



WATER SUPPLY AND DEMAND
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 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 10:01 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: Gina Adriano, Karen Adriano, Antonino Alfaro, Emmanuel Aryee, Justin Burks, Rita Chan, Theresa Chinte, Phil Dolan, Gavin Downs, Andrew Garcia, Vincent Gin, Joshua Golka, Jason Gurdak, Andrew Gschwind, Matt Keller, Kaho Kong, Jess Lovering, Katherine Maher, Ryan McCarter, Carmen Narayanan, Julianne O'Brien, Carlos Orellana, Steve Peters, Mark Poole, Mario Rivas, Desiree Sausele, Ashley Shannon, Stephanie Simunic, Kirsten Struve, Charlene Sun, Erina Szeto, Darin Taylor, Cindy Torres, Metra Ulloa, Sana Wazit, and Jing Wu.

Public in attendance were: Director Rebecca Eisenburg (District 7), Negin Ashoori (Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency/BAWSCA), D. Becker, Michael Bolzowski (California Water Service Company), Jerry Brown (Sites Reservoir), Amparo Flores (Brown and Caldwell), Thomas Francis (BAWSCA), Jenny Gain (California Urban Water Agencies), Lundyn Harrelson (Raftelis), Katja Irvin (Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter), Arthur Keller, Kevin Kostic (Raftelis), Danielle McPherson (BAWSCA), Adit Pal (BFS Landscape Architects), Larry Rodriguez (GEI Consultants), Tom Smegal (BAWSCA), Elaine Vastis (Raftelis), Luke Wang (Hazen and Sawyer), XXX-XXX-7722, XXX-XXX-8214, XXX-XXX-9821.

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 August 25, 2025 Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) Minutes.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

The Committee considered the minutes of the August 25, 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 August 25, 2025 WSDMC minutes.

4. REGULAR AGENDA:

4.1 Receive Information on Consultant Study Regarding Santa Clara Valley Water District's Water Use Projections, Water Demand Elasticity, and Customer Affordability Study; and Provide Comments to the Board.

Recommendation: Receive information on consultant study regarding Santa Clara Valley Water District's water use projections, water demand elasticity, and customer affordability, including study scope, objectives, and status update; provide comments to Valley Water's Board.

Kevin Kostic (Raftelis) and Luke Wang (Hazen and Sawyer) reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo and in the attachment and with Carmen Narayanan and Darin Taylor, were available to answer questions.

The Committee discussed the following with staff input including: estimates of customer affordability impacts, what may trigger behavior changes relating to water bill costs, how the study was countywide not individual customers, water conservation effects relating to billing, affordability indicators and which one might work best for Valley Water's analysis, and the Low-Income Residential Water Rate Assistance Program through Sacred Heart.

Public comments: Katja Irvin expressed the need to continue an affordability analysis and additional public meetings, and if water use forecast has been accurate. Arthur Keller stated that when people use less water there is less revenue and rates are raised, and to also look at people on fixed income like retirees.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

4.2 Consider Recommending to the Board to Approve Execution of an Assignment Agreement With Wheeler Ridge Maricopa Water District That Would Give Valley Water 6,234 Acre-Feet of Wheeler Ridge's Storage Capacity in Sites Reservoir For

Up to \$618, 500, Which Would Increase Valley Water's Project Participation Level From 0.2% to 0.66%, Providing Valley Water a Total of 9,351 Acre-Feet Storage.

Recommendation: Consider recommending to the Board to approve execution of an assignment agreement with Wheeler Ridge Maricopa Water District that would give Valley Water 6,234 acre-feet of Wheeler Ridge's storage capacity in Sites Reservoir for up to \$618,500, which would increase Valley Water's Project participation level from 0.2% to 0.66%, providing Valley Water a total of 9,351 acre-feet of storage.

Katherine Maher reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo and in the attachments and with Jerry Brown (Sites Reservoir Authority), was available to answer questions.

Public Comment: None.

The Committee discussed the following with staff input including: the recommendation being consistent with Board action in July 2022 to increase participation level in the Project up to a maximum of 2.65 percent, Valley Water received this opportunity in part due to the rest of the waiting list not being qualified as current participants, the assignment agreement not moving forward until all approvals are received (Reservoir Committee and Authority Board), and a program baseline report will be available prior to Valley Water making a final commitment.

The Committee requested a risk analysis of the project to be returned to the Committee.

On a motion by Director Santos, Seconded by Director Ballard, the Committee approved to recommend to the Board to approve execution of an assignment agreement with Wheeler Ridge Maricopa Water District that would give Valley Water 6,234 acre-feet of Wheeler Ridge's storage capacity in Sites Reservoir for up to \$618,500, which would increase Valley Water's Project participation level from 0.2% to 0.66%, providing Valley Water a total of 9,351 acre-feet of storage.

4.3 Receive Safe Clean Water Conservation Program - Project A2: Water Conservation Rebates and Programs Update.

Recommendation: Receive Safe Clean Water Conservation Program - Project A2: Water Conservation Rebates and Programs Update.

Ashley Shannon reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo and in the attachment and with Adit Pal of BFS Landscape Architects, was available to answer questions.

The Committee discussed the following with staff input including: tracking Measure S funding and budget relating to Valley Water's water conservation programs and Board water conservation goals, public education relating to Valley Water's water conservation programs, edible plants in the demonstration garden, acknowledging past landscape committee members who advocated for a Valley Water demonstration garden, and utilizing public surveys of conservation program

participants.

Public comment: None.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

4.4 Receive Update on Valley Water’s New Water Conservation Programs, Pilots, and Partnerships and Making Conservation a California Way of Life; Provide Feedback.

Recommendation: Receive update on Valley Water’s New Water Conservation Programs, Pilots, and Partnerships and Making Conservation a California Way of Life; provide feedback.

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

Public Comment: None.

Chairperson Hsueh suggested that the funding level for the Graywater Rebate Program could be increased to raise program awareness and participation level.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

4.5 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.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and without discussion noted the WSDMC Work Plan and upcoming discussion Items.

Public Comment: None.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS:

Stephanie Simunic noted the Committees request relating to include information on risk variables for Item No. 4.2 regarding the Sites Reservoir.

6. ADJOURN:

6.1. Adjourn. The Next Regular Meeting is Scheduled at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, December 8, 2025.

Chairperson Hsueh adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

Date Approved: December 8, 2025

Stephanie Simunic
Assistant Deputy Clerk II