



SOUTH COUNTY REGIONAL
WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

**JOINT WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE
(CITY OF GILROY, CITY OF MORGAN HILL AND VALLEY WATER)**

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2022

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

1. CALL TO ORDER

A 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. via Zoom teleconference.

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 Rene Spring and John McKay; Hon. Valley Water District 3 Director Richard Santos and District 1 Director Chairperson John L. Varela. A quorum was established. Hon. Morgan Hill Councilmember John McKay, arrived as noted below.

Valley Water staff in attendance: Emmanuel Aryee, Neeta Bijoor, Sam Bogale, Glenna Brambill, Lakeisha Bryant, Rolando Bueno, Vanessa De la Piedra, Candice Kwok-Smith, Donald Rocha, Kirsten Struve, Charlene Sun, and David Tucker.

Guest in Attendance were: Daryl Jordan and Saeid Vaziry, City of Gilroy; 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

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It was moved by Councilmember Rene Spring, seconded by Director Richard P. Santos, to approve the July 6, 2022, Joint Water Resources Committee meeting minutes as presented with a note that the Committee was to review the agreement.

4. ACTION ITEMS.

4.1 RECEIVE UPDATE ON SOUTH COUNTY WATER REUSE COLLABORATION

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, stated that this item would be a joint report by Valley Water and the Cities of Gilroy and Morgan Hill; that the Amended Producer-Wholesaler Agreement, Agreement No. A2280W-4, was being reviewed by the legal department of each respective agency; and that staff was expecting without making a commitment that it would be presented to this Committee at the January 2023 meeting.

For the reporting period July to September 2022, David Tucker, Associate Engineer - Civil, reported on the updates made on the Agreement No. A2280W-4; Chris Ghione, City of Morgan Hill Public Service Director, reported on the updates to the 2015 South County Recycled Water Master Plan; and Daryl Jordan, City of Gilroy Public Works Director, reported on the pipeline construction activities in south county.

The Committee received the following information without taking formal action:

- On an update to the twenty-year-old Agreement No. A2280W-4, current regulatory requirements have been added, the original 20-year term have been changed to five years with automatic renewal, this Committee's structure, roles, and responsibilities, as well as the Technical Working Groups recurring meeting schedule were integrated on the revised draft agreement.
- On an update to the 2015 South County Water Reuse Master Plan, Akel Engineering consultants had been providing assistance, current or potential users were updated as well as recommendations on expansion to the water distribution system were added.
- On an update to the construction activities of the South County Recycled Water Pipeline Project, the construction milestone includes micro-tunneling and pipeline installation in Uvas Creek. Anticipated completion of Phases 1B, 2A and 2B is end of the year while the Notice of Completion and Board acceptance of the completed project is estimated to be October 2023. The project is 75% complete and on budget. In response to Mayor Blankley's inquiry on when the Luchessa segment would be finished, staff estimated to be end of the year, and with far less construction impact to community.

Doug Muirhead, a City of Morgan Hill resident, requested improvement in timing of making these project updates available from the current every-three-month meeting schedule as well as information on milestones reached. Chairperson Varela assured Doug Muirhead and the public that information are reported out expeditiously at this Committee's meetings.

The Committee noted the information without formal action.

4.2 DROUGHT EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND WATER SUPPLY UPDATE

Recommendation: Receive Drought Emergency Response and Water Supply Update.

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.

The Committee received the following information without taking formal action.

- The county is now 3 years on drought, and that the eastern part of the county had been updated to Extreme Drought (Level 3) recently.
- The 9,000 e-cart orders on Slide 5 of Attachment 1 were not covering all residents and areas of the City of Morgan Hill since newly built homes already have water-saving devices.
- Chairperson Varela encouraged the cities to do more on their message given the popularity of the Landscape Rebate Program which would eventually be extended to business and industrial users.

4.3. REVIEW 2021 JOINT WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE WORK PLAN.

Glenna Brambill and Kirsten Struve reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

- South County Water Reuse and Collaboration Update – item that would include 2015 South County Water Reuse Master Plan and Agreement No. A2280W-4 updates;
- Drought Update;
- Water Purification Potential For Future Water Supply – new item requested by Chairperson Varela for staff to present on sustainability water supply for the future and to be able to recharge that water into groundwater and as a sustainable source for the future; and
- Election of New Officers – Chairperson Varela announced that new members may come on board after the November elections.

The Joint Water Resources Committee took no action, however, it was requested that the date of the next meeting be placed on the agenda moving forward; and that future meetings would coincide with SCRWA meeting schedule.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS.

Glena Brambill noted there were no action items for Committee consideration.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chair Director Varela adjourned the meeting at 10:02 a.m., to the next scheduled meeting on January 4, 2023, after the 8:00 a.m. SCRWA meeting. Subsequently, the January 4, 2023 meeting was cancelled.

Submitted by:

Glenna Brambill
Board Committee Liaison
Office of the Clerk of the Board

Approved: