



Santa Clara Valley Water District Joint Water Resources Committee with Cities of Gilroy and Morgan Hill

South County Regional Wastewater Authority
1500 Southside Drive
Gilroy, CA 95020

This meeting is in-person only.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

**Wednesday, October 1, 2025
8:30 AM**

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Hon. John Varela, Director District 1, Chair
Hon. Dion Bracco, Council Member, Gilroy,
Vice Chair
Hon. Greg Bozzo, Mayor, Gilroy
Hon. Richard Santos, Director District 3
Hon. Yvonne Martinez Beltran, Council Member,
Morgan Hill
Hon. Soraida Iwanaga, Council Member, Morgan
Hill

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Kirsten Struve

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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.

Notice to the public: Members of the public who wish to address the Board/Committee on any item not listed on the agenda may do so by filling out a Speaker Card and submitting it to the Clerk to identify yourself to speak. Speakers will be acknowledged by the Board/Committee Chair in the order requests are received and granted speaking access to address the Board/Committee. Speakers' comments should be limited to three minutes or as set by the Chair. The law does not permit Board/Committee action on, or extended discussion of, any item not on the agenda except under special circumstances. If Board/Committee action is requested, the matter may be placed on a future agenda. All comments that require a response will be referred to staff for a reply in writing. The Board/Committee may take action on any item of business appearing on the posted agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3.1. Approval of April 2, 2025, Joint Water Resources Committee Meeting Minutes.

[25-0803](#)

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

Manager: Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193

Attachments: [Attachment 1: 04022025 JWRC Minutes](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

4. REGULAR AGENDA:

4.1. Receive South County Water Reuse Collaboration Update and Provide Feedback.

[25-0789](#)

Recommendation: Receive an update and provide feedback on South County water reuse collaboration and implementation.

Manager: Kirsten Struve, 408-630-3138

Attachments: [Attachment 1: PowerPoint](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

- 4.2. Review and Discuss the Joint Water Resources Committee (JWRC) 2025 Work Plan; and Confirm the Next Meeting Date. [25-0804](#)

Recommendation: Review and discuss the JWRC 2025 Work Plan; and Confirm the next meeting date.

Manager: Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193

Attachments: [Attachment 1: 2025 JWRC 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 8:30 a.m. on January 7, 2026.

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Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 25-0803

Agenda Date: 10/1/2025

Item No.: 3.1.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM **Joint WRC with Cities of Gilroy/Morgan Hill/SCRWA**

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

SUBJECT:

Approval of April 2, 2025, Joint Water Resources Committee Meeting Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes.

SUMMARY:

In accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act, 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 to the Committee for review and approval.

Upon Committee approval, minutes transcripts are finalized and entered into the District's historical record archives and serve as historical record of the Committee's meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:

The approval of minutes is not subject to environmental justice analysis.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: 04022025 JWRC Minutes

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193

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**JOINT WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE
(CITY OF GILROY, CITY OF MORGAN HILL AND VALLEY WATER)**

DRAFT MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING SESSION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025
8:30 AM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Joint Water Resources Committee (City of Gilroy, City of Morgan Hill, and Valley Water) (Committee) was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at the South County Regional Wastewater Authority (SCRWA), 1500 Southside Drive, Gilroy, CA 95020.

1.1 ROLL CALL

Committee Members in attendance were: City of Gilroy Councilmember Dion Bracco; City of Morgan Hill Councilmembers Yvonne Martinez Beltran and Soraida Iwanaga; Valley Water District 3 Director Richard Santos and Valley Water District 1 Director John L. Varela, Chairperson presiding, constituting a quorum of the Committee.

JWRC Alternate in attendance was: Valley Water District 5 Director Nai Hsueh.

Valley Water staff in attendance were: Hossein Ashktorab, Aaron Baker, Walter Gonzalez, Andy Gschwind, Cecil Lawson, Nicole Merritt, Kirsten Struve, Dave Tucker, and Jing Wu.

SCRWA, City of Gilroy, and City of Morgan Hill staff in attendance were: City of Gilroy Utilities Director Heath McMahon, and City of Morgan Hill Public Services Director Chris Ghione.

Public in Attendance was: Doug Muirhead.

2. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA.

Chairperson Varela declared time open for public comment on any item not on the agenda.

Kirsten Struve expressed condolences for the passing of SCRWA Environmental Programs Manager Saeid Vaziry. The Committee took a moment of silence.

2.1. Election of 2025 Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

Recommendation: Election of 2025 Committee Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

Public Comment:
None.

It was moved by Director Santos and seconded by Councilmember Martinez Beltran and unanimously carried that Chairperson Varela remain Chairperson and Councilmember Dion Bracco would become Vice Chairperson.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3.1. Approval of June 5, 2024, Joint Water Resources Committee Meeting Minutes.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

The Committee considered the attached minutes of the June 5, 2024, Committee meeting.

Public Comments:
None.

It was moved by Director Santos and seconded by Vice Chairperson Bracco and unanimously carried that the minutes be approved.

4. REGULAR AGENDA:

4.1. Receive Information and Provide Feedback on Valley Water's Water Supply Master Plan (WSMP) 2050.

Recommendation: Provide feedback on the development of the WSMP 2050.

Jing Wu reviewed the information on this item per the attached Committee agenda memo, and per the information contained in Attachment 4.

Jing Wu, Kirsten Struve, and Hossein Ashktorab were available to answer questions.

Public Comments:

Doug Muirhead expressed support of reviewing the water conservation and potable reuse goals as a graph or step chart and addressing the difference of characteristics like subsidence between North and South County.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and noted the following

- The Committee confirmed that the water demands are currently stable and imported water supplies are doing well, and the presentation reflects future projections for 2050.
- The Committee confirmed the resident's cost of shortage is defined as the dollar amount that water users would be willing to pay to avoid the shortage per Page 15 of Attachment 4.
- The Committee confirmed the B.F. Sisk Dam project is raising the dam to accommodate more water storage and noted Valley Water is in good shape with current supplies of groundwater and water storage.

- The Committee noted the Landscape Rebate Program for residents and businesses to upgrade their landscapes for water conservation, support of reviewing 2025 water expenses, and the status update on the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project.
- The Committee confirmed Valley Water staff are currently in the process of a desalination engineering feasibility study to be completed by the end of the calendar year with the previous desalination environmental feasibility study showing challenges but still feasible.
- The Committee noted that climate change will decrease water supplies regardless of demand being stable and the significance of staff continuing to evaluate the options for potable/non-potable, desalination, and water conservation.

4.2. Receive South County Water Reuse Collaboration Update and Provide Feedback.

Recommendation: Receive an update and provide feedback on South County water reuse collaboration and implementation.

David Tucker reviewed the information on this item per the attached Committee agenda memo, and per the information contained in Attachment 1.

David Tucker was available to answer questions.

Public Comments:
None.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and without discussion noted support of staff's work on the South County feasibility and master planning processes and the update on the recycled water (Phase 1C) pipeline segment construction.

4.3. Review and Accept Joint Water Resources Committee 2025 Proposed Work Plan; and Confirm the Next Meeting Date.

Recommendation: A. Review and accept Joint Water Resources Committee 2025 Proposed Work Plan; and
B. Confirm the next meeting date.

The Committee considered this Item without a staff presentation.

Public Comments:
None.

The Committee received and accepted the JWRC 2025 Work Plan and noted support for following the SCRWA 2025 meeting schedule with the next regular meeting date scheduled at 8:30 a.m. on June 4, 2025.

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.

Nicole Merritt confirmed the Committee re-elected Director Varela as the 2025 Chairperson and elected Councilmember Dion Bracco as the 2025 Vice Chairperson under Item 2.1; received, noted, and provided feedback on WSMP 2050 under Item 4.1; received, noted, and provided feedback on South County Water Reuse Collaboration Update under Item 4.2; and accepted the JWRC 2025 Work Plan and noted support to follow SCRWA meeting schedule under Item 4.3.

6. ADJOURN:

6.1. Adjourn to TBD Meeting per Committee.

Chairperson Varela adjourned the meeting at 9:44 a.m. in memory of former Gilroy Mayor and Valley Water Director Don Gage. The next regular meeting scheduled at 8:30 a.m. on June 4, 2025, was subsequently canceled with the next regular meeting scheduled to occur at 8:30 a.m. on October 1, 2025.

Approved:

Nicole Merritt
Assistant Deputy Clerk II



Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 25-0789

Agenda Date: 10/1/2025

Item No.: 4.1.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM Joint WRC with Cities of Gilroy/Morgan Hill/SCRWA

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

SUBJECT:

Receive South County Water Reuse Collaboration Update and Provide Feedback.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive an update and provide feedback on South County water reuse collaboration and implementation.

SUMMARY:

Since 1999, the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water), the City of Gilroy, and the City of Morgan Hill have collaborated to enhance and expand the use of non-potable water recycling in South Santa Clara County (South County). In 2017, the Joint Water Resources Committee (JWRC) was established to advance water resource interests in South County, which includes identifying future opportunities for purified and recycled water reuse in South County, and determining funding opportunities to implement recommended projects based on the South County Water Reuse Master Plans. The JWRC most recently received an informational update in April 2025.

Feasibility Study Update

Staff will discuss the status of Valley Water's 2023 United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) planning grant to develop a South County Recycled Water System Feasibility Study (FS). The FS planning process will evaluate opportunities and options for purified and recycled water reuse in South County and develop an updated planning strategy. Valley Water has recently procured technical services to support the planning processes and has initiated data gathering and information development to support master planning. The FS will direct and support future grant funding for the design and construction of South County water reuse projects under the USBR Title XVI grant program. Valley Water now has an approved funding agreement for the USBR Title XVI program that describes requisite planning milestones and task schedules through June 2027.

South County Recycled Water Pipeline

The Southern Alignment was introduced in the 2004 South County Recycled Water Master Plan (Master Plan), confirmed in the 2015 Master Plan Update, and supported through Developer Partnerships. Since 2015, Valley Water has approved agreements with the City of Gilroy to construct

portions of the Southern Alignment as developers expanded neighborhoods in the Glen Loma Development. Only one remaining segment (800 feet) remains to be constructed in the Glen Loma Development. Staff will provide an update of developer negotiations, agreement development with the City of Gilroy, tentative project schedule, and anticipated cost to construct this remaining segment.

In 2024, VW constructed the South County Recycled Water Pipeline that completed a major portion of the planned Southern Alignment. This construction connected the existing recycled water system at Glen Loma to the South County Recycled Water Authority (SCRWA) wastewater treatment plant, except for one pipeline connection (Phase 1C) to the existing Northern Alignment. Valley Water is currently procuring construction services to complete this critical pipeline segment that will support future data center water reuse. Staff will provide an update of construction procurement, project timeline, and cost to complete this segment that will increase system capabilities and provide system redundancy.

Future Interagency Collaborations

In 2021, the JWRC formed a Technical Working Group (TWG) to discuss and evaluate options to advance water reuse and purified water production and distribution in South County. In 2023, the City of Gilroy conveyed that resource constraints would indefinitely defer the TWG's assessment of South County interagency agreements. In 2024, the TWG completed its review of South County water reuse master planning and presented the JWRC with their final report, the 2024 South County Recycled Water Master Plan Update. Since earlier resource constraints are expected to be resolved in the coming months, staff will present future opportunities for the TWG to facilitate collaboration and communication to advance non-potable and potable reuse options in South County, and completing its review of South County interagency agreements.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:

There is no environmental justice impact associated with this agenda item. This action is unlikely to or will not result in adverse impacts.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: PowerPoint

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Kirsten Struve, 408-630-3138

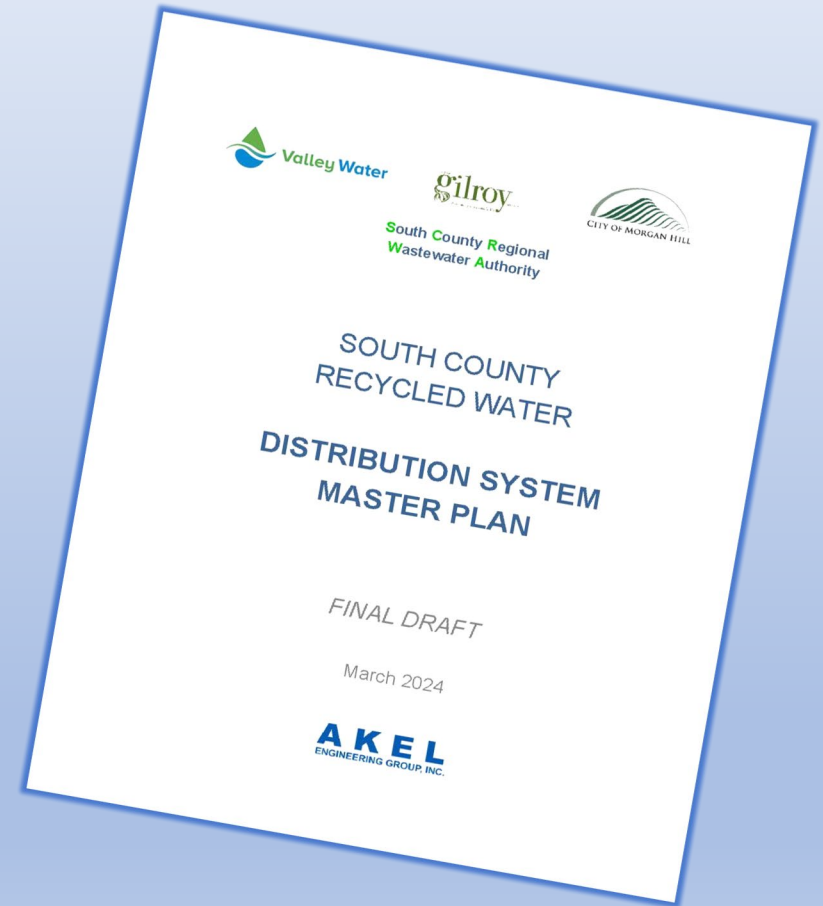


South Santa Clara County Water Reuse Collaboration

Joint Water Resources Committee Meeting
October 1, 2025

South County Feasibility Study Update

- **2023 USBR Planning Grant**
- **2024 Grant Agreement**
- **2025 Technical Support**
- **2027 Study Completion**

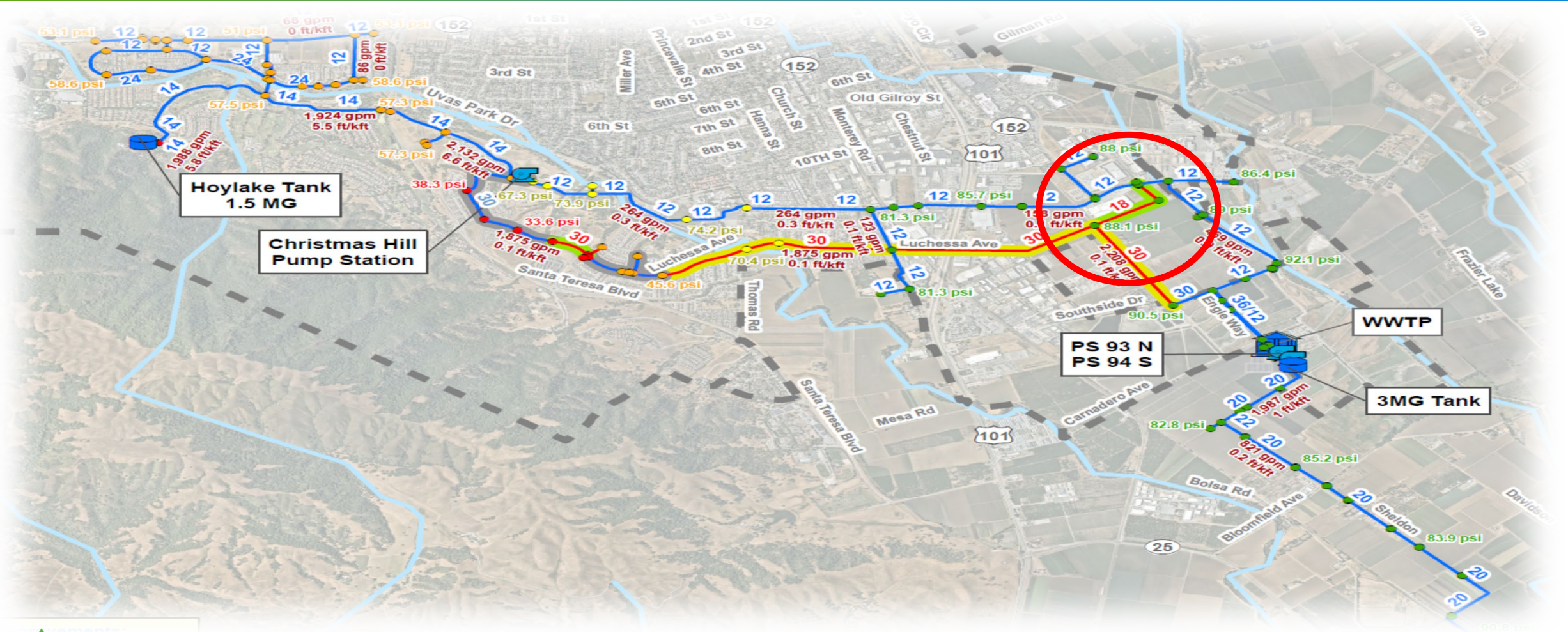


South County Recycled Water Pipeline

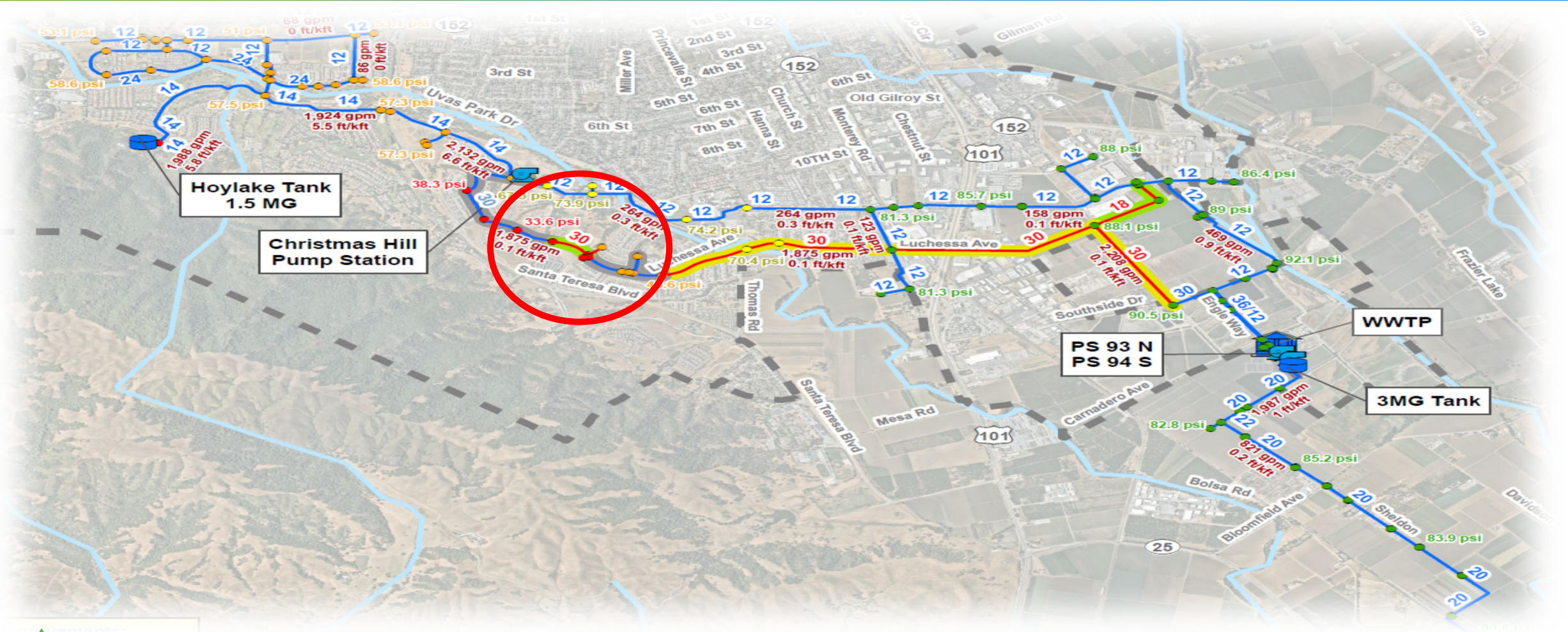
- **Phase 1C Segment**
- **Canyon Creek**
- **Pipeline Master Planning**



Recycled Water Phase 1C Pipeline



Recycled Water Southern Alignment



Future South County Collaboration

- **Future Funding**
- **Feasibility Study**
- **Interagency Agreements**





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Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 25-0804

Agenda Date: 10/1/2025

Item No.: 4.2.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM **Joint WRC with Cities of Gilroy/Morgan Hill/SCRWA**

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

SUBJECT:

Review and Discuss the Joint Water Resources Committee (JWRC) 2025 Work Plan; and Confirm the Next Meeting Date.

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Review and discuss the JWRC 2025 Work Plan; and
- B. Confirm the next meeting date.

SUMMARY:

Work Plans are created and implemented by all 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. Discussion of topics as stated in the Plan have been described based on information from the following sources: Items referred to the Committee by the Board; Items requested by the Committee to be brought back by staff; Items scheduled for presentation to the full Board of Directors; and Items identified by staff.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:

The review of the JWRC Work Plan is not subject to environmental justice analysis.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: 2025 JWRC Work Plan

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193

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2025 Joint Water Resources Committee Workplan

CATEGORY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Water Supply Master Plan and South County Opportunities	Canceled			x		Canceled				x		
South County Water Reuse Collaboration and Implementation <div><input type="checkbox"/> Water Purification Potential for Future Water Supply</div>				x						x		
South County Water Reuse Program Feasiblility Study				x						x		
STANDING ITEMS												
Elect Committee Chair and Vice Chair (Annually)				x								
Approval of Meeting Minutes				x						x		
Review Committee Work Plan				x						x		

*Blue Font - new or updated items on the work plan.

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*Highlighted item - update from last meeting Revised: 09/09/2025

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