



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

# MINUTES

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**SPECIAL MEETING  
MONDAY, November 13,  
2023  
11:00 AM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

## **1.CALL TO ORDER:**

A special meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) 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 11:04 a.m.

### **1.1 Roll Call.**

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

Staff members in attendance were: Huggen Angeles, Joseph Aranda, Emmanuel Aryee, Erin Baker, Audrey Beaman, Wade Blackard, Sam Bogale, John Bourgeois, Rita Chan, Jen Codianne, Jessica Collins, Vanessa De La Piedra, Alicia Fraumeni, Meenakshi Ganjoo, Andy Gschwind, Bassam Kassab, Emelia Lamas, Dave Leon, Ryan McCarter, Patrice McElroy, Becky Manchester, Katie Muller, Julianne O'Brien, Carlos Orellana, Sophie Padilla, Luz Penilla, Melanie Richardson, Don Rocha, Amandeep Saini, Michelle San Miguel, Diahann Soleno, Odilia Teixeira, Gregory Williams, and Bhavani Yerrapotu.

Public in attendance were: Rebecca Eisenberg, JC, Osha Meserve, My, Rick, and SJ.

## **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.

Chairperson Hsueh noted that the Committee received a letter from the Sierra Club relating to the Anderson Dam Environmental Impact Report.

## **3.APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- 3.1. Approval of October 16, 2023 and October 30, 2023 Capital Improvement Program Committee Meeting Minutes.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

The Committee considered the attached minutes of the October 16, 2023 and October 30, 2023 Committee meetings.

Public Comments: None.

It was moved by Director Beall and seconded by Chairperson Hsueh, and unanimously carried that the minutes be approved.

## **Regular Agenda:**

- 4.1. 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, Ryan McCarter, and Bhavani Yerrapotu 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, Ryan McCarter reviewed rows marked RM, and Bhavani Yerrapotu reviewed rows marked BY.

Emmanuel Aryee, Ryan McCarter, Bhavani Yerrapotu, Jessica Collins, Melanie Richardson, and John Bourgeois were available to answer questions.

Public Comments: None.

Vice Chairperson Estremera arrived at 11:07 a.m.

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

- The Committee request that staff add the Almaden Valley Pipeline Replacement project to the Committee workplan for further discussion.
- The Committee requested that staff provide information to the Committee relating to the Watershed Asset Rehabilitation Program and communication with the City of San Jose regarding unhoused individuals, including the impact of unhoused individuals on watersheds and water quality, fixing banks, and restoration costs.

4.2. 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.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

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

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

Bhavani Yerrapotu and John Bourgeois reviewed the information on this item and were available to answer questions.

Public Comments: None.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

4.4 Staff responses to Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Committee member requests made at the October 30, 2023, Special Meeting regarding certain CIP and non-CIP projects.

Luz Penilla reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo. Luz Penilla, Bassam Kassab, and Vanessa De La Piedra were available to answer questions.

Public Comments: None.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and requested that staff investigate possible cost sharing opportunities with local transportation agencies.

4.5 Review 2023 Capital Improvement Program Committee Work Plan.

Recommendation: Review the 2023 Capital Improvement Program Committee Draft Work Plan and make adjustments, as necessary.

The Committee considered this item without a staff presentation.

Public Comments: None.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

Chairperson Hsueh requested that the standing reports on the December agenda be moved to January 2024. She further noted that she will collaborate with staff to determine the date of the January 2024 meeting.

**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 confirmed with Dave Leon their request for staff to follow up on the previously noted briefings.

**6. Adjourn:**

6.1. Adjourn to Special Meeting at 1:30 p.m. on December 11, 2023.

Chairperson Hsueh adjourned the meeting at 12:34 p.m. to the special meeting at 1:30 p.m. on December 11, 2023.

Dave Leon  
Assistant Deputy Clerk II

Date Approved: December 11, 2023