



RECYCLED WATER COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023
12:00 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular 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 12:00 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, Hossein Ashktorab, Aaron Baker, Henry Barrientos, Nastaran Basiri, Glenna Brambill, Lakeisha Bryant, James Downing, Jiana Escobar, Walter Gonzalez, Jason Gurdak, Zach Helsley, Brian Hopper, Girlie Jacobson, Candice Kwok-Smith, Marta Lugo, Becky Manchester, Nicole Merritt, Tony Ndah, Carlos Orellana, Leslie Orta, Don Rocha, Medi Sinaki, Clarissa Sangalang, Kirsten Struve, Darin Taylor, Sherilyn Tran, David Tucker, and Beckie Zisser.

Public in attendance were: Phillippe Daniel (Liquisti LLC), Jan Davel (CDM Smith), Katja Irvin (Sierra Club), Patrick Ferraro and Steven White (San Jose State University), and Mansour Nasser (City of Sunnyvale).

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.

Steven White requested to speak and addressed the Committee as noted below under Item 4.2.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3.1. Approval of August 18, 2023 Recycled Water Committee Meeting Minutes.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

The Committee considered the attached minutes of the August 18, 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 effort with partners
 - Cities of Palo Alto and Mountain View
 - Cities of San Jose and Santa Clara
- B. Public Private Partnership
- C. Outreach

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

Kirsten Struve, Jason Gurdak, and Aaron Baker were available to answer questions.

Public Comments:
Steven White made an inquiry about the status of the fluorescein dye used in the tracer study in Budd Pond and if it was toxic.

Jason Gurdak confirmed that the fluorescein dye traveled and infiltrated the bottom of the pond to become diluted in the aquifer decreasing the dye's green color in the water; and noted the dye is non-toxic and approved by the San Francisco Bay Regional Board.

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

- Director Beall requested for the results of the groundwater study be shared with Santa Clara County and the City of Campbell, a follow up on samplings regarding any contamination findings from the ponds noted on page 6 of Attachment 1, and confirmation of how often the Sunnyoaks Ponds are being utilized.
- The Committee noted that well control zones will be addressed by the Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee.
- The Committee expressed support to staff for receiving over \$380,000 in funding from the Bureau of Reclamation's Water Smart Grant Program for the Purified Water Program's feasibility study with the Cities of San Jose and Santa Clara.

4.2. Receive Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) Update and Provide Feedback.

Recommendation: Receive update and provide feedback on DPR regulatory developments.

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

Medi Sinaki and Kirsten Struve were available to answer questions.

Public Comments:

Steven White reviewed and distributed speaking points, identified as Handout 4.2-A. Copies of the Handout were distributed to the Committee and made available to the public.

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

- The Committee noted support for staff to work with Steven White to assist with preparing for an upcoming Joint Board meeting with City of San Jose and follow up with plants in Orange County and Huntington Beach regarding the water oxidation processes.
- Director Beall encouraged continued innovation and funding for research and development for water purification.

4.3. Receive and Discuss the 2023 Recycled Water Committee Work Plan, Upcoming Discussion Items, and Upcoming 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 received the information, took no formal action, and noted no changes to the RWC Work Plan.

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 Special Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on October 25, 2023.

Chairperson Estremera adjourned the meeting at 12:48 p.m., to the special meeting at 10:00 a.m. on October 25, 2023, but was subsequently rescheduled for 11:00 a.m. on October 27, 2023.

Nicole Merritt
Assistant Deputy Clerk II

Date Approved: October 27, 2023