck Gardner (Hallmark Group), Giselle, Katja Irvin (Sierra Club), Jim Kuhl, Melissa (Santa Clara County Parks) John Tang (San Jose Water Company) Amy Young (California Water Commission staff).

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 June 24, 2024 Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) Minutes.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

The Committee considered the minutes of the June 24, 2024 Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) meeting.

Public Comments: None.

It was moved by Director Hsueh, seconded by Vice Chairperson Keegan, and unanimously carried, to approve the June 24, 2024 Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) minutes.

4. REGULAR AGENDA:

4.1 Receive Information on the Safe Clean Water Conservation Program-Project A2: Water Conservation Rebates and Programs.

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

Discussion ensued relating to program promotion, including ways to assist participants in the QWEL program. In response to questions from Vice Chairperson Keegan, Ms. Shannon stated that the QWEL training program is a nationally recognized program, Valley Water has several lists of local QWEL certified landscapers including their zip codes, Smart Yards is the new program administrator, and the bid was qualification-based.

In response to questions from Chairperson Santos relating to language of the QWEL training materials, Ms. Shannon stated that they are currently printed in English and Spanish, and changes would have to be made at the national level as it is a national program. Director Santos suggested inquiring about printing in Vietnamese. In response to cost sharing related to the landscape rebate program, staff stated that Palo Alto, Santa Clara, Milpitas, San Jose Municipal Water, Morgan Hill and Gilroy have cost sharing programs. Metra Richert stated challenges to participation may be funding or legal opinions. Discussion ensued relating to rainwater capture regarding rebates and construction standards including rain gutters going straight into the ground, rain gardens, and rain barrels. Asheley Shannon was named as a resource for public inquiries relating to rebate questions.

Public Comments: None.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

4.2 Receive Update on the B.F. Sisk Dam Raise and Reservoir Expansion Project.

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

Discussion ensued relating to project construction timelines, reclamation water rights, and the cost per acre foot. Chairperson Santos stated John Tang of San Jose Water Company did a good job communicating with a constituent.

Public Comments: None.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

4.3. Receive an Informational Update on the Unique Requirements for the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project, Including Resulting Unique Benefits.

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

Discussion ensued relating to annual vs. multi-year reservoir operations, incidental flood year benefits, the ability to secure natural inflows, unstorables Central Valley Project (CVP) and the State Water Project (SWP) supplies, water rights, the complexity and level of risk of the project, the Water Storage Investment Program contracts for administering public benefits, the opportunity for possible financial partnerships, and incidental floods.

Director Hsueh requested information be added relating to environmental mitigation measures when the report is presented to the Board.

Vice Chairperson Keegan requested the following:

- More detail given relating to the processes regarding water rights and CVP contractual changes, including milestones and probable timeframes.
- A description of the process for land acquisition/ eminent domain.
- The level of risk and potential timeframe relating to water contracts or water rights.
- More information relating to the change petition to modify point of diversion for existing Pacheco Pass North Fork Dam to location of new dam.
- An analysis of the reduction of extensive flooding even for frequent/small events.

Public Comments: Katja Irvin expressed disappointment relating to the unique challenges in the planning, design and permitting for the new Pacheco Reservoir, inquired about water rights from the north fork of Pacheco Creek, stated this was the first time she has heard of water rights for natural flow relating to the project, and referred to her submitted handout.

Jim Kuhl expressed concern relating to the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion

Project regarding budget, that overall project pruning is needed, and referred to his submitted handout.

In response to an inquiry from Director Keegan, staff stated the project does have an outside panel of experts relating to the project design, and provided information the Water Supply Master Plan expert panel. Director Hsueh thanked staff for their efforts on the report and noted the complexity of the project and that change may occur as it moves forward.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

4.4 Review and Discuss the Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) Work Plan.

Stephanie Simunic stated that with permission from Chairperson Santos, she worked with staff to re-distribute work plan items, and that the workplan is flexible.

Public Comments: None

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

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 report and the Committee took no action.

6. Adjourn:

6.1. Adjourn to Regular Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Monday September 23, 2024.

Chairperson Santos adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m., to the next regular meeting on Monday September 23, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Date Approved: 9-23-2024

Stephanie Simunic
Assistant Deputy Clerk II