



WATER SUPPLY AND DEMAND
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 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, Antonio Alfaro, Aaron Baker, Roseryn Bhudsabourg, Justin Burks, Rick Callender, Rita Chan, Phil Dolan, Andrew Garcia, Vincent Gin, Andy Gschwind, Ian Henriquez, Linh Hoang, Jenn Hou, Dana Jacobson, Cindy Kao, Matt Keller, Candice Kwok-Smith, Jess Lovering, Cesar Lucatero, Jason Ly, Katherine Mahar, Julianne O'Brien, Carlos Orellana, Steve Peters, Long Pham, Metra Richert, Ashley Shannon, Nicholas Simard, Stephanie Simunic, Kirsten Struve, Charlene Sun, Darin Taylor, Sana Wazit, Jing Wu.

Public in attendance were:

District 1 Director John Varela, Molly Culton and Katja Irvin (Sierra Club), Shiloh Ballard, Kurt Elvert (San Jose Water), Chuck Gardner (Hallmark Group), Ian Henriquez, and Arthur Keller.

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 August 26, 2024 Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) Minutes.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

The Committee considered the minutes of the August 26, 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 August 26, 2024 WSDMC minutes.

4. REGULAR AGENDA:

4.1 Receive an update on the State of California's Making Conservation a California Way of Life regulatory framework and Valley Water programs and policies that support implementation and compliance.

Philip Dolan 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 how success is measured for residents, simplifying water bills for residents, Advanced Metering Infrastructure, and communication with cities through the Water Conservation Subcommittee and retailers relating to regulation milestones.

In response to an inquiry from Director Hsueh, Mr. Dolan stated the beginning in 2027 the State can enforce fines through issuing correction action letters or fines to retailers that aren't compliant in meeting goals. He further answered gallons per capita per day information for individuals from retailers is still in process as regulations are recent, and the State is working on efforts to frame that information.

In response to an inquiry from Chairperson Santos, Kirsten Struve stated that there is a communication subcommittee of the retailer's and toolkits are sent to communicate with customers.

Public Comments: Arthur Keller inquired about cities that have adopted Model Water Efficient Ordinance for New Development (MWENDO). Roseryn Bhudsabourgh answered none at this time, but several cities are considering bringing MWENDO to their elected bodies this year. Director Hsueh noted the upcoming city building code revisions cycle and bringing MWENDO to the cities.

Vice Chairperson Keegan stated the possibility of supporting Statewide legislation relating to water conservation requirements. Antonio Alfaro confirmed Valley Water supports legislation promoting water conservation.

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

4.2 Provide an update on Valley Water's new water conservation programs and pilots and receive Board feedback.

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

Vice Chairperson Keegan commended the partnership with South Bay Green Gardens, complimented the landscape designs, and suggested including an elevation view rendering. Staff confirmed the Annual Landscape Summit is planned for February 2025.

Public Comments: Arthur Keller asked about effects of El Nino or La Nina. Staff answered preparations will occur for flood or drought.

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

4.3. Receive an 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 was available to answer questions.

He stated that an agreement was reached in principle for cost share and management agreement, details will be provided to the Committee in the next few months with a staff recommendation for the Committee in fall 2024, and a commemorative event is scheduled for October 2024.

Public Comments: None

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

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

Stephanie Simunic stated that there is no presentation and is available for questions.

Vincent Gin announced that the Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) Board directed the General Manager to develop an approach to end CCWD's participation in the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project.

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 October 28, 2024.

Chairperson Santos adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m., to the next regular meeting on Monday October 28, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was subsequently cancelled and rescheduled to Monday November 4, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Date Approved: 11/4/2024

Stephanie Simunic
Assistant Deputy Clerk II