December 4, 2023

MEETING NOTICE

WATER STORAGE EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE

Board Members of the Water Storage Exploratory Committee
   Director Rebecca Eisenberg
   Director Nai Hsueh (Committee Chair)
   Director Richard P. Santos (Committee Vice Chair)

Staff Support of the Water Storage Exploratory Committee
   Rick L. Callender, Esq., Chief Executive Officer
   Melanie Richardson, Assistant Chief Executive Officer
   Aaron Baker, Chief Operating Officer, Water Utility
   Rachael Gibson, Chief of External Affairs
   Christopher Hakes, Chief Operating Officer, Watersheds
   Darin Taylor, Chief Financial Officer
   J. Carlos Orellana, District Counsel
   Andrew Gschwind, Assistant District Counsel
   Vincent Gin, Deputy Operating Officer, Water Supply Division
   Emmanuel Aryee, Deputy Operating Officer, Water Utility Capital Division
   Marta Lugo, Deputy Administrative Officer, Office of the Government Relations
   Ryan McCarter, Deputy Operating Officer, Dam Safety & Capital Delivery Division
   Gregory Williams, Deputy Operating Officer, Raw Water Division
   Kirsten Struve, Assistant Officer, Water Supply Division
   Cindy Kao, Imported Water Manager, Imported Water Unit
   Julianne O’Brien, Pacheco Project Manager, Pacheco Project Delivery Unit
   Metra Richert, Unit Manager, Water Supply Planning & Conservation Unit
   Charlene Sun, Treasury and Debt Manager
   Andrew Garcia, Senior Water Resources Specialist, Imported Water Unit
   Samantha Greene, Senior Water Resources Specialist, Water Supply Planning & Conservation Unit

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) Water Storage Exploratory Committee is to be held on Friday, December 8, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose CA 95118. The Public and non-presenting staff may Join Zoom Meeting https://valleywater.zoom.us/j/98246045660.

The meeting agenda and corresponding materials can be found on our website for your convenience. https://www.valleywater.org/how-we-operate/committees/board-committees
WATER STORAGE EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE MEETING

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Santa Clara Valley Water District
Water Storage Exploratory Committee Meeting

Headquarters Building Boardroom
5700 Almaden Expressway
San Jose  CA 95118

REGULAR MEETING
AMENDED AGENDA

Friday, December 8, 2023
10:00 AM

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

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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.**
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3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3.1. Approval of Minutes.  
Recommendation: Approve the October 13, 2023, Meeting Minutes.  
Manager: Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193  
Attachments: Attachment 1: 10132023 WSEC Draft Mins  
Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

4. **REGULAR AGENDA:**

Recommendation: Receive an informational update on the proposed operations and benefits of the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project.  
Manager: Ryan McCarter, 408-630-2983  
Attachments: Attachment 1: PowerPoint Presentation  
Est. Staff Time: 15 Minutes

4.2. Review Water Storage Exploratory Committee Work Plan and the Committee’s Next Meeting Agenda.  
Recommendation: Review the Committee’s Work Plan to guide the Committee’s discussions regarding policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation.  
Manager: Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193  
Attachments: Attachment 1: 2023 WSEC Work Plan  
Attachment 2: DRAFT 2024 WSEC 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 12:00 p.m., on Friday, January 12, 2024.
COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM
Water Storage Exploratory Committee

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

SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION:
Approve the October 13, 2023, Meeting Minutes.

SUMMARY:
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 for review and approval.

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

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

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment 1: 10132023 WSEC Draft Minutes

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:
Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193
SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT (VALLEY WATER)
WATER STORAGE EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regular meeting of the Water Storage Exploratory Committee (Committee) was held on October 13, 2023, at Santa Clara Valley Water District, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose CA 95118.

1. CALL TO ORDER
The Water Storage Exploratory Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Director Nai Hsueh at 12:00 p.m.

1.1 ROLL CALL
Valley Water Board Members in attendance were: Committee Chair Director Nai Hsueh (District 5), Committee Vice Chair Director Richard P. Santos (District 3), and Director Rebecca Eisenberg (District 7 - arrived at 12:02 p.m.).

Valley Water Staff in attendance were: Aaron Baker, Glenna Brambill, Andrew Garcia, Vincent Gin, Samantha Greene, Andrew Gschwind, Christopher Hakes, Linh Hoang, Dana Jacobson, Cindy Kao, Candice Kwok-Smith, Emelia Lamas, Carmen Narayanan, Julianne O’Brien, Carlos Orellana, Don Rocha, Diahann Soleno, Charlene Sun, Kirsten Struve, Darin Taylor, and Jing Wu.

Public in attendance were: Gavin Downs, Chuck Gardner (Hallmark Group), Alan and Meg Giberson, Bob Green, Jeffrey Hare, Hon. Brian Schmidt (Green Foothills), Chuck Hammerstad (NCCFFI), Katja Irvin (Sierra Club-Loma Prieta Chapter), Emmert McCormick, Osha Meserve ((Stop Pacheco Dam Coalition).

2. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON AGENDA
There were no public comments received.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
It was moved by Director Richard P. Santos, second by Director Nai Hsueh, and by unanimous vote carried to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2023, meeting of the Water Storage Exploratory Committee as presented.
4. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

4.2 UPDATE ON THE LOS VAQUEROS RESERVOIR EXPANSION PROJECT COST AND SCHEDULE

Chuck Gardner from the Hallmark Group reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item and was available to answer questions as needed.

The Water Storage Exploratory Committee discussed the following: slippages, costs overrun, mitigation costs need to be included, when possible, project participants, accounting for the costs Valley Water does not pay, the critical path of pumping plant, and expansion delays.

The Water Storage Exploratory Committee took no action.

4.1 CONSIDER FOLLOW-UP TOPICS FROM THE AUGUST 22, 2023, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING REGARDING THE PACHECO RESERVOIR EXPANSION PROJECT

Julianne O’Brien reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item and was available to answer questions as needed.

The Water Storage Exploratory Committee discussed the following: Board’s broader discussion points delineated from agenda memo (Review of Project’s environmental impacts, Discussion of connection between Project and the 2050 Water Supply Master Plan’s Portfolio Recommendation, which is scheduled for 2024, Description of planned Project operations and Project benefits; Comparison of Project cost to those of other water storage projects, Discussion and review of current Board-directed partnership approach; and Discussion and review of requirements unique to the Project. consequences of losing lawsuit, public statements of costs and benefits need to be realistic, include mitigation costs whenever possible, compliance of regulatory restrictions, need to be more transparent with actual costs, listing the top ten concerns to begin the necessary discussion to make decisions, examples (environmental impacts, potential/pending lawsuits, actual money being spent on project, note where the money has gone, dedicated staff for project, flooding concerns, grants (Federal/State), the Committee agreed to have the Committee member Director Rebecca Eisenberg review the Board agenda memo regarding her suggested discussion topics when the memo is ready.

Committee Chair Director Nai Hsueh recognized Dr. Jeffrey Michael’s handout on his economic and financial analysis concerns of this project.

Public Comments:
Hon. Brian Schmidt (Green Foothills) recalled Hon. Jim Beall’s question on the achievement of 30% participation project cost, when will Valley Water make its decision on whether to continue to spend, as of now there is a $160,000 loss, and there is a need to look at the pros and cons.

Katie Irvin (Sierra Club-Loma Prieta Chapter), noted that including the environmental impacts mitigation makes sense, need to know what or will not be included, have a
comparison of the project’s costs (comparing the right items (apples to apples). The last 2 items on the agenda memo list seem to be more informational but are higher priority, and what are the unique requirements.

Osha Meserve (Stop Pacheco Dam Coalition) noted, assessing the feasibility, to have staff look at the environmental and financial feasibilities, to see if project should continue.

Aaron Baker was available to answer questions.

The Water Storage Exploratory Committee took no action.

4.3 UPDATE ON POTENTIAL GROUNDWATER BANKING PROJECTS
Andrew Garcia reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item and was available to answer questions as needed.

The Water Storage Exploratory Committee discussed the following: thanked staff for the exceptional report, water storage capabilities, and what is staff doing to look for other groundwater banking opportunities.

The Water Storage Exploratory Committee took no action.

4.4 REVIEW WATER STORAGE EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN AND THE COMMITTEE’S NEXT MEETING AGENDA
Committee Chair Director Nai Hsueh reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item. The Committee canceled the November 10, 2023, meeting, and will work with staff for the next meeting.

The Water Storage Exploratory Committee took no action.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS
Glenna Brambill noted there were no action items for Board consideration.

6. ADJOURNMENT
Committee Chair Director Nai Hsueh adjourned the meeting at 1:44 p.m.

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

Approved:
COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM
Water Storage Exploratory Committee

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

SUBJECT:
Receive an Informational Update on the Proposed Operations and Benefits of Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project.

RECOMMENDATION:
Receive an informational update on the proposed operations and benefits of the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project.

SUMMARY:
On October 13, 2023, staff presented potential topics to the Water Storage Exploratory Committee (WSEC) for review and feedback to be presented in future quarterly updates regarding Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project (Project).

After discussion WSEC recommended bringing the potential topics to the full Board. Additionally, WSEC acknowledged that some topics may require more time to prepare and recommended adjusting the quarterly update schedule as necessary.

Staff has previously presented a high-level overview of the proposed operations and benefits of the Project. In response to the updated list of future topics, staff has prepared a presentation providing a more detailed explanation of how Valley Water intends to operate the completed Project to include required infrastructure, redundancy plans and operational challenges. Staff will also provide additional detail on the Project’s benefits and how these benefits have been calculated and accounted for during the design phase.

After discussion before this Committee, staff intends to provide the operations and benefits informational update to the full Board in January 2024. Staff will present the next topic from the list to WSEC in March and the full Board in April 2024.

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

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment 1: PowerPoint Presentation

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:
Ryan McCarter, 408-630-2983
Needs Addressed by Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project

- Restore Federally Threatened Steelhead Fish Habitat
- Improve Delta Watershed Wetlands
- Improve Resiliency and Emergency Water
- Eliminate Water Quality Issues from San Luis Reservoir
- Reduction of Downstream Flooding
How the Project Will be Operated

- CVP water supply to Santa Clara Valley W.D.
- Pacheco Creek inflow
- Expanded Pacheco Reservoir
- Pacheco Conduit tie-in to expanded Pacheco Reservoir
- CVP/SWP water supply
- Refuge deliveries

- CVP water supply to San Benito County W.D.
- Santa Clara Valley W.D.
- Hollister Conduit
- Pacheco Creek habitat releases
Expanded Reservoir Water Sources

Results from Proposed Project for 2030 conditions (including climate change)
Emergency Water Supply

Need

- 45% of water supply imported from Delta
- 66% chance of Delta earthquake in next 50 years
- Over past 25 years, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, and other major California water agencies have spent billions to increase local storage or increase resilience against earthquakes and other natural disasters that threaten imported water supplies
Long-Term Storage of Expanded Reservoir

Results from Proposed Project for 2030 conditions (including climate change)

Monthly storage (acre-feet)

Valley Water storage  SBCWD storage  Total storage

Results from Proposed Project for 2030 conditions (including climate change)
Emergency Water Supply

The project will provide dedicated emergency water supply

- Mitigates risk of Delta export outages, imported water conveyance outages, and other emergencies
- Increases local surface storage capacity by 90%
- Increases emergency water supply by acre-feet 107,158 AF (99,904 acre-feet for Valley Water, 7,254 acre-feet for SBCWD)
The Project will Enhance Water Supply

The project will reduce drought risk to M&I and agricultural water users

- Greatest water supply increases in drier water years and drought conditions
- Maximum water supply increase of 24,000 acre-feet during critical year; limited by demand
- Materially contributes to sustainable groundwater management goals in four basins
San Luis Reservoir
Low Point Water Quality Issues

Need

- Valley Water and San Benito County Water District’s intakes are above intakes for other CVP/SWP contractors
- Up to 35-foot deep algae layer forms on the surface of reservoir
- When reservoir levels fall below 300,000 acre-feet, algae-laden water is conveyed to Valley Water treatment plants
- Spikes in taste and odor measuring 10 times normal levels, which cause problems in today’s domestic supply
Operations to Address Low Point Issues

Results from Proposed Project for 2030 conditions
Eliminates San Luis Low Point Water Quality Issues

The project reduces operational constraints at San Luis Reservoir

Prevents 63 months of impaired water quality deliveries over analysis period (97% reduction) by:

- Delivering CVP supplies to the Pacheco Reservoir earlier in the season
- Capturing Pacheco watershed supplies in the expanded reservoir
- Using the Pacheco Reservoir as a blending source when needed
Federally Threatened
South-Central California Coast Steelhead

Need

- 90% population decline in Pajaro watershed from 1960s to 1990s
- Insufficient flows in Pacheco Creek with reaches dry during summer months in many years
- Elevated water temperatures during summer months are lethal to steelhead and other native fish
Improved Releases from Expanded Reservoir

Results from Proposed Project for 2030 conditions (including climate change)
Enables Federally Threatened Steelhead Recovery

The Project will improve conditions in watershed critical to recovery

- Improved flow and temperature conditions provide substantial improvements in habitat conditions
- Larger cold water pool improves temperature in Pacheco Creek
- Enables development of an independent population in the Pajaro River watershed
- Increases South Central California Coast Steelhead cohort score between 147%
Bay-Delta Ecosystem Decline

Need

• 90% of Delta watershed wetlands have disappeared

• Insufficient water supplies for Federal and other refuges within San Joaquin Valley

• Central Valley Project Improvement Act Refuge Water Supply Program unable to provide reliable water supplies during all year types
Enhances Bay-Delta Ecosystem

*Increased water supplies to Delta watershed wildlife refuges*

- Dedicates 2,000 acre-feet for wetlands in below-normal water years
- Increases food supply for migrating Pacific Flyway waterfowl in the fall and winter
Flooding in Downstream Communities

Need

- Extensive flooding even for frequent/small events; 3 events in last seven years:
  - January 2023 flooding along Pacheco Creek with 15,800 cfs peak flow near Dunnville
  - January and February 2017 flooding, causing breaching of levee along Pacheco Creek, at peak flows below 12,000 cfs near Dunneville
Reduces Flooding in Downstream Communities

The project will protect vulnerable communities against flooding

- Expanded reservoir will reduce peak flows:
  - Additional storage in expanded reservoir available to capture flood flows
  - Attenuation of flows/reduction of flood peaks due to routing of flows through larger reservoir and modified spillway configuration
- Reservoir expansion can reduce peak flood flows by up to 46% in Pacheco Creek

![Average Pacheco Reservoir Storage (acre-feet)](chart)

- November
- December
- January
- February

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*With Project*
QUESTIONS
SUBJECT: Review Water Storage Exploratory Committee Work Plan and the Committee’s Next Meeting Agenda.

RECOMMENDATION: Review the Committee’s Work Plan to guide the Committee’s discussions regarding policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation.

SUMMARY: The Committee’s Work Plan outlines the Board-approved topics for discussion to be able to prepare policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation. The work plan is agendized at each meeting as accomplishments are updated and to review any work plan assignments by the Board.

BACKGROUND:

Governance Process Policy-8:

The District Act provides for the creation of advisory boards, committees, or committees by resolution to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

Accordingly, the Board has established Advisory Committees, which bring respective expertise and community interest, to advise the Board, when requested, in a capacity as defined: prepare Board policy alternatives and provide comment on activities in the implementation of the District’s mission for Board consideration. In keeping with the Board’s broader focus, Advisory Committees will not direct the implementation of District programs and projects, other than to receive information and provide comment.

Further, in accordance with Governance Process Policy-3, when requested by the Board, the Advisory Committees may help the Board produce the link between the District and the public...
through information sharing to the communities they represent.

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

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment 1: 2023 WSEC Work Plan
Attachment 2: Draft 2024 WSEC Work Plan

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:
Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193
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