



WATER SUPPLY AND DEMAND
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026
10:00 A.M.**

(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 10:00 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: Antonio Alfaro, Aaron Baker, Andrew Garcia, Vincent Gin, Andrew Gschwind, Walter Gonzalez, Jason Gurdak, Wendy Ho, Linh Hoang, Cindy Kao, Matt Keller, Candice Kwok-Smith, Ryan McCarter, Nicole Merritt, Carmen Narayanan, Carlos Orellana, Don Rocha, Stephanie Simunic, Kirsten Struve, Charlene Sun, Darin Taylor, Metra Ulloa, Jing Wu, Beckie Zisser.

Public in attendance were: Kevin Kostiuk and Luke Wang (Hazen and Sawyer), Katja Irvin (Sierra Club).

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 present who wished to speak at this time. Katja Irvin stated during her public comment in Item 4.1. that she attempted to make a public comment during this item but was unsuccessful. Katja Irvin distributed the Sierra Club Public Comments identified as Handout 2-A. Copies of the Handout were distributed to the Committee and made available to the public.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. Approval of February 23, 2026 Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) Minutes.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

The Committee considered the minutes of the February 23, 2026 Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) meeting.

Public Comment: None.

It was moved by Vice Chairperson Ballard, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously carried, that the minutes be approved as presented.

4. REGULAR AGENDA:

4.1. Receive Results of Consultant Study Regarding Santa Clara Valley Water District's Water Use Projections, Water Demand Elasticity, and Customer Affordability; Provide Feedback or Recommendations to Board.

Recommendation: A. Receive results of the 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; and B. Provide feedback or recommendation(s) to the Board as desired.

Kevin Kostiuk and Luke Wang reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo and per the information contained in Attachment 1.

Kevin Kostiuk, Luke Wang, Darin Taylor, and Aaron Baker were available to answer questions.

Public Comments: Katja Irvin. Please see Item 2 for details.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and with staff input discussed the following: customer affordability metrics, receiving more data from Sacred Heart Community Service (who administers the Water Rate Assistance Program), inviting water retailers to report their data relating to providing assistance for water costs to their customers, providing the presentation (with this Committees comments) to the Water Commission and receiving their feedback, clarifying that this study is about short-term rates and the Water Supply Master Plan strategizes primarily for long-term multi-year drought, and clarifying risk tolerance.

Staff stated they will gather data relating to current affordability packages from retailers and Valley Water and return to the Committee with recommendations and provide the presentation to the Water Commission and receive their ideas before taking the study to the full Board.

4.2. Review and Discuss 2026 Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) Work Plan, and Make Adjustments as Necessary; and Confirm the Next Meeting Date.

Recommendation: Review and discuss the 2026 WSDMC Work Plan and make adjustments as necessary; and confirm the next meeting date.

Stephanie Simunic and Kirsten Struve reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo and per the information contained in Attachment 1.

Kirsten Struve was available to answer questions.

Public comments: None.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and with staff input noted that the Sites Reservoir Expansion Update and BF Sisk Dam Raise Items will move to the May meeting, and the SCW Funding (LPR & Demo Garden) item is not time critical, a short report, and can be moved if needed.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS:

Stephanie Simunic stated for Item 4.1, no formal action was taken and the comments will be synthesized and returned to the Committee with recommendations, and for Item 4.2, the Work Plan will be updated.

The Committee took no action.

ADJOURN:

Adjourn. The Next Regular Meeting is Scheduled at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 27, 2026.

Chairperson Hsueh adjourned the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

Date Approved: April 27, 2026

Stephanie Simunic
Assistant Deputy Clerk II

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