September 27, 2023

MEETING NOTICE
SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

JOINT WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE WITH CITIES OF GILROY AND MORGAN HILL

Members of the Joint Water Resources Committee:
- District 1 Director John Varela - Committee Chair
- Hon. Marie Blankley, Mayor, City of Gilroy - Committee Vice Chair
- District 3 Director Richard Santos
- Hon. Dion Bracco, Mayor Pro Tempore, City of Gilroy
- Hon. Yvonne Martinez-Beltran, Councilmember, City of Morgan Hill
- Hon. Rene Spring, Councilmember, City of Morgan Hill
- Hon. Gino Borgioli, Councilmember City of Morgan Hill (Alternate)
- Hon. Marilyn Librers, Councilmember, City of Morgan Hill (Alternate)

Valley Water Staff Support of the Joint Water Resources Committee:
- Rick Callender, Chief Executive Officer
- Melanie Richardson, Asst. Chief Executive Officer
- Aaron Baker, Chief Operating Officer, Water Utility
- Chris Hakes, Chief Operating Officer, Watersheds
- Rachael Gibson, Chief of External Affairs
- Carlos Orellana, District Counsel
- Michele King, Clerk, Board of Directors
- Brian Hopper, Senior Assistant District Counsel
- Don Rocha, Assistant Officer, External Affairs
- Vincent Gin, Deputy Operating Officer, Water Supply Division
- Bhavani Yerrapotu, Deputy Operating Officer, Watersheds Design & Construction
- Emmanuel Aryee, Deputy Operating Officer, Water Utility Capital
- Sam Bogale, Deputy Operating Officer, Treated Water Division
- Greg Williams, Deputy Operating Officer, Raw Water Division
- Kirsten Struve, Assistant Officer, Water Supply Division
- Hossein Ashtktorab, Recycled & Purified Water Manager
- Girlie Jacobson, Senior Engineer – Treatment Plant Design
- David Tucker, Associate Engineer - Civil
- Elise Latedjou-Durand, Senior Environmental Planner
- Neeta Bijaor – Associate Water Resource Specialist
- James Randol, Security Manager
- Nicole Merritt, Assistant Deputy Clerk II

A Santa Clara Valley Water District special Joint Water Resources Committee meeting has been scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at the South County Regional Wastewater Authority 1500 Southside Drive, Gilroy, CA 95020

This meeting is in-person only.

The meeting agenda and corresponding materials are located on our website: https://www.valleywater.org/how-we-operate/committees/board-committees
Santa Clara Valley Water District
Joint Water Resources Committee
with Cities of Gilroy and Morgan Hill

South County Regional Wastewater Authority
1500 Southside Drive
Gilroy, CA 95020

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, October 4, 2023
8:30 AM

Note: The finalized Board Agenda, exception items and supplemental items will be posted prior to the meeting in accordance with the Brown Act.

District Mission: Provide Silicon Valley safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment and economy.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:
Hon. John Varela, Director District 1, Chair
Hon. Marie Blankley, Mayor, Gilroy, Vice Chair
Hon. Richard Santos, Director District 3
Hon. Dion Bracco, Mayor Pro Tempore, Gilroy
Hon. Yvonne Martinez-Beltran, Councilmember, Morgan Hill
Hon. Rene Spring, Councilmember, Morgan Hill

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COMMITTEE LIAISON:
Kirsten Struve

COMMITTEE CLERK:
Nicole Merritt
Assistant Deputy Clerk II
408-630-3262
nmerritt@valleywater.org
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1. CALL TO ORDER:

   1.1. Roll Call.

2. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA.

   Speakers comments should be limited to three minutes or as set by the Chair. The law does not permit Committee action on, or extended discussion of, any item not on the agenda except under special circumstances. If Committee action is requested, the matter may be placed on a future agenda. All comments that require a response will be referred to staff for a reply in writing. The Committee may take action on any item of business appearing on the posted agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

   3.1. Approval of April 20, 2023 Joint Water Resources Committee Meeting Minutes.  
   
   Recommendation: Approve the minutes.  
   
   Manager: Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193  
   
   Attachments: Attachment 1: 042023 JWRC Minutes  
   
   Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

4. REGULAR AGENDA:

   4.1. Receive South County Water Reuse Collaboration and Implementation Update and Provide Feedback.  
   
   Recommendation: Receive update and provide feedback on Technical Working Group discussions related to South County Water Reuse Collaborations.  
   
   Manager: Kirsten Struve, 408-630-3138  
   
   Attachments: Attachment 1: PowerPoint  
   
   Est. Staff Time: 20 Minutes
4.2. Review and Discuss the Joint Water Resources Committee 2023 Proposed Work Plan, and Next Meeting Date/Location.

Recommendation: Receive information on the Joint Water Resources Committee 2023 Proposed Work Plan; and provide feedback on upcoming discussion items and next meeting date/location.

Manager: Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193

Attachments: Attachment 1: 2023 Proposed JWRC Work Plan

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

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.*

6. **ADJOURN:**

6.1. Adjourn to Regular Meeting at 9:00 a.m., on January 3, 2024 or TBD per the Committee.
COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM
Joint WRC with Cities of Gilroy/Morgan Hill/SCRWA

Government Code § 84308 Applies: Yes ☐ No ☒
(If “YES” Complete Attachment A - Gov. Code § 84308)

SUBJECT:
Approval of April 20, 2023 Joint Water Resources Committee Meeting Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION:
Approve the minutes.

SUMMARY:
In accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act, a summary of Committee discussions, and details of all actions taken by the Committee, during all open and public Committee meetings, is transcribed and submitted to the Committee for review and approval.

Upon Committee approval, minutes transcripts are finalized and entered into the District's historical record archives and serve as historical record of the Committee’s meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:
There are no Environmental Justice impacts associated with this item.

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment 1: 042023 JWRC Minutes

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:
Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193
THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

1. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Joint Water Resources Committee (City of Gilroy, City of Morgan Hill, and Valley Water) (Committee) was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Gilroy Council Chambers, 7351 Rosanna Street, Gilroy, CA 95020.

1.1 ROLL CALL

Committee Members in attendance via Zoom were: Hon. Gilroy Mayor Marie Blankley and Councilmember Dion Bracco; Hon. City of Morgan Hill Councilmembers Gino Borgioli; Hon. Valley Water District 3 Director Richard Santos and District 1 Director Chairperson John L. Varela. A quorum was established.


Guest in Attendance were: Jimmy Forbis, City of Gilroy City Manager; Daryl Jordan, City of Gilroy Director of Public Works; Saeid Vaziry, South County Regional Wastewater Authority (SCRWA) Chief Environmental Engineer; and Chris Ghione, City of Morgan Hill.

Public in Attendance was: Doug Muirhead, Morgan Hill resident.

2. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA.

There was no one present who wished to speak.

3. ELECTION OF 2023 COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR.

3.1 Elect the 2023 Chair and Vice-Chair.

Chairperson Varela declared nominations open for 2023 Joint Water Resources Committee Officers.

It was moved by Director Santos, seconded by Councilmember Borgioli, and voted unanimously to reelect Director Varela as Chair for the year 2023.
It was moved by Director Santos, seconded by Councilmember Bracco, and voted unanimously to reelect Mayor Blankley as Vice Chairperson for the year 2023.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

4.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councilmember Borgioli, seconded by Mayor Blankley, to approve the October 5, 2022 Joint Water Resources Committee meeting minutes as presented.

5. ACTION ITEMS.

5.1 SOUTH COUNTY WATER REUSE COLLABORATION AND IMPLEMENTATION.

Recommendation: Receive update and provide feedback on Technical Working Group discussions related to South County Water Reuse Collaborations:

A. Interagency Agreements  
B. Master Planning Activities  
C. Recycled Water Development

Kirsten Struve, Assistant Officer, reviewed the information on this item per the agenda memo and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachment 1 were reviewed by staff as follows: Kirsten Struve reviewed Slide 1 through 5; Chris Gione, City of Morgan Hill Public Service Director, reviewed Slide 6 through 9; and Daryl Jordan, City of Gilroy Director of Public Works, reviewed Slide 10 through 13.

During the presentation, the Committee was informed of the following:

• Regarding the Producer-Wholesaler Agreement between the South County Regional Wastewater Authority and Valley Water, the Technical Working Group had completed revisions to the agreement to reflect current practices, regulatory directives, and legal terminologies in December 2022. The agreement was being reviewed by agency staff and their legal departments.

• Regarding the Wholesaler-Retailer Agreement between each city and Valley Water, the Technical Working Group had evaluated roles and responsibilities in January this year and uncovered uncertainties in the retailer role associated with the ongoing retail practice by SCRWA and also, if the agreement with each city should be kept separate or could be consolidated. Staff estimated that a draft could be presented for review by the Committee at the next meeting.

• Regarding the USBR grant application discussion, USBR released a grant solicitation for water recycling planning in December 2022 that would cover the cost of a feasibility study, provide a 50/50 share for these planning activities, and provide up to 24 months to develop a feasible water recycling project for possible future construction funding. Notice of award, if selected, is anticipated in June 2023 with funding available in October 2023.
On the South County Master Planning, the consultant and City of Morgan Hill staff continued to work on integrating new infrastructures for the existing recycled water facilities. Assumptions on the hydraulic evaluations of existing recycled water distribution and potential for new customers to set the baseline were being reviewed as well as refinements to the capital improvement program.

In response to a Committee inquiry on the “new infrastructure” referred to in the Master Plan, VW and City staff mentioned that new infrastructure could refer to additional water storage to allow recycled water to be more available during the summer months and allowing for increased storage during non-peak times; or could also refer to pump station upgrades to provide increased pressure to push recycled water to new customer connections.

In response to another inquiry on where the new infrastructure connections would be, staff confirmed that options included from the north to the south, or from SCRWA to the developing business areas in Glen Loma Ranch in Gilroy. Staff also added in Valley Water’s updated Core Plan, there were options for bringing recycled water from San Jose to south county. Another option that was in the South County Water Reuse Master Plan was to take non-potable recycled water for distribution to Morgan Hill. VW and staff from both cities had continued discussion of all these options to determine which would have the greatest feasibility of working. Staff estimated that they could bring this to the Committee for consideration in a couple of months.

On the South County Pipeline Project, City of Gilroy staff mentioned that the two-month schedule delay in construction due to materials availability would not affect the overall project completion date and provided a month-to-month work accomplishment from November 2022 to February 2023 on the pipeline extension. As to milestones, Phase 2A micro tunnel and pipeline installation on Uvas Creek, and Phase 1B pipeline installation were completed in December; SCRWA waste water well treatment plant connection and pipeline installation and Phase 1B, Phase 2A, and Phase 2B of the pipeline were installed or completed in March, while upcoming work were street pavings on the streets of Luchesa and curve-to-curve replacement from Rossi to Monterey Highway. Staff estimated that they could get these done in July or August.

The Committee requested without taking formal action that staff explore the potential of capturing natural water flow from the hills before it is discharged to the ocean via the Pajaro River, whether the Pacheco Expansion Project goes through or not, and direct it back to South County for reuse.

Doug Muirhead, a Morgan Hill resident, expressed frustration over the progress of recycled water coming to the City of Morgan Hill since he first advocated for it at the last drought, and mentioned about Mayor Turner speaking at a Senior Advisory Committee meeting about recycled water for Morgan Hill. Chairperson Varela acknowledged the enthusiasm of the city mayor for recycled water and encouragement the mayor shared with City of San Jose officials.

### 5.2 SANTA CLARA COUNTY DROUGHT CONDITIONS

Recommendation: Receive an update on water conservation efforts and latest actions relevant to the overall drought emergency response and provide feedback to staff.
Neeta Bijoor, Senior Water Specialist, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and per the information contained in Attachment 1, and shared Valley Water Board’s action at its April 11, 2023 meeting as follows:

- End of the declaration of water shortage emergency conditions (Resolution 21-68).
- End of the call for 15% mandatory countywide water use reduction. The mandatory 15% reduction was replaced with a voluntary 15% water use reduction compared to 2019.
- Continued enforcement of water restrictions including the 2-day watering limit for decorative residential turf.

The Committee noted and requested the following without taking formal action.

- Allocation of imported water significantly increased as the state’s snowpack triple in average. Five percent increase in State Water Project, 100% increase from Municipal and Industrial Central Valley Project, and 80% increase from Agricultural Central Valley Project.
- Valley Water’s drought and conservation outreach had been promoting water conservation as a way of life.
- City of Morgan Hill had been providing a larger rebate to anyone in the city that would improve their landscape through the Valley Water Program. In response to the story shared by Councilmember Borgioli on what seemed to be an example of water waste at a commercial site, Chris Ghione offered to address the concern to the city’s Environmental Programs team. Staff mentioned that the Committee would be emailed Valley Water’s communications that had contact information to report water waste. Chairperson Varela requested that staff would include information on Valley Water’s landscape rebate program in the email communication.

Chairperson Varela reminded everyone that the next drought could be around the corner; that every single reservoir in the state was at capacity; that there was no place for that water to go; and requested from each city to write a support letter to encourage Valley Water’s Board of Directors to build the Pacheco Dam Expansion project. Subsequently, both letters were provided and published as Handouts 2.2A and 2.2B at the April 26, 2023 meeting when the final Valley Water budget was discussed.

Doug Muirhead expressed frustration over the reduced frequency of meetings for the year and suggested to schedule additional meetings in addition to the next one in August and the final meeting in October 2023.

5.3 REVIEW AND ACCEPT THE JOINT WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE 2022 ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT, 2023 PROPOSED WORK PLAN, AND NEXT MEETING DATE.

Recommendation: A. Review and Accept the JWRC 2022 Accomplishment Report  
B. Review and accept the 2023 Proposed Work Plan  
C. Confirm next meeting date.

Chairperson Varela announced that the next meeting would be scheduled by the Board Scheduler for August 2023.
6. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS.

None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chair Director Varela adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m. to a special meeting in August 2023 to be scheduled by the Board Scheduler. Subsequently, after the meeting, the Chair approved a cancelation of an August 2023 meeting to October 4, 2023,

Submitted by:

Eva Sans
Assistant Deputy Clerk II
Office of the Clerk of the Board

Approved:
COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM
Joint WRC with Cities of Gilroy/Morgan Hill/SCRWA

Government Code § 84308 Applies: Yes ☐ No ☒
(If “YES” Complete Attachment A - Gov. Code § 84308)

SUBJECT:
Receive South County Water Reuse Collaboration and Implementation Update and Provide Feedback.

RECOMMENDATION:
Receive update and provide feedback on Technical Working Group discussions related to South County Water Reuse Collaborations.

SUMMARY:
The Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water), the City of Gilroy, and the City of Morgan Hill have a long history of collaboration to ensure the utilization and expansion of non-potable water reuse in South Santa Clara County (South County). In 2017, Valley Water established the Joint Water Resources Committee (Committee) with elected officials representing the Cities of Gilroy and Morgan Hill to pursue collaborative relationships and agreements to support water reuse expansion. In 2021, the Committee recommended the establishment of a Technical Working Group (TWG) to evaluate future water reuse opportunities in South County.

The TWG has met regularly since September 2021 and has provided workgroup updates to the Committee that have presented reuse activities to advance South County recycled water master planning; opportunities and challenges to advance non-potable and potable water reuse; and options to revise our respective interagency agreements to promote water reuse in South County.

The TWG has focused attention on reviewing and revising the water reuse agreements in South County that were adopted in 1999 and 2006. In December 2022, the TWG completed its review and had drafted a revised Producer-Wholesaler Agreement between SCRWA and Valley Water. This agreement updated current practices, roles and responsibilities, regulatory requirements, legal terms and conditions, and removed superfluous language. In early 2023, while beginning work on the Wholesaler-Retailer Agreement with Gilroy, the TWG learned that retailer roles and responsibilities were not being implemented as originally outlined in the original 1999 agreement. Subsequent discussions lead to a revised Producer Wholesaler Agreement in June 2023. Unfortunately, the TWG
was informed that organizational changes in Gilroy will limit its participation in reviewing and updating these water reuse agreements for South County until further notice. This postponement is indefinite as the City would like its new Utilities Department Director to weigh in on this review process from a business perspective.

This Committee update will focus on a discussion of our completed planning activities to update the 2015 South County Recycled Water Master Plan, which presents revisions to the current reuse infrastructure (new pipeline), recycled water customer updates and their reuse potential, evaluations of potential new users along the distribution system, incorporation of planned future system upgrades, and updated discussion of constraints to ongoing operation and future expansion options. The TWG will highlight water reuse options for the South County system, opportunities for further discussion to provide reuse in Morgan Hill, and recommended capital projects for further discussion to expand reuse in South County. The TWG will provide a summary of recent recycled water system development, including the status of a United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) grant application to complete a South County Recycled Water System Feasibility Study. The TWG also will highlight capital construction that supports expansion of water reuse in South County and enhances system flexibility and redundancy.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:
There are no Environmental Justice impacts associated with this item.

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment 1: PowerPoint

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:
Kirsten Struve, 408-630-3138
South County Legal Agreements

- Legal Agreements – Temporary Delay
  - 2006 Producer – Wholesaler Agreement
    - SCRWA – Valley Water
  - 1999 Wholesaler – Retailer Agreements
    - Valley Water - City
South County Master Planning

- 2023 Recycled Water Master Plan Update
  - New Infrastructure Integration
  - Expansion Opportunities & Options
  - Revised Capital Investment Strategy
2023 Updated Distribution System
## 2023 MH Reuse Opportunities

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<td>Satellite Advanced Water Purification Facility (AWPF) for Groundwater Recharge (GWR)</td>
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# 2023 CIP Recommendations

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South County Reuse Expansion

- South County Reuse Expansion Updates
  - South County Pipeline Project
  - USBR Grant Application
South County Pipeline Project
USBR Grant Application

- Feasibility Study Grant Application
  - Pre-Planning and Feasibility
  - USBR Title XVI Reuse Funding
  - NPR, IPR, and DPR Considerations
  - Timing and Schedule
COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM
Joint WRC with Cities of Gilroy/Morgan Hill/SCRWA

Government Code § 84308 Applies: Yes ☐ No ☒
(If “YES” Complete Attachment A - Gov. Code § 84308)

SUBJECT:
Review and Discuss the Joint Water Resources Committee 2023 Proposed Work Plan, and Next Meeting Date/Location.

RECOMMENDATION:
Receive information on the Joint Water Resources Committee 2023 Proposed Work Plan; and provide feedback on upcoming discussion items and next meeting date/location.

SUMMARY:
Work Plans are created and implemented by all Board Committees to increase Committee efficiency, provide increased public notice of intended Committee discussions, and enable improved follow-up by staff. Work Plans are dynamic documents managed by Committee Chairs and are subject to change. Committee Work Plans also serve to assist to prepare an Annual Committee Accomplishments Reports. Discussion of topics as stated in the Plan have been described based on information from the following sources: • Items referred to the Committee by the Board; • Items requested by the Committee to be brought back by staff; • Items scheduled for presentation to the full Board of Directors; and • Items identified by staff.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:
There are no Environmental Justice impacts associated with this item.

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment 1: 2023 JWRC Proposed Work Plan

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:
Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193
## (Proposed) 2023 Joint Water Resources Committee Workplan

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