



# Santa Clara Valley Water District Jt Water Resources Committee - Gilroy/Morgan Hill

South County Regional Wastewater Authority  
1500 Southside Drive, Gilroy, CA 95020  
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## REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, April 1, 2026  
8:30 AM

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

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**  
John Varela, Dist. 1 Dir., Chair  
Greg Bozzo, Mayor, Gilroy  
Richard P. Santos, Dist. 3 Dir.  
Dion Bracco, CM Gilroy  
Hon. Yvonne Martinez Beltran, CM  
Morgan Hill  
Hon. Soraida Iwanaga, CM Morgan Hill

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**COMMITTEE LIAISON:**  
Kirsten Struve  
  
Nicole Merritt (COB Liaison)  
Deputy Clerk (Committee Meetings)  
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**Jt Water Resources Committee - Gilroy/Morgan Hill**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
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South County Regional Wastewater Authority

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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 matters not listed on the agenda may do so by completing 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, when recognized, will be granted speaking access to address the Board/Committee.*

*Public comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker, or such other time as determined by the Chair. State law does not permit the Board/Committee to take action on, or engage in extended discussion of, any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except as otherwise authorized under applicable law. If Board/Committee action is requested, the matter may be scheduled for consideration at a future meeting.*

*All public comments requiring a response will be referred to staff for a written reply. The Board/Committee may take action on any item of business appearing on the posted agenda.*

2.1. Election of 2026 Committee Chair and Vice-Chair.

[26-0300](#)

Recommendation: Elect the 2026 Chair and Vice-Chair.

Manager: Wendy Ho, 408-630-3874

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

3.1. Approval of October 1, 2025, Joint Water Resources Committee Meeting Minutes.

[26-0298](#)

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

Manager: Wendy Ho, 408-630-3874

Attachments: [Attachment 1: 10012025 JWRC Minutes](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

**4. REGULAR AGENDA:**

- 4.1. Receive an Update on South Santa Clara County Water Reuse Collaboration and Projects and Plans. [26-0301](#)
- Recommendation: Receive an update and provide feedback on South County water reuse collaboration and projects and plans.
- Manager: Kirsten Struve, 408-630-3138
- Attachments: [Attachment 1: PowerPoint](#)
- Est. Staff Time: 15 Minutes

- 4.2. Review and Accept Joint Water Resources Committee 2026 Proposed Work Plan, and Confirm the Next Meeting Date. [26-0299](#)
- Recommendation: A. Review and accept the Joint Water Resources Committee 2026 Proposed Work Plan; and  
B. Confirm the next meeting date.
- Manager: Wendy Ho, 408-630-3874
- Attachments: [Attachment 1: 2026 JWRC Proposed 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 to TBD Meeting per Committee.

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# Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 26-0300

Agenda Date: 4/1/2026  
Item No.: 2.1.

## 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:

Election of 2026 Committee Chair and Vice-Chair.

### RECOMMENDATION:

Elect the 2026 Chair and Vice-Chair.

### SUMMARY:

Per the Board Resolution, the duties of the Chair and Vice-Chair are as follows:

The officers of each Committee shall be a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, both of whom shall be members of that Committee. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall be elected by the Committee, each for a term of one year commencing on January 1 and ending on December 31 and for no more than two consecutive terms. The Committee shall elect its officers at the first meeting of the calendar year. All officers shall hold over in their respective offices after their term of office has expired until their successors have been elected and have assumed office.

The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Committee, and he or she shall perform other such duties as the Committee may prescribe consistent with the purpose of the Committee.

The Vice-Chairperson shall perform the duties of the Chairperson in the absence or incapacity of the Chairperson. In case of the unexpected vacancy of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall perform such duties as are imposed upon the Chairperson until such time as a new Chairperson is elected by the Committee.

Should the office of Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson become vacant during the term of such office, the Committee shall elect a successor from its membership at the earliest meeting at which such election would be practicable, and such election shall be for the unexpired term of such office.

Should the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson know in advance that they will both be absent from a meeting, the Chair may appoint a Chairperson Pro-tempore to preside over that meeting. In the event of an unanticipated absence of both the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, the Committee may elect a Chairperson Pro-tempore to preside over the meeting in their absence.

**BACKGROUND:**

The District Act provides for the creation of advisory boards, committees, or commissions by resolution to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

Accordingly, the Board has established Advisory Committees, which bring respective expertise and community interest, to advise the Board, when requested, in a capacity as defined: prepare Board policy alternatives and provide comment on activities in the implementation of the District's mission for Board consideration. In keeping with the Board's broader focus, Advisory Committees will not direct the implementation of District programs and projects, other than to receive information and provide comment.

Further, in accordance with Governance Process Policy-3, when requested by the Board, the Advisory Committees may help the Board produce the link between the District and the public through information sharing to the communities they represent.

The Board may also establish Ad-hoc Committees to serve in a capacity as defined by the Board and will be used sparingly.

**ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:**

There are no environmental justice impacts associated with this item.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None.

**UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:**

Wendy Ho, 408-630-3874



# Santa Clara Valley Water District

**File No.:** 26-0298

**Agenda Date:** 4/1/2026

**Item No.:** 3.1.

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## **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 October 1, 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: 10012025 JWRC Minutes

### **UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:**

Wendy Ho, 408-630-3874

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

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# DRAFT MINUTES

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**REGULAR MEETING SESSION  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 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 8:30 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 Mayor Greg Bozzo, City of Morgan Hill Councilmembers Yvonne Martinez Beltran and Soraida Iwanaga; Valley Water District 3 Director Richard Santos, City of Gilroy Councilmember and Vice Chairperson Dion Bracco; and Valley Water District 1 Director John L. Varela, Chairperson presiding, constituting a quorum of the Committee.

Valley Water staff in attendance were: Andy Gschwind, Nicole Merritt, Kirsten Struve, Dave Tucker, and Zuberi White.

SCRWA, City of Gilroy, and City of Morgan Hill staff in attendance were: City of Gilroy Utilities Director Heath McMahon and Senior Engineer Bret Swain, City of Morgan Hill Assistant City Manager/Public Services Chris Ghione, and Deputy Director of Utilities James Sylvain.

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.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

The Committee considered the attached minutes of the April 2, 2025, Committee meeting.

Public Comments:  
None.

It was moved by Director Santos and seconded by Councilmember Martinez Beltran and unanimously carried that the minutes be approved.

#### **4. REGULAR AGENDA:**

##### **4.1. 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.

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

Handout 4.1-A, email from Doug Muirhead and Handout 4.1-B, email from staff in response to Doug Muirhead was distributed to the Committee and made available to the public.

Dave Tucker, Kirsten Struve, and Andy Gschwind were available to answer questions.

Public Comments:  
Doug Muirhead.

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

- The Committee expressed interest in confirming the developer near the Southern alignment and noted the collaborative process of pipe upsizing with developers and Valley Water.
- The Committee noted that securing federal and state funding for water projects is increasingly competitive and expressed support for utilizing available tools to expedite the process, including a possible joint outreach letter from Valley Water and the elected officials of the Cities of Gilroy and Morgan Hill.
- The Committee noted that a feasibility study is required, which may take up to 2 years before construction funding can be requested, and expressed interest in continuing to explore strategies to advance South County in the queue for priority funding.
- The Committee expressed support for utilizing upcoming meetings and conferences to continue engaging with federal and state representatives.
- The Committee confirmed the status of the pressurized pipeline connection to the Glen Loma Ranch development and noted construction may begin around April 2026.
- The Committee confirmed the general feasibility study process, including reviewing and ranking projects, consideration of the cost effectiveness and public benefit, supporting funding sources, community support, and agency collaboration, all of which assist projects in rising to the top for evaluation.

- The Committee confirmed the current recycled and purified water percentages versus the overall goal and expressed support for pursuing an accelerated timeframe for stakeholder workshops in Gilroy and Morgan Hill.
- The Committee noted staff's success in collaborating on grant opportunities and discussed potential water purification locations, as well as the challenges related to water availability, costs, and the delays associated with federal and procurement processes.

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

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

The Committee considered this Item without a staff presentation.

Kirsten Struve was available to answer questions.

Public Comments:  
None.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the JWRC 2025 Work Plan, noted appreciation for the enthusiasm and collaboration, expressed having the next meeting upon receiving an update to the feasibility study and for further discussion of the game plan and expediting timelines, and Councilmember Martinez Beltran expressed interest in a future potential site visit.

**5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS.**

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Nicole Merritt confirmed the Committee received and provided feedback on the South County water reuse collaboration update, confirmed the process of the feasibility study, noted support to confirm developer near the Southern alignment, and following up on the federal and state funding with a possible outreach letter under Item 4.1; reviewed the JWRC Work Plan, noted support for meeting next to hear further on the feasibility study, game plan, expediting timelines, and a potential future site visit under Item 4.2.

**6. ADJOURN:**

6.1. Adjourn. The Next Regular Meeting is Scheduled at 8:30 a.m. on January 7, 2026.

Chairperson Varela adjourned the meeting at 9:22 a.m. The next regular meeting was scheduled at 8:30 a.m. on January 7, 2026, which was subsequently canceled and the next regular meeting was scheduled to occur April 1, 2026.

Approved:

Nicole Merritt  
Deputy Clerk (Committee Meetings)

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# Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 26-0301

Agenda Date: 4/1/2026

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 an Update on South Santa Clara County Water Reuse Collaboration and Projects and Plans.

### RECOMMENDATION:

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

### SUMMARY:

Since 1999, Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water), the Cities of Gilroy and Morgan Hill have collaborated to expand South Santa Clara County (South County) non-potable water recycling. The Joint Water Resources Committee (JWRC) was established in 2017 to advance water resource interests in South County, including seeking project and funding opportunities for purified and recycled water reuse as informed by the South County Water Reuse Master Plan. The JWRC most recently received an informational update in October 2025.

### *Feasibility Study Update*

Valley Water has been collaborating with the Cities of Gilroy and Morgan Hill on the South County Recycled Water System Feasibility Study (Study) to evaluate opportunities to expand South County purified and recycled water reuse.

Valley Water has procured engineering services and has completed data collection and engineering analysis. Project options have been discussed with our South County partners, and staff will present recommendations for both preferred and alternative project scenarios for the Study.

The Study is partially funded by a 2023 United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) planning grant and is also a prerequisite for the USBR Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse grant funding program.

**South County Recycled Water Pipeline**

The Southern Recycled Water Pipeline Alignment (Southern Pipeline Alignment) was recommended in the 2004 South County Water Recycling Master Plan and confirmed in the 2015 Master Plan Update. Since 2015, Valley Water and the City of Gilroy have implemented interagency agreements to construct pipeline segments along the Southern Pipeline Alignment as developers have expanded neighborhood communities in the Glen Loma Development. Valley Water staff will present an update of discussions with developers, and the City of Gilroy to develop an interagency agreement to construct the last pipeline segment (approximately 800 feet in length) that will complete the Southern Pipeline Alignment.

In 2024, Valley Water completed the South County Recycled Water Pipeline Project that completed a major portion of the Southern Pipeline Alignment, except for one pipeline segment (Phase 1C) that would bridge the southern pipeline system to the existing northern pipeline system. In 2025, Valley Water obtained construction services to complete this critical pipeline segment that can support a future Amazon data center using non-potable recycled water. Valley Water will provide a project update on pipeline construction that will increase system capabilities and support recycled water use in east Gilroy. Valley Water will also present discussions with the City of Gilroy to expand system conveyance and storage to provide service to the Amazon project.

**ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:**

There are no environmental justice impacts associated with this agenda item.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: PowerPoint

**UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:**

Kirsten Struve, 408-630-3138



# South County Water Reuse Program Feasibility Study Overview Meeting

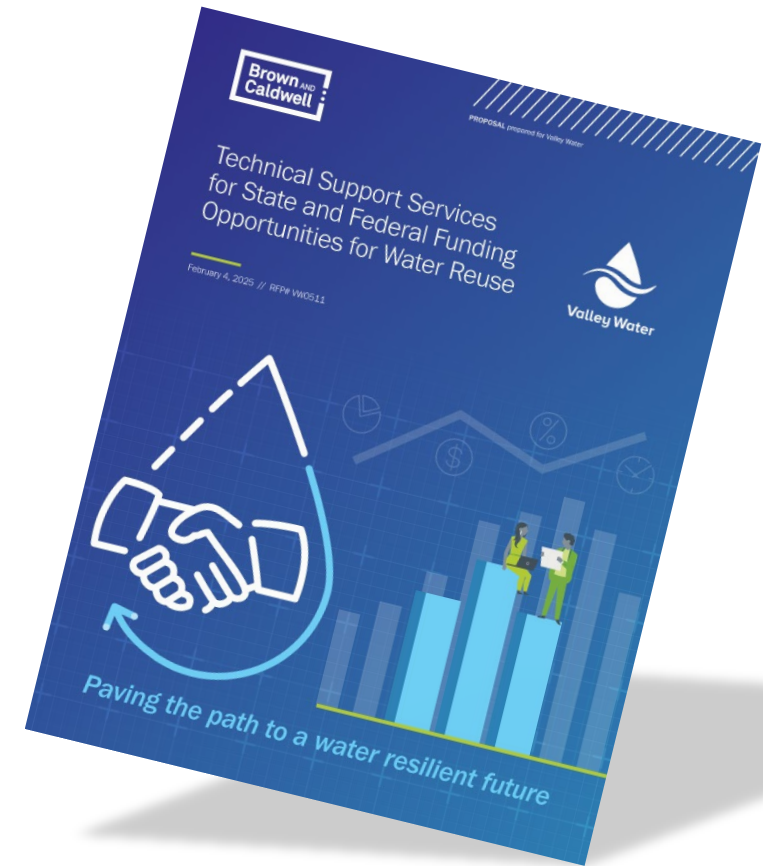
March 25, 2026



Joint Water Resources Committee  
April 1, 2026

# Planning for the Future – Expanding Water Reuse

- Valley Water, SCRWA, Gilroy, Morgan Hill developing non-potable and potable water reuse in South County.
- Valley Water pursuing funding opportunities for the planning, design, and/or construction of these reuse projects.



# Development of a Title XVI Feasibility Study

- Title XVI Feasibility Study will position Project Partners for future implementation funding.
- Need to identify the Preferred Project and Project Alternatives.



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RECLAMATION

South County Water Reuse Program  
Title XVI Feasibility Study

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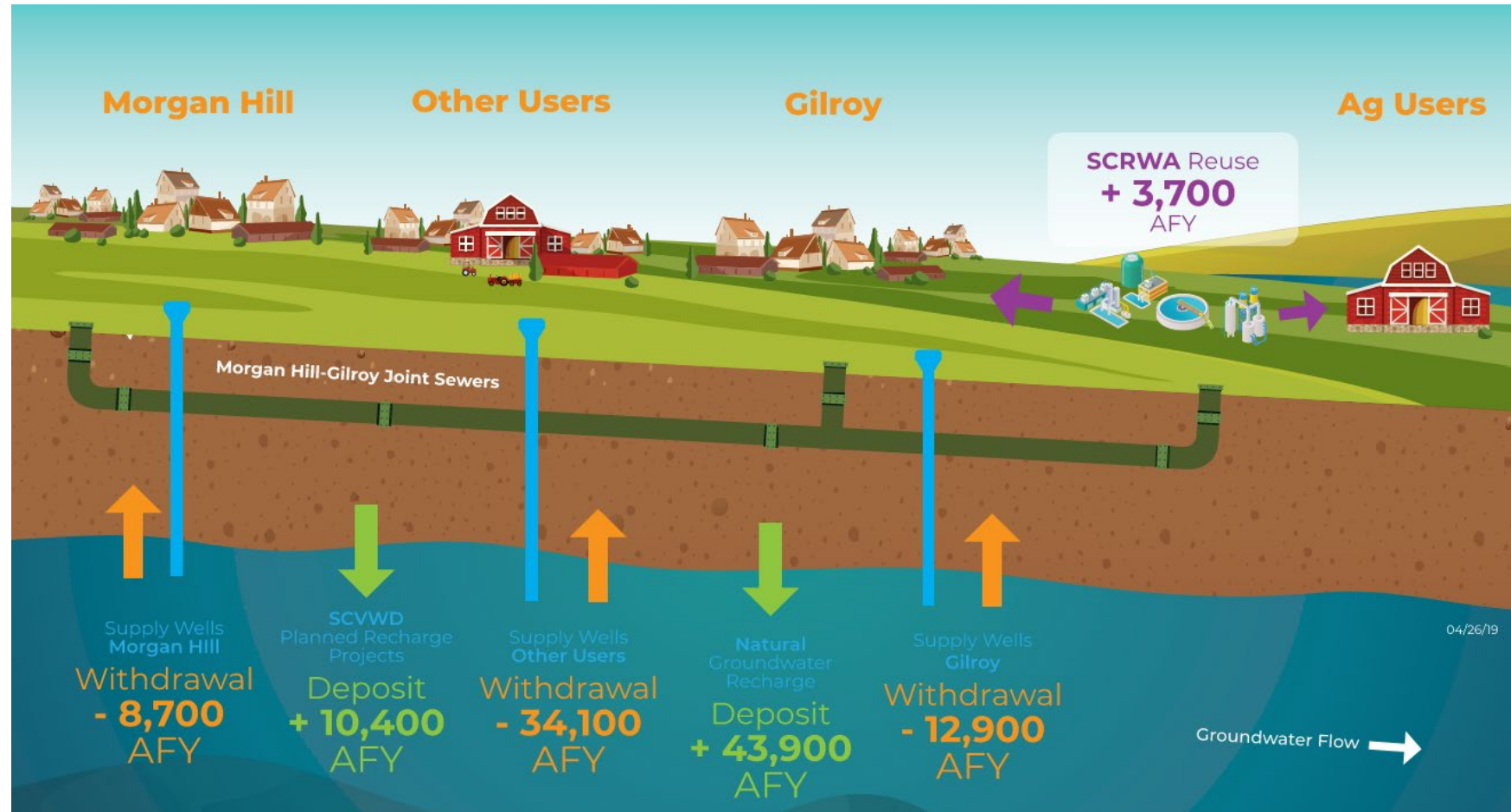
# Why are we here today?

- Provide project overview and work completed to date.
- Review South County Project Alternatives.
- Present summary of Project Alternatives evaluation.
- Recommendations.



# South County Water Supply

- Primary source is groundwater.
- Recycled water & local surface water remaining supply.



Llagas Groundwater Subbasin 2035 Budget

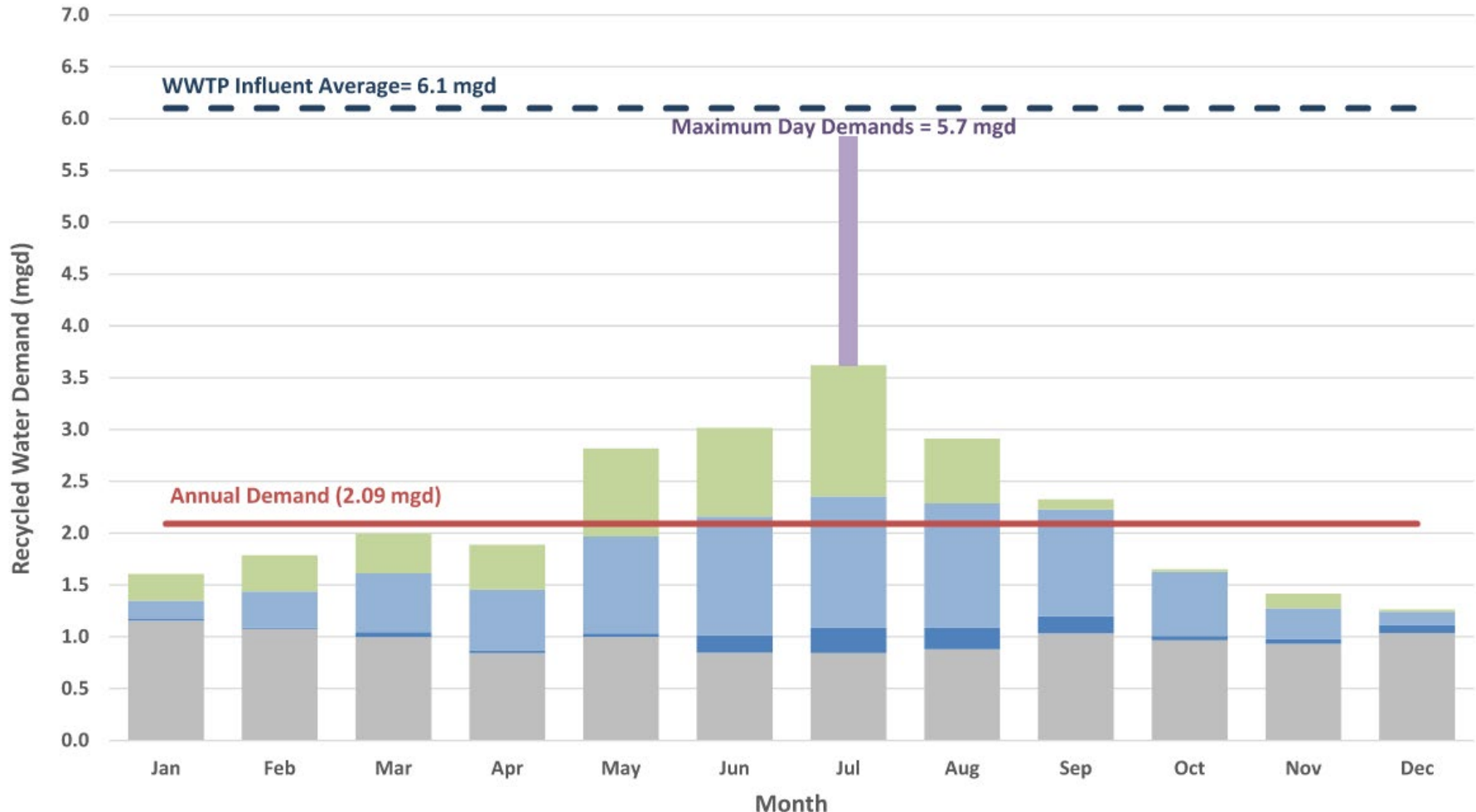
From 2019 City of Gilroy and City of Morgan Hill Sustainable Water Management Planning

Attachment 1

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# Available Effluent from SCRWA

- LEGEND**
- WWTP Utility Water
  - M&I
  - Irrigation
  - Agriculture
  - Average Monthly Demand (Billing Records)



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# Background Assessment Summary

- Well pumping relatively constant in recent years.
  - DPR sizing evaluated water demands for blending.
- SCRWA wastewater flows are currently limited.
  - New projects must consider existing recycled water users.
  - SCRWA influent flows will increase and provide additional water.
- Net benefit from the Project should consider both Morgan Hill and Gilroy.

# Project Alternatives

A) Near Term Improvements to South County RWS

B) Continued NPR Expansion

*B.1) Gilroy*

*B.2) Morgan Hill*

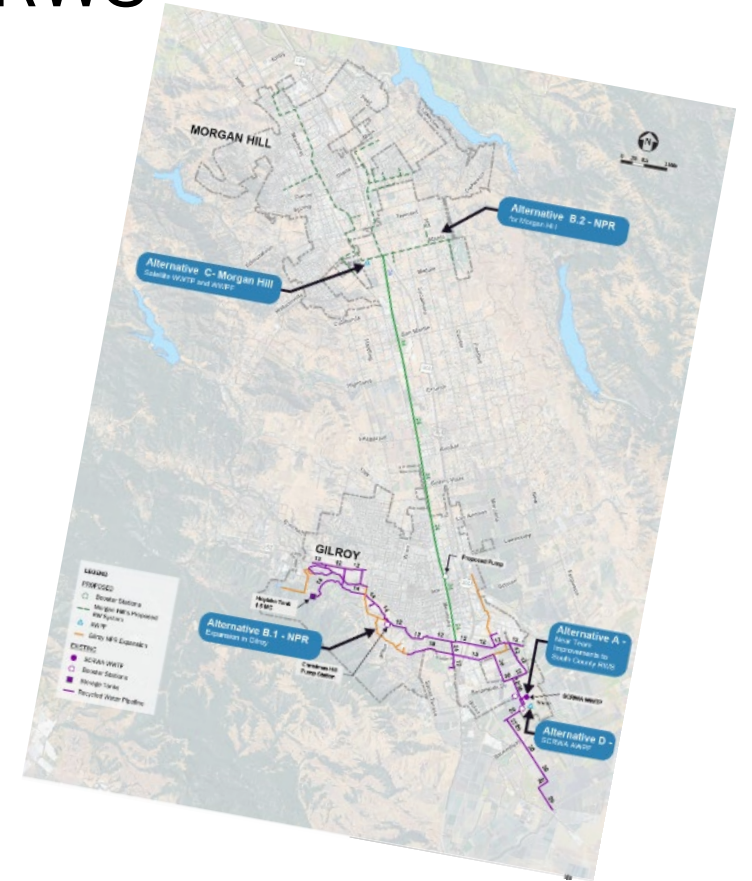
C) Morgan Hill Satellite WWTP & AWPf for TWA

D) SCRWA AWPf

*D.1) TWA to Gilroy*

*D.2) TWA to Morgan Hill*

*D.3) TWA to Gilroy and Morgan Hill*



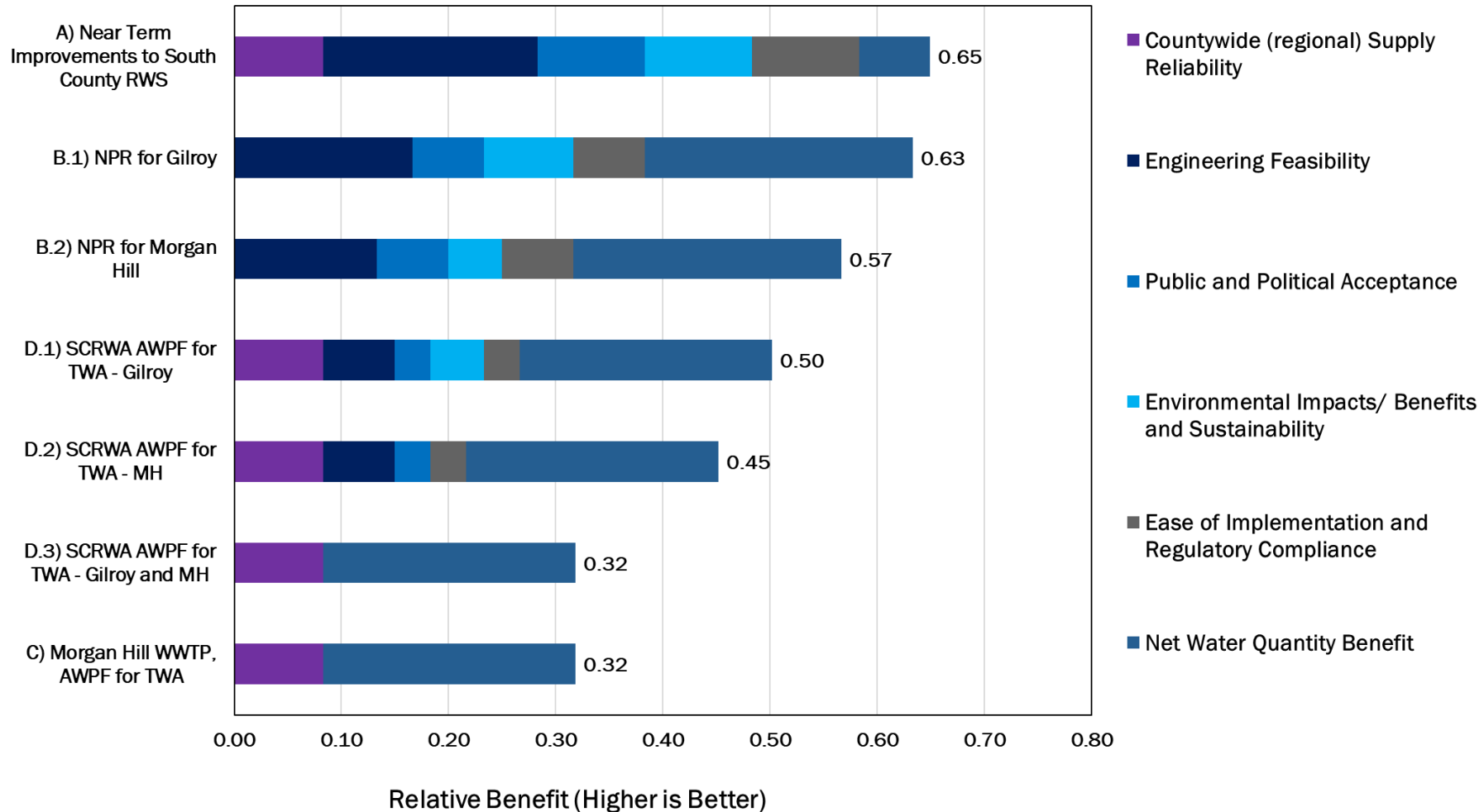
# Preliminary Cost Comparison of Alternatives

Project Alternatives Cost Summary				
Project Alternative	Yield (AF)	Capital Cost (\$M)	Annual O&M Cost	Unit Cost (\$/AF)
A) South County RWS Improvements	450	\$15.0	\$0.67	\$3,200
NPR alternatives dependent on availability of future wastewater flows (2035-2045)				
B.1) NPR for Gilroy Buildout	1,700	\$67.8	\$5.7	\$3,300
B.2) NPR for Morgan Hill	1,700	\$232.9	\$3.9	\$9,300
Implementation of DPR alternatives is highly complex and present several items that still need to be assessed				
C) Morgan Hill Satellite AWWP, TWA	1,600*	\$284.5	\$4.9	\$11,600
D.1) SCRWA AWWP, TWA in Gilroy	1,600*	\$159.0	\$3.8	\$7,100
D.2) SCRWA AWWP, TWA in Morgan Hill	1,600*	\$328.0	\$7.0	\$14,100
D.3) SCRWA AWWP, TWA in Morgan Hill & Gilroy	1,600*	\$342.5	\$7.5	\$14,900

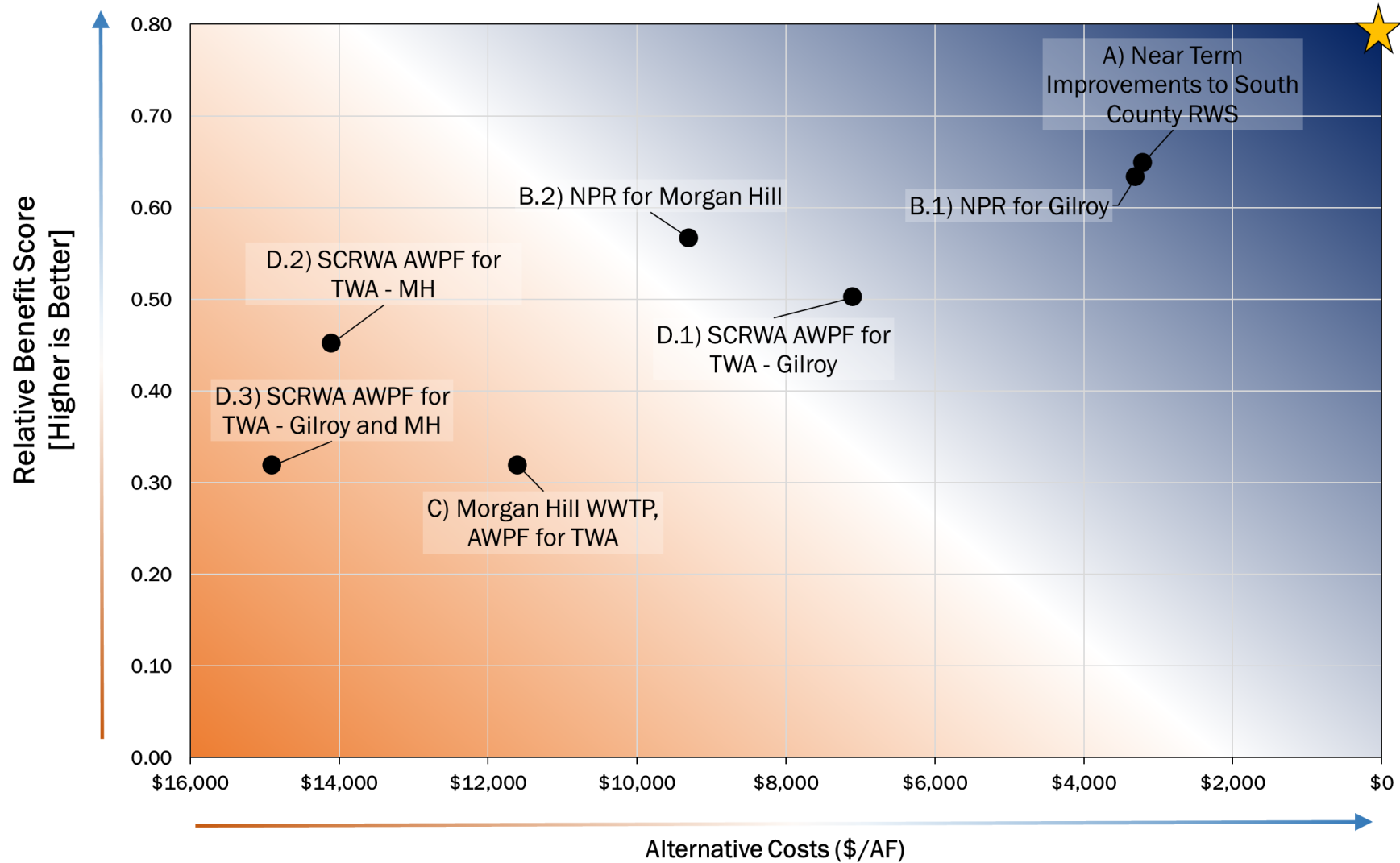
\*Based on current potable water demands and blending ratio of 50/50. Future effort required for TWA tie-ins, ROC management cost development.

# Project Alternatives Benefit Scores

## South County Water Reuse Program Project Alternatives



# Benefit and Cost Assessment



# Recommendations for Title XVI Feasibility Study

- **Preferred Project:** Near-Term Improvements to South County RWS project.
- **Project Alternatives:** NPR expansion for Gilroy and Morgan Hill.
  - *NPR options are better defined and easier to implement.*
  - *Implementation of DPR is more complex and presents more unknowns.*



# Thank you.

Questions?



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# Santa Clara Valley Water District

**File No.:** 26-0299

**Agenda Date:** 4/1/2026

**Item No.:** 4.2.

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## **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 Accept Joint Water Resources Committee 2026 Proposed Work Plan, and Confirm the Next Meeting Date.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. Review and accept the Joint Water Resources Committee 2026 Proposed 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. Committee Work Plans also serve to assist to prepare an Annual Committee Accomplishments Reports. 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 AND EQUITY IMPACT:**

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

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: 2026 JWRC Proposed Work Plan

### **UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:**

Wendy Ho, 408-630-3874

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## 2026 Proposed 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	<b>Canceled</b>									X		
South County Water Reuse Collaboration and Implementation <input type="checkbox"/> Water Purification Potential for Future Water Supply				X		X				X		
South County Water Reuse Program Feasibility Study				X		X				X		
<b>STANDING ITEMS</b>												
Elect Committee Chair and Vice Chair (Annually)				X								
Approval of Meeting Minutes				X		X				X		
Review Committee Work Plan				X		X				X		

\*Blue Font - new or updated items on Work Plan. \*Red Font - Removed item. \*Highlighted item - update from last meeting. Revised 3/12/2026

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