



RECYCLED WATER COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING FRIDAY,
AUGUST 18, 2023 2:00 PM**

(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 2:00 p.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, Karen Adriano, Antonio Alfaro, Hossein Ashktorab, Aaron Baker, Nastaran Basiri, Roseryn Bhudsabourg, Bart Broome, Lakeisha Bryant, Theresa Chinte, Rachael Gibson, Vincent Gin, Walter Gonzales, Andy Gschwind, Lei Hong, Brian Hopper, Candice Kwok-Smith, Elise Latedjou-Durand, Dave Leon, Jess Lovering, Nicole Merritt, Tony Ndah, Carlos Orellana, Max Overland, Don Rocha, Medi Sinaki, Clarissa Sangalang, Diahann Soleno, Charlene Sun, Kirsten Struve, Darin Taylor, Sherilyn Tran, David Tucker, Zuberi White, Kalah Williams, Bhavani Yerrapotu, Genevieve Yip, Tina Yoke, and Beckie Zisser.

Public in attendance were: Molly Culton and Katja Irvin (Sierra Club), Phillippe Daniel (Liquisti LLC), Jan Davel (CDM Smith), Patrick Ferraro (San Jose State University), Doug Muirhead, and Jeff Provenzano (Water Resources Division, City of San Jose).

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 June 28, 2023 Recycled Water Committee Meeting Minutes.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

The Committee considered the attached minutes of the June 28, 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 Provide Feedback.

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

- A. Collaboration with Wastewater Partners
- B. Public Private Partnership
- C. Outreach

Kirsten Struve reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and Nastaran Basiri reviewed the information contained in Attachment 2.

Kirsten Struve, Nastaran Basiri, Marta Lugo, and Don Rocha were available to answer questions.

Public Comments:
None.

The Committee noted the information, encouraged staff to continue developing strategies to incorporate future larger scale joint projects, showed interest in touring other water projects in Southern California, and took no formal action.

4.2. Receive the 7th Independent Advisory Panel Meeting Update for Evaluation of Valley Water's Purified Water Program.

Recommendation: Receive information on the 7th meeting of the Independent Advisory Panel for evaluation of Valley Water's Purified Water Program.

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

Medi Sinaki was available to answer questions.

Public Comments:
None.

The Committee received the information, noted the positive update, and took no further action; and Director Beall requested a briefing on past reports.

4.3. Receive South Santa Clara County Water Reuse Collaboration Update and Provide Feedback.

Recommendation: Receive an update on Technical Work Group discussions and provide feedback.

David Tucker reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo.

David Tucker was available to answer questions.

Public Comments:
Doug Muirhead noted that the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) may be an obstacle to reducing septic tanks and expressed frustration with the frequency of the Joint Water Resources Committee (JWRC) meetings with the cities of Gilroy and Morgan Hill and the amount of information provided to the public.

The Committee received and noted the information and confirmed further discussion at a future JWRC meeting with the cities of Gilroy and Morgan Hill; and Director Beall requested being briefed on exploring policy options of reducing septic tanks with possible financial incentives.

4.4. Receive State and Federal Grant Opportunities Update for Recycled Water Projects.

Recommendation: Receive State and Federal Grant Opportunities Update for Recycled Water Projects.

Marta Lugo and Antonio Alfaro reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo.

Marta Lugo, Antonio Alfaro, Beckie Zisser, and David Tucker were available to answer questions.

Public Comments:
None.

The Committee received and noted the information and directed staff to compile a ready list of projects to include timelines aligning potential agreements with

funding to enhance negotiations with local cities and increase state and federal funding opportunities and confirmed further discussion at a future Joint Recycled Water Policy Advisory Committee.

- 4.5. Receive and Discuss the 2023 Recycled Water Committee Work Plan, Upcoming Discussion Items, and Next Meeting Dates – Possible Combined Meeting Date for November and December 2023.

Recommendation: Receive information on the 2023 Recycled Water Committee Work Plan and provide feedback on upcoming discussions items and next meeting dates – possible combined meeting date for November and December 2023.

The Committee considered this Item without a staff presentation.

Public Comments:
None.

The Committee directed staff to confirm the next meeting date for the next Joint Recycled Water Policy Committee with Cities of Palo Alto, East Palo Alto, and Mountain View.

The Committee approved a combined meeting date for November and December 2023 to be confirmed through the Board scheduler.

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 September 27, 2023.

Chairperson Estremera adjourned the meeting at 3:43 p.m., to the regular meeting at 12:00 p.m. on September 27, 2023.

Nicole Merritt
Assistant Deputy Clerk II

Date Approved: September 27, 2023