



Santa Clara Valley Water District Santa Clara Valley Water Commission Meeting

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SPECIAL MEETING AND SITE VISIT (IN-PERSON ONLY) AGENDA

**Wednesday, August 27, 2025
12:00 PM**

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

COMMISSION:
Hon. Pete Daily, Chairperson
Hon. Karen Hardy, Vice Chairperson

BOARD REPRESENTATIVES:
Chairperson Tony Estremera
Vice Chairperson Richard Santos
Director Nai Hsueh

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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 April 9, 2025 Santa Clara Valley Water Commission Minutes. [25-0703](#)
Recommendation: Approve the minutes.
Manager: Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193
Attachments: [Attachment 1: 04092025 SCVWD Water Commission Mins.](#)
Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

4. REGULAR AGENDA:

- 4.1. Review 2025 Santa Clara Valley Water Commission Work Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Commission Requests; and the Commission's Next Meeting Agenda and Date. [25-0704](#)
Recommendation: Review the Commission work plan to guide the commission's discussions regarding policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation.
Manager: Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193
Attachments: [Attachment 1: Water Commission 2025 Work Plan](#)
Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes
- 4.2. Tour of the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project Site. [25-0744](#)
Recommendation: The tour of the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project Site is for informational purposes only and no staff recommendation or action is requested to be taken by the Committee at this time.
Manager: Ryan McCarter, 408-630-2983
Attachments: [Attachment 1: Map and Instructions](#)
Est. Staff Time: 2 Hours

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 12:00 p.m., on Wednesday, October 22, 2025.

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Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 25-0703

Agenda Date: 8/27/2025
Item No.: 3.1.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM Santa Clara Valley Water Commission

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

SUBJECT:

Approval of April 9, 2025 Santa Clara Valley Water Commission 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.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: 04092025 SCVWD Water Commission Mins.

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193

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SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

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

(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:

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
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:

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
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:

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Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 25-0704

Agenda Date: 8/27/2025

Item No.: 4.1.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM Santa Clara Valley Water Commission

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

SUBJECT:

Review 2025 Santa Clara Valley Water Commission Work Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Commission Requests; and the Commission's Next Meeting Agenda and Date.

RECOMMENDATION:

Review the Commission work plan to guide the commission's discussions regarding policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation.

SUMMARY:

The attached Work Plan outlines the Board-approved topics for discussion to be able to prepare policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation. The work plan is agendaized at each meeting as accomplishments are updated and to review additional work plan assignments by the Board.

BACKGROUND:

Governance Process Policy-8:

The District Act provides for the creation of advisory boards, committees, or commissions by resolution to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

Accordingly, the Board has established Advisory Committees or Commissions, which bring respective expertise and community interest, to advise the Board, when requested, in a capacity as defined: prepare Board policy alternatives and provide comment on activities in the implementation of the District's mission for Board consideration. In keeping with the Board's broader focus, Advisory Committees will not direct the implementation of District programs and projects, other than to receive information and provide comment.

Further, in accordance with Governance Process Policy-3, when requested by the Board, the

Advisory Committees or Commissions may help the Board produce the link between the District and the public through information sharing to the communities they represent.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:

The review of the Commission's Work Plan is not subject to an environmental justice impact.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Water Commission 2025 Work Plan

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193

2025 Work Plan: Santa Clara Valley Water Commission

Update: August 2025

The annual work plan establishes a framework for committee discussion and action during the annual meeting schedule. The Committee work plan is a dynamic document, subject to change as external and internal issues impacting the District occur and are recommended for committee discussion. Subsequently, an annual committee accomplishments report is developed based on the work plan and presented to the District Board of Directors.

ITEM	WORK PLAN ITEM BOARD POLICY	MEETING DATE	INTENDED OUTCOME(S) (Action or Information Only)	ACCOMPLISHMENT DATE AND OUTCOME
1	Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2025	January 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commission Elects Chair and Vice Chair for 2025. (Action) 	<p><u>Accomplished January 22, 2025</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion by Hon. Member Page, seconded by Hon. Member Ramirez, for Hon. Member Daily as Chairperson. Motion by Hon. Member Candelas, seconded by Hon. Member Chao for Hon. Member Hardy as Vice Chairperson. <p>Both motions carried on a majority roll call vote.</p>
2	2024 Accomplishments Report	January 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and approve 2024 Accomplishments Report for presentation to the Board. (Action) Submit requests to the Board, as appropriate. (Action) 	<p><u>Accomplished January 22, 2025</u></p> <p>Motion by Hon. Member Ramirez, seconded by Hon. Member Candelas, and unanimously approved for the Commission to approve 2024 Annual Accomplishments Report for Presentation to the Board on the Consent Calendar under one motion and by roll call vote.</p> <p><i>Approved at March 11, 2025 BOD meeting</i></p>
3	2025 Work Plan: Review of Santa Clara Valley Water Commission Work Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Commission Requests and the Commission's Next Meeting Agenda, and Recommend the Proposed 2025 Water Commission Work Plan to the Board	January 22 April 9 July 23 October 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive and review the FY2024-2025 Board-approved Committee work plan. (Information) Submit requests to the Board, as appropriate. (Action) 	<p><u>Accomplished January 22, 2025</u></p> <p>Motion by Hon. Member Hardy, seconded by Hon. Member Ramirez, with several additions requested, and unanimously approved as amended the 2025 Commission Work Plan under one motion and by roll call vote.</p> <p><i>Approved at March 11, 2025 BOD meeting</i></p>

Blue = Action taken by the Board of Directors

2025 Work Plan: Santa Clara Valley Water Commission

Update: August 2025

4	Approve 2025 Meeting Schedule	January 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss and approve 2025 meeting schedule. (Action) January 22 April 9 July 23 (may be changed to Aug.) Oct. 22 	Accomplished January 22, 2025 The Commission received and approved the 2025 meeting schedule, which was included in the 2025 Work Plan.
5	Review and Comment to the Board on the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Preliminary Groundwater Production Charges	January 22 April 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and comment to the Board on the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Preliminary Groundwater Production Charges. (Action) Receive/discuss community outreach/messaging of groundwater rates. (Information) Submit requests to the Board, as appropriate. (Action) 	Accomplished January 22, 2025 The Commission received information and provided feedback to staff on the Fiscal year 2024-2025 Preliminary Groundwater Production Charges and took no action. <i>Approved at May 27, 2025 BOD meeting</i>
6	Standing Items Report Fiscal Year 2025	January 22 October 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive reports on FY24-25 Valley Water Board Work Plan standing items (Information) 	Accomplished January 22, 2025 The Commission received the Standing Items Report Fiscal Year 2025 information and took no action.
7	Information and Feedback on the Development of Valley Water's Water Supply Master Plan 2050	January 22 October 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive Information and Provide Feedback on the Development of Valley Water's Water Supply Master Plan 2050. (Action) Receive information relating to possible desalination projects in the WSMP 2050 (Information) 	Accomplished January 22, 2025 The Commission received information and provided feedback to staff on the Water Supply Master Plan 2050 and took no action.
8	Update relating to Valley Water's amendment to Conflict of Interest Code/Form 700	TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive update relating to Valley Water's amendment to Conflict of Interest Code (Information) 	
9	Overview of Valley Water's Role in Emergency Preparedness and Response	April 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive overview of Valley Water's Role in Emergency Preparedness and Response. (Information) 	Accomplished April 9, 2025 The Commission received information and provided feedback to staff on Valley Water's Role in Emergency Preparedness and Response and took no action.

2025 Work Plan: Santa Clara Valley Water Commission

Update: August 2025

10	Overview of Valley Water's Water Conservation Programs	April 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive information from Valley Water relating to water conservation programs. (Information) 	Accomplished April 9, 2025 The Commission received information and provided feedback to staff on Valley Water's Conservation Programs and took no action.
11	Tour a VW Water Supply Facility	August 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct tour (Action) 	Scheduled tour of Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project Site.
12	Update of AB 1469 relating to Unhoused	TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive update on AB1469 relating to unhoused (Information) 	
13	Overview of Valley Water's Flood Protection Projects	TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive information from Valley Water relating to flood protection projects and efforts. (Information) 	

BOARD WORK PLAN GOALS:

Integrated Water Resources Management - Goal: Efficiently manage water resources across business areas.

Water Supply – Goal: Provide a reliable, safe, and affordable water supply for current and future generations in all communities served.

Natural Flood Protection – Goal: Provide natural flood protection to reduce risk and improve health and safety.

Environmental Stewardship – Goal: Sustain ecosystem health while managing local water resources for flood protection and water supply.

Addressing Encampment of Unsheltered People – Goal: Humanely assist in the permanent relocation of unsheltered people on Valley Water lands along waterways and at water supply and flood risk reduction facilities in order to address the human health, public safety, operational, and environmental challenges posed by encampments.

Climate Change – Goal: Mitigate carbon emissions and adapt Valley Water operations to climate change impacts.

Business Management – Goal: Promote effective management of water supply, flood protection, and environmental stewardship through responsive and socially responsible business services.

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Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 25-0744

Agenda Date: 8/27/2025

Item No.: 4.2.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM Santa Clara Valley Water Commission

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

SUBJECT:

Tour of the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project Site.

RECOMMENDATION:

The tour of the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project Site is for informational purposes only and no staff recommendation or action is requested to be taken by the Committee at this time.

SUMMARY:

Background

Anderson Reservoir has been operated under restriction since December 2008, and the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project (ADSRP) was initiated based on preliminary findings from a seismic stability evaluation. Planning for the ADSRP commenced in 2012 and completed in 2013. The Planning Study Report was provided to the Board in a Non-Agenda Memo dated August 29, 2013.

A number of factors, primarily driven by new geological discoveries, heightened regulatory standards, and environmental requirements, have resulted in a significant increase in the ADSRP scope since the Planning Study Report was completed in 2013. Initially, ADSRP aimed for seismic stabilization of Anderson Dam by adding materials to the existing dam embankment. However, during the design phase in 2016, additional geotechnical studies and investigations revealed active faulting directly under the dam's foundation. This discovery was significant because it indicated that the existing dam embankment could liquify and potentially fail during a large earthquake. This fundamentally changed staff's understanding of the dam's stability and led to a complete redesign from simply retrofitting the existing dam to fully removing and replacing it with a new dam.

On February 20, 2020, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) directed Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) to: (i) immediately maintain Anderson Reservoir below elevation 565 feet; (ii) begin to further lower Anderson Reservoir to dead pool (elevation 490 feet) no later than October 1, 2020, and maintain Anderson Reservoir at dead pool (elevation 490 feet) thereafter; and (iii) design and construct a new low-level outlet as soon as possible.

The Anderson Dam Tunnel Project (ADTP) is currently being constructed and includes building a

diversion system to augment the existing outlet, consisting of a new diversion tunnel, an outlet structure, a micro-tunnel lake tap, and modifications to Coyote Creek just downstream of the base of the dam. Once completed, the ADTP will serve as the Stage 1 Diversion System to divert inflows from the reservoir to Coyote Creek during the beginning of the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project (ADSRP). All of the ADTP elements, except for the micro-tunnel lake tap portion, will be incorporated into the final configuration of the ADSRP.

The ADSRP will remove and replace most of the existing dam with a well-compacted, zoned embankment dam; construct a new low-level outlet and a new high-level outlet to meet DSOD requirements for emergency drawdown of the reservoir; remove, replace, and extend the existing concrete spillway to safely pass the probable maximum flood; and make other improvements to Anderson Dam. Upon completion of the ADSRP, Anderson Reservoir will return to its original storage capacity. Design of the ADSRP is progressing toward 100 percent completion. Prequalification for the construction contractor for the ADSRP was completed in May 2025. Advertisement for the construction contract for the ADSRP is scheduled for September 2025.

Tour Information

Please be aware of the following:

1. The tour is in-person only, starting at 1:00 p.m. Transportation will be provided. A shuttle will depart from Valley Water Headquarters between 12:30 and 12:40 p.m. to the Project site.
2. All visitors, including public attendees, must sign in and out and wear the provided vest while on site.
3. Anderson Dam is an active construction site with various activities involving large trucks and equipment.
4. Wear closed-toe shoes or boots, long pants, sleeves, and sun protection for short walks along the site. Bring water or other heat protection as needed to stay cool.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:

There are no environmental justice impacts associated with this item.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Map and Instructions

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Ryan McCarter, 408-630-2983

**Santa Clara Valley Water District
Water Commission
Meeting and in-person Site Tour of Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project Site
Wednesday August 27, 2025, 1 p.m.
Parking Map and Tour Instructions**

Due to limited parking at the project site, participants are encouraged to do the following:

- Join the caravan leaving from Valley Water Headquarters (5750 Almaden Expressway, San Jose CA 95118). The meeting starts at that location at noon; the caravan is estimated to leave between 12:30 p.m. and 12:40 p.m.
- Meet at the tour parking site: Anderson Lake Park "Live Oak Picnic Area" location, 2051 Cochrane Rd, Morgan Hill, CA 95037



- All participants must wear PPE (closed-toe shoes, hard hats, and goggles). Valley Water will provide PPE if participants do not have any, but participants must wear closed-toe shoes to the tour.
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- Questions can be directed to the clerk, Stephanie Simunic at 408-630-2408 or via e-mail at ssimunic@valleywater.org

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