



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

## RECYCLED WATER COMMITTEE MEETING

# MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023  
12:00 PM

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

### 1. ROLL CALL.

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Recycled Water Committee (Committee) was called to order at 12:00 p.m., on February 22, 2023, at the Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118 and via Zoom teleconference.

#### 1.1. Roll Call

Committee members in attendance were District 4 Director Jim Beall, District 3 Director Richard Santos, and District 6 Director Tony Estremera, constituting a quorum of the Committee.

District 2 Director Barbara Keegan joined the meeting without participating.

Staff participating were Emmanuel Aryee, Hossein Ashktorab, Aaron Baker, Henry Barrientos, Salam Baqleh, Roseryn Bhudsabourg, Lakeisha Bryant, Rick Callender, Anthony Fulcher, Samantha Greene, Jason Gurdak, Girlie Jacobson, Jessica Lovering, Tony Ndah, Melanie Richardson, Don Rocha, Kirsten Struve, Darin Taylor, Sherilyn Tran, Zuberi White, and Beckie Zisser.

Guests in attendance were John Anttonen, Summer Bundy, Phillippe Daniel, Jan Davel, Dr. Arthur Keller, Ph. D., Sanjay Reddy, and Melanie Tan.

### 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 present who wished to speak.

### 3. ELECTION OF 2023 RECYCLED WATER COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON.

Recommendation: Nominate and elect the 2023 Recycled Water Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

It was moved by Director Beall and seconded by Director Santos to re-elect Directors Estremera and Santos to continue as Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson respectively for the year 2023.

The motions carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

##### **4.1 Approval of December 16, 2022 Recycled Water Committee Minutes.**

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

It was moved by Chairperson Estremera, seconded by Director Santos to approve the minutes of December 16, 2022, as presented.

#### **5. ACTION ITEMS:**

##### **5.1 Receive Update on Purified Water Program including Partnership with Cities of San Jose and Palo Alto.**

Recommendation: Receive updates and provide feedback on the following topics:  
A. Collaboration with the City of Palo Alto and Other Partners;  
B. Los Gatos Recharge System Tracer Test; and  
C. Outreach Efforts on Purified Water.

Kirsten Struve, Assistant Officer, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee agenda memo.

The Committee received information that the funding agreement for the future purification facility in Palo Alto was completed and was routed for approval with Valley Water. City of Palo Alto will be seeking Council approval of the funding agreement. A special study of transporting effluent water from the City of Palo Alto to the SVAWPC continued for the reverse osmosis concentrate study. Staff met with Division of Drinking Water to discuss permitting of the future facility and status of the groundwater tracer test.

The Committee noted the information without taking a formal action.

##### **5.2 Receive Update on the Refinery Recycled Water Exchange Feasibility Study with the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District and the Contra Costa Water District.**

Recommendation: Receive Update on the Refinery Recycled Water Exchange Feasibility Study with the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District and the Contra Costa Water District.

Samantha Greene, Senior Water Resources Specialist, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachment 1.

The Committee requested that staff come back with information on funding sources of partner agency on the Refinery Recycled Water Exchange project.

In response to Committee inquiry on the timeline of moving forward with collaboration on the expansion of purified water with the City of San Jose, staff stated that the Letter of Intent indicated two years to either amend the Integration Agreement or develop a new collaboration agreement.

5.3 Receive Update on Collaboration for the Expansion of Recycled Water Related to the San José-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility.

Recommendation: Receive updates and provide feedback on efforts to build a strong collaborative relationship with the San José-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility stakeholders including expansion of the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center.

Kirsten Struve reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee agenda memo.

The Committee requested that staff come back with information on San Felipe Lake aka Salt Lake located in San Benito County in terms of agency ownership, potential for source of recharge and water supply in South County. Subsequent to the meeting, staff requested that this action item be referred to another committee that covers the scope of the request.

Motion: Consider the information received on collaboration efforts with the San Jose-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility stakeholders including the expansion of the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center.

Motion to Approve: J. Beall

Seconded: T. Estremera

5.4 Review and Authorize the Chair to Present the 2022 Recycled Water Committee Accomplishments Report to the Board and Discuss the 2023 Recycled Water Committee Work Plan and Meeting Schedule.

Recommendation: A. Review and Authorize the Chair to present the 2022 Recycled Water Committee Accomplishments to the Board (Attachment 3);  
B. Consider and accept the proposed 2023 Work Plan (Attachment 2); and  
C. Confirm the next meeting date on March 22, 2023

The Committee mentioned about an upcoming water bond measure and the importance of keeping the full Board informed of staff preparation efforts. In response to Committee inquiry on possible water sources from water recapture in Alviso, a direct pipeline from Coyote to the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center, or recharge opportunities from available lands, staff stated that this would be addressed when an agenda item on Urban Runoff Study is presented to this Committee at the regular May 2023 meeting. The Committee was also informed that staff would present in April or May an update on Implementation of the Countywide Water Reuse Master Plan to address the Committee's request for information on wastewater.

The Committee took a motion.

Motion: Approve the 2023 revised work plan with an update to present during the second quarter of 2023, an item on Implementation of the Countywide Water Reuse Master Plan.

Motion to Approve: T. Estremera

Seconded: J. Beall

**6. ADJOURN.**

Chairperson Estremera adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m. to the next meeting scheduled to occur at 12:00 p.m. on March 22, 2023.

Eva M. Sans  
Assistant Deputy Clerk II

Approved: