



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

# MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING

**MONDAY, January 26, 2026  
11:00 AM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

### **1. CALL TO ORDER:**

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Capital Improvement 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 11:05 a.m.

#### **1.1 Roll Call.**

Committee members in attendance were District 6 Director Tony Estremera, Vice Chairperson, and District 5 Director Nai Hsueh, Chairperson presiding, constituting a quorum of the Committee. District 4 Director Jim Beall arrived as noted below.

Staff members in attendance were: Emmanuel Aryee, Aaron Baker, Lisa Bankosh, Audrey Beaman, Sarah Berning, John Bourgeois, Rita Chan, Jessica Collins, Andrew Garcia, Christopher Hakes, Carter Hayes, Wendy Ho, Candice Kwok-Smith, Cecil Lawson, Dave Leon, Jennifer Martin, Ryan McCarter, Tony Ndah, Carlos Orellana, Luz Penilla, Alison Phagan, Kirsten Struve, Darin Taylor, and Bhavani Yerrapotu.

### **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.

Chairperson Hsueh moved the agenda to item 4.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- 4.1. Approval of December 15, 2025 Capital Improvement Program Committee Meeting Minutes.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

Public Comments: None.

It was moved by Vice Chairperson Estremera, seconded by Chairperson Hsueh, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as submitted.

#### **5. REGULAR AGENDA:**

- 5.1. Receive Information on the Construction Contract Contingency Fund Increase for the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Order Compliance Project, Coyote Creek Stream Augmentation Fish Protection Measure: Chillers Plant Project, Project No. 91864008, Contract No. C0701.

Recommendation: Receive information on the Construction Contract Contingency Fund Increase for the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Order Compliance Project, Coyote Creek Stream Augmentation Fish Protection Measure: Chillers Plant Project (Project).

Director Beall arrived at 11:10 a.m.

Ryan McCarter reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachment 1, and was available to answer questions.

Public Comments: None.

Discussion ensued relating to whether the chillers are transferable to another site or project after completion of the Anderson Dan Seismic Retrofit Project.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

Chairperson Hsueh moved the agenda to Item 3.

#### **3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- 3.1. Election of 2026 Capital Improvement Program Committee Officers.

Recommendation: Nominate and elect the 2026 Capital Improvement

Program  
Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

It was moved by Vice Chairperson Estremera, seconded by Chairperson Hsueh, and unanimously carried to re-elect Chairperson Hsueh and elect Director Beall and Vice Chairperson.

Chairperson Hsueh moved the agenda to item 5.2.

5.2. Receive Moffett Fish Ladder Improvement Project Update.

Recommendation: Receive information on the feasibility analysis and preliminary Staff-Recommended Alternative for the Moffett Fish Ladder Improvement Project.

Carter Hayes reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachments 1 and 2. Carter Hayes, Lisa Bankosh, and John Bourgeois were available to answer questions.

Discussion ensued relating to vortex weirs, possible reuse of the design and necessary variations for reuse, and a revised implementation plan for FAHCE.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and requested that staff report to the Committee relating to reuse of the design for the Fish Ladder Improvement Project on projects at other creeks, a comprehensive list of all projects and the cost of those projects, and State and Federal funding sources.

5.3. Receive and Discuss Information Regarding the Status of Capital Projects in the Feasibility and Planning Phase.

Recommendation: Receive and discuss information regarding the status of capital projects in the feasibility and planning phase.

Andrew Garcia, Kirsten Struve, Luz Penilla, Emmanuel Aryee, Bhavani Yerrapotu, Lisa Bankosh, and Tony Ndah reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachment 1 were reviewed by staff per the row and Deputy's initials as follows: Andrew Garcia reviewed rows marked RM, Kirsten Struve reviewed rows marked KS, Luz Penilla reviewed rows marked LP, Emmanuel Aryee reviewed rows marked EA, Bhavani Yerrapotu reviewed rows marked BY, Lisa Bankosh reviewed rows marked LB, and Tony Ndah reviewed rows marked TN. Andrew Garcia, Kirsten

Struve, Luz Penilla, Emmanuel Aryee, Bhavani Yerrapotu, Lisa Bankosh, and Tony Ndah were available to answer questions.

Public Comments: None.

Discussion ensued relating to the Division of Safety of Dams assessment of the Coyote Dam seismic stability, and meetings with the County of Santa Clara relating to Ogier Ponds.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and requested a presentation relating to the Coyote Dam Alternative Analysis at a future Committee meeting.

5.4. Receive Information on Change Orders to Anderson Dam Tunnel Project Construction Contract.

Recommendation: Receive information on Change Orders to Anderson Dam Tunnel Project Construction Contract.

Ryan McCarter reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachments 1 and 2 and was available to answer questions.

Public Comments: None.

Without discussion, the Committee received the information and took no formal action.

5.5. Review and Approve 2026 Capital Improvement Program Committee Work Plan and 2026 Proposed Meeting Schedule.

Recommendation:

- A. Review and approve the 2026 Capital Improvement Program Committee Work Plan and make adjustments as necessary; and
- B. Confirm dates for the 2026 CIP Committee meetings

The Committee considered this item without a staff presentation.

Public Comments: None.

Director Beall requested that staff add an item to the work plan relating to Upper Guadalupe River Project implementation strategies.

Chairperson Hsueh requested that staff cancel the February 2026 Committee meeting and move the presentation relating to the water treatment master plan report to the March 2026 Committee meeting. She

further noted that the requests relating to fish ladder projects and the Coyote Dam Alternative Analysis will be added to the work plan.

The Committee confirmed the 2026 meeting dates on consensus.

**6. 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.*

The Committee took no action.

**7. ADJOURN:**

7.1. Adjourn.

Chairperson Hsueh adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

Dave Leon  
Assistant Deputy Clerk II

Date Approved: March 16, 2026

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