



RECYCLED WATER COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2023
10:00 AM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A special 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 10:00a.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: Brandon Adriano, Hossein Ashktorab, Aaron Baker, Henry Barrientos, Lakeisha Bryant, Rick Callender, Anthony Fulcher, Girlie Jacobson, Nicole Merritt, David Montenegro, Carlos Orellana, Leslie Orta, Melanie Richardson, Don Rocha, Amandeep Saini, Nicholas Simard, Medi Sinaki, Kirsten Struve, Darin Taylor, Cindy Torres, Sherilyn Tran, and Zuberi White.

Guests in attendance were: Director Keegan (District 2), Phillippe Daniel (Liquisti LLC), Jan Davel (CDM Smith), Patrick Ferraro (San Jose State University), Bridget Gile and Richard Luthy (Stanford University), Arthur Keller (Minerva Consulting), and Sanjay Reddy (Carollo Engineers).

Public in attendance was: Pedro Carillo, Susan Hinton, Melanie Tan, and XXX-XXX-8150.

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 who wished to speak.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3.1. Approval of May 24, 2023 Recycled Water Committee Meeting Minutes.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

The Committee considered the attached minutes of the May 24, 2023 Committee meeting.

Public Comments:
None.

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

4. REGULAR AGENDA:

4.1. Receive Purified Water Program Update Including Partnerships with Cities of San Jose and Palo Alto and Outreach Efforts on Purified Water.

Recommendation: Receive an update and provide feedback on the following topics:

- A. Collaboration with the City of Palo Alto and other Partners; and
- B. Outreach Efforts on Purified Water.

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

Public Comments:
Arthur Keller expressed concern about what steps are being taken to address the sea level rise in regard to the Palo Alto Plant.

Kirsten Struve confirmed plans to raise the Palo Alto plant site to the street level of San Antonio Road and adding in flood walls.

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

Cities of SJ/Santa Clara:

- The Committee noted staff is currently collaborating with city staff on project concepts, preparing the 60-day non-agenda memo in response to Director Beall's request, and applied for a planning grant.
- The Committee noted the importance of having the Purification Center outreach tours and more joint meetings to ensure the partnerships with other public officials to expedite support for future joint agreements and securing funding.
- The Committee noted the next Joint Recycled Water Policy Advisory

Committee (SJ/SC) will occur on September 6, 2023.

- The Committee noted the full Board to be notified of the upcoming Purification Center tour with the Santa Clara Valley Water Commission on August 23, 2023.

4.2. Receive Recycled Water Use Update at Lake Cunningham.

Recommendation: Receive information and provide feedback.

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

Henry Barrientos, Kirsten Struve, Anthony Fulcher, and Melanie Richardson were available to answer questions.

Public Comments:

Susan Hinton expressed support of including the Santa Clara Valley Native Plant Society in any future Lake Cunningham improvement projects.

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

- The Committee noted the \$1.5 million designated by the State Budget to the City of San Jose for Lake Cunningham for water quality and lake shoreline improvement.
- The Committee confirmed this Item is not within the scope of the RWC and is to return on the September 6, 2023 Agenda for the Joint Recycled Water Policy Advisory Committee with the Cities of San Jose/Santa Clara for further discussion and direction to recommend to have this Item go on an upcoming Agenda for a Board Joint Meeting with the City of San Jose.

4.3. Receive Urban Runoff Study with Stanford University.

Recommendation: Receive information and provide feedback.

Hossein Ashktorab reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachment 1 were reviewed by Richard Luthy.

Hossein Ashktorab, Bridget Gile, Richard Luthy, and Kirsten Struve were available to answer questions.

Public Comments:

Arthur Keller expressed concern for how stormwater is treated separately from sewer water during the overflow, rainy season to avoid overwhelming the sewer treatment plants in communities where the stormwater and sewer water are combined.

Kirsten Struve confirmed that stormwater and sewer water systems are not combined in Santa Clara County and noted that all the Bay Area cities have green infrastructure plans and are currently implementing such infrastructure to improve the water quality of stormwater before it is discharged to the creeks and Bay.

The Committee received the information and agreed by consensus that this study will be included in a requested future Water Supply Master Plan Update to the full Board without official action.

- 4.4. Receive and Discuss the 2023 Recycled Water Committee Work Plan, Upcoming Discussion Items, and Next Meeting Date.

Recommendation: Receive information on the 2023 Recycled Water Committee Work Plan and provide feedback on upcoming discussions items and next meeting date.

The Committee considered this Item without a staff presentation.

Public Comments:
None.

The Committee confirmed the next regular meeting would be August 23, 2023.

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.

None.

6. Adjourn:

- 6.1. Adjourn to Regular Meeting at 12:00 p.m. on August 23, 2023.

Chairperson Estremera adjourned the meeting at 11:29 p.m., to the regular meeting at 12:00 p.m. on August 23, 2023, which was subsequently rescheduled to a special meeting at 2:00 p.m. on August 18, 2023.

Nicole Merritt
Assistant Deputy Clerk II

Date Approved: August 18, 2023