



RECYCLED WATER COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026
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) Recycled Water 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 12:00 p.m.

1.1. Roll Call.

Committee members in attendance were District 4 Director Jim Beall, District 3 Vice Chairperson Richard P. Santos, and District 6 Director Tony Estremera, Chairperson presiding, constituting a quorum of the Committee.

Staff members in attendance were: Emmanuel Aryee, Hossein Ashktorab, Aaron Baker, Henry Barrientos, Rachael Gibson, Walter Gonzalez, Wendy Ho, Candice Kwok-Smith, Cecil Lawson, Nicole Merritt, Carlos Orellana, Kirsten Struve, Darin Taylor, David Tucker, and Kristen Yasukawa.

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

Chairperson Estremera declared time open for public comment on any item not on the agenda. There was no one present or online who wished to speak.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

3.1 Election of 2026 Recycled Water Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

Recommendation: Nominate and elect the 2026 Recycled Water Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

It was moved by Director Beall and seconded by Vice Chairperson Santos and was unanimously carried that the officer slate continue with Committee Chairperson Estremera and Committee Vice Chairperson Santos for 2026.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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4.1. Approval of December 16, 2025 Recycled Water Committee Minutes.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

The Committee considered the attached minutes of the December 16, 2025 Committee meeting.

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

5. REGULAR AGENDA:

5.1. Receive Pure Water Silicon Valley Update.

Recommendation: Receive an update on the following topics:
A. Demonstration Facility and Full-Scale Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) Facility at the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center; and
B. Ongoing Outreach

Kirsten Struve reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo.

Kirsten Struve was available to answer questions.

Public Comments: None.

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

- The Committee confirmed that the future Microsoft Corporation data center will use recycled water, which includes purified water from the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center.

5.2. Receive Update on Partnership with Cities of Palo Alto and Mountain View.

Recommendation: Receive an update on the Partnership with Cities of Palo Alto and Mountain View.

Henry Barrientos reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo and per the information contained in Attachment 1.

Henry Barrientos and Kirsten Struve were available to answer questions.

Public Comments: None.

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

- The site can be seen from Embarcadero Road and is currently bare earth.
- Phil Bobel was instrumental in the creation of the 2019 Partnership Agreement between Valley Water and the Cities of Palo Alto and Mountain

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View, which provides funding for the local purification facility at the wastewater plant, for which Valley Water has naming rights. He recently passed away and the Committee discussed the idea of naming the facility after him.

- Valley Water staff will contact city of Palo Alto staff to develop a formal name for the facility to bring back for Committee review and Board approval.

5.3. Receive Update on South Santa Clara County Water Reuse Collaboration.

Recommendation: Receive an update and provide feedback on South Santa Clara County water reuse collaboration supporting Valley Water's recycled and purified water programs.

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

David Tucker and Kirsten Struve were available to answer questions.

Public Comments: None.

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

- The Committee confirmed that the developer of the data center (Amazon) will fund the project and is working with Valley Water staff.
- The feasibility study will include estimated costs of projects.
- The next South County Regional Wastewater Authority (SCRWA) meeting is scheduled for April 2026.
- The Committee confirmed that projects are within the urban service boundaries.
- The Committee noted Hollister is in another county and could result in growth outside the urban service boundary.

5.4. Receive and Accept the 2026 Proposed Recycled Water Committee (RWC) Work Plan, and Provide Feedback on Upcoming Discussion Items, and the 2026 RWC Meeting Schedule.

Recommendation: Receive and accept the 2026 Proposed RWC Work Plan, and provide feedback on upcoming discussion items and the 2026 RWC meeting schedule.

Kirsten Struve reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and per the information contained in Attachments 1 and 2. She noted that items have shifted scheduled for the April 22, 2026 meeting to other meeting dates, thus the April 22, 2026 meeting will be cancelled.

Kirsten Struve and Stephanie Simunic were available to answer questions.

Public Comment: None.

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The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and accepted the proposed RWC Work Plan and 2026 Meeting Schedule.

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.

Stephaie Simunic stated that Valley Water staff will contact city of Palo Alto staff to have a formal name for the facility to bring back for Committee review.

6. Adjourn:

6.1. Adjourn. The Next Regular/Special Meeting is Scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.

Chairperson Estremera adjourned the meeting at 12:44 p.m.

Stephanie Simunic
Assistant Deputy Clerk (Committee Meetings)

Date Approved: March 25, 2026