



## Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors Meeting

HQ. Bldg. Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California  
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### CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

**Tuesday, August 26, 2025  
11:00 AM**

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

DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Tony Estremera, Chair-District 6  
Richard P. Santos, Vice Chair-District 3  
John L. Varela-District 1  
Shiloh Ballard-District 2  
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Nai Hsueh-District 5  
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**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

1.1. Roll Call.

**2. 11:00 AM - CLOSED SESSION:**

*Notice to the Public: The Board of Directors meets in Closed Session in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act. Following the conclusion of Closed Session discussion, the Board will return for the remaining items on the regular meeting agenda.*

**2.1. CLOSED SESSION**

[25-0723](#)

**CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6(a)

Agency Designated Representatives: M. Richardson, T. Yoke, P. McElroy,

A. Lee, E. Meeks, J. Carlos Orellana, L. Mason, E. Kreisberg

Employee Organizations: Employees Association, Engineers Society,

Professional Managers Association

Unrepresented Employees: All Valley Water Unclassified Positions

(Continued from August 12, 2025)

2.2. District Counsel Report on Closed Session.

**3. 1:00 PM - TIME CERTAIN:**

3.1. Pledge of Allegiance/National Anthem.

3.2. Orders of the Day.

*A. Approximate Discussion Time (Board); and*

*B. Adjustments to the Order of Agenda Items.*

3.3. Time Open for Public Comment on any Item not on the Agenda.

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3.4. Conduct a Public Hearing to Consider Adopting a Resolution of Necessity Relating to the Acquisition of Real Property Interests from City of San Jose, Necessary to Complete the Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project, Project No. 26174043, APNs 249-21-003, 249-21-005, 249-64-001, 254-01-004, 254-01-023, 472-31-042, 472-33-011, 472-33-012, 472-11-009, 472-11-081, 472-11-062, 472-12-073, & 477-12-020, Real Estate File No. 4021-321, 4021-334, 4021-345, 4021-350, 4021-356, 4021-357, 4021-366, 4021-414, 4021-448, 4021-457, 4021-469, 4021-470, 4021-471, 4021-491, 4021-508, 4021-510 and 4021-523 (San Jose, District 2 and District 6).

[25-0661](#)

Recommendation:

- A. Open and conduct the Public Hearing to consider adoption of a Resolution of Necessity relating to acquisition of real property or interests from the City of San Jose, necessary to complete the Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project, Project No. 26174043;
- B. Close the Public Hearing; and
- C. Adopt the Resolution of Necessity DETERMINING AND DECLARING THE PUBLIC NECESSITY FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OR INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY BY EMINENT DOMAIN FOR THE COYOTE CREEK FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECT (PROJECT NO. 26174043) (CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE SECTIONS 1245.220, et seq.), by a two-thirds vote.

Manager: Bhanavi Yerrapotu, 408-630-2735  
Attachments: [Attachment A: Gov. Code § 84308](#)  
[Attachment 1: Resolution](#)  
[Attachment 2: Notice of Intent](#)  
[Attachment 3: PowerPoint](#)

Est. Staff Time: 20 Minutes.

## **REGULAR AGENDA:**

### **4. CONSENT CALENDAR: (4.1) (Est. Time: 5 Minutes)**

*Notice to the public: There is no separate discussion of individual consent calendar items. Recommended actions are voted on in one motion. If an item is approved on the consent vote, the specific action recommended by staff is adopted. Items listed in this section of the agenda are considered to be routine by the Board, or delegated to the Board Appointed Officers (BAOs) yet required by law or contract to be Board approved (EL-7.10). Any item may be removed for separate consideration at the request of a Board member. Whenever a resolution is on the consent calendar, a roll call vote will be taken on the entire calendar. Members of the public wishing to address the Board on any consent items may do so by filling out a Speaker Card and submitting it to the Clerk or using the "Raise Hand" tool located in the Zoom meeting application to identify themselves to speak.*

- 4.1. Adopt Recommended Positions on Federal Legislation: S. 1481 (Wicker) [25-0096](#)  
- Lifting Our Communities through Advance Liquidity for Infrastructure (LOCAL Infrastructure) Act; H.R. 1255 (Kustoff) - Investing in Our Communities Act; S. 1246 (Tillis) - FEMA Independence Act of 2025; And Other Legislation That May Require Consideration by the Board.

Recommendation: A. Adopt a Position of "Support" on S. 1481 (Wicker) - Lifting Our Communities through Advance Liquidity for Infrastructure (LOCAL Infrastructure) Act;  
B. Adopt a Position of "Support" on H.R. 1255 (Kustoff) - Investing in Our Communities Act; and  
C. Adopt a Position of "Support" on S. 1246 (Tillis) - FEMA Independence Act of 2025.

Manager: Marta Lugo, 408-630-2237

### **5. BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

- 5.1. Receive the Semi-Annual Lobbyist Report and Annual Registration of Individuals Engaged in Compensated Lobbying Activities Aimed at Influencing Santa Clara Valley Water District Decisions in Accordance With District Ordinance No. 10-01. [25-0618](#)

Recommendation: Receive the Semi-Annual Lobbyist Report and Annual Registration of Individuals Engaged in Compensated Lobbying

Activities for the period January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025.

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

Attachments: [Attachment 1: Lobbyist Report](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes.

5.2. Board Committee Reports.

**6. WATER UTILITY ENTERPRISE:**

**7. WATERSHEDS:**

**8. ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:**

- 8.1. Receive an Update on the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project, Project [25-0659](#)  
No. 91954002 (Santa Clara County, District 1; Merced County).

Recommendation: A. Receive an update on the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project, and  
B. Provide direction to staff and authorize the Interim Chief Executive Officer to take all actions necessary to implement the Board's direction.

Manager: Ryan McCarter, 408-630-2983

Attachments: [Attachment 1: May 5, 2025 WSDM Committee Agenda Memo](#)  
[Attachment 2: PowerPoint](#)

Est. Staff Time: 15 Minutes.

**9. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:**

**10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:**

- 10.1. CEO and Chiefs' Report.

**11. ADMINISTRATION:**

**12. DISTRICT COUNSEL:**

**13. BOARD POLICY PLANNING CALENDAR/PROPOSED FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS:**

- 13.1. Review the Fiscal Year 2026 Board Policy Planning Calendar. [25-0510](#)

Recommendation: Review the Fiscal Year 2026 Board Policy Planning Calendar.

Manager: Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3139

Attachments: [Attachment 1: FY26 Board Calendar](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes.

**14. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**15. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF BOARD REQUESTS:**

**16. ADJOURN:**

- 16.1 The Board will convene for the next Special Meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, August 29, 2025, in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and via Zoom teleconference.