



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, May 18, 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 11:02 a.m.

1.1 Roll Call.

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

Staff members in attendance were: Emmanuel Aryee, Erin Baker, Lisa Bankosh, Audrey Beaman, Sarah Berning, Mark Bilski, John Bourgeois, Jen Codianne, Jessica Collins, Andrew Garcia, Chris Hakes, Wendy Ho, Cecil Lawson, Dave Leon, Ryan McCarter, Judy Nam, Tony Ndah, Karl Neuman, Carlos Orellana, Luz Penilla, Alison Phagan, Blanca Sanchez-Cruz, Madhu Thummalur, Bhavani Yerrapotu, and Tina Yoke.

Public in attendance were: District 3 Director Richard Santos.

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 April 20, 2026 Capital Improvement Program Committee Meeting Minutes.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

Public Comments: None.

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

4. REGULAR AGENDA:

- 4.1. Receive Information on the Staff Recommended Alternative for Calabazas and San Tomas Aquino Creek-Marsh Connection Project, Project No. 20444001.

Recommendation: Receive Information on the Staff Recommended Alternative for Calabazas and San Tomas Aquino Creek-Marsh Connection Project, Project No. 20444001.

Judy Nam 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 next steps to obtain Federal funding, efforts and challenges in obtaining grant funding, project timelines, distribution of funds through the different phases of the project, and whether staff anticipates any additional costs that may extend allocated funds.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

- 4.2. Receive and Discuss Information Regarding the Status of Capital Projects in the Design and Permitting Phase

Recommendation: Receive and discuss information regarding the status

of capital projects in the design and permitting phase.

Emmanuel Aryee, Andrew Garcia, Ryan McCarter, Bhavani Yerrapotu, John Bourgeois, 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: Emmanuel Aryee reviewed rows marked EA, Andrew Garcia reviewed rows marked AG, Ryan McCarter reviewed rows marked RM, Bhavani Yerrapotu reviewed rows marked BY, John Bourgeois reviewed rows marked LB, and Tony Ndah reviewed rows marked TN. Emmanuel Aryee, Andrew Garcia, Ryan McCarter, Bhavani Yerrapotu, John Bourgeois, and Tony Ndah were available to answer questions.

Discussion ensued relating to timelines for the next presentation regarding Calero Dam Seismic Retrofit Project and the Guadalupe Dam Seismic Retrofit Project, roads affected by the Sunnyvale East and West Project, and time added to the East West project due to the design of a new clear span bridge.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

4.3. 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.

4.4. Receive and Discuss Information Regarding the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project Proposed Contingency Fund and Delegated Authority Levels for Contract Change Orders.

Recommendation: Receive and discuss information regarding the

Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project proposed contingency fund and delegated authority levels for contract change orders.

Ryan McCarter reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and was available to answer questions.

Public comments: None.

Discussion ensued relating to control protocols to ensure that costs will not explode and cause radical changes to the District's budget; the anticipated number of change orders compared to the Anderson Dam Tunnel Project; the bidding process for the project; what percentage the contingency fund is in relation to the total cost of the project; the structure and frequency of reports to the Committee and the Board; and staff's suggestion to present a report to the Committee every three months including change order updates and other aspects of the project which can also be presented to the Board for consideration.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

4.5. Receive Information on Upcoming Consultant Agreement Amendments for Capital Projects.

Recommendation: Receive information on upcoming consultant agreement amendments for capital projects.

Ryan McCarter reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and was available to answer questions.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

4.6. Review 2026 Capital Improvement Program Committee Work Plan.

Recommendation:
Review the 2026 Capital Improvement Program Committee Work Plan and make adjustments as necessary.

The Committee considered this item without a staff presentation.

Public Comments: None.

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

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.

The Committee took no action.

6. ADJOURN:

6.1. Adjourn.

Chairperson Hsueh adjourned the meeting at 12:41 p.m.

Dave Leon
Assistant Deputy Clerk II

Date Approved: June 15, 2026

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