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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Director John L. Varela
JWRC 2026 Chair

SUBJECT: Joint Water Resources Committee
(JWRC) with Gilroy/Morgan Hill
April 1, 2026, Regular Meeting Summary

DATE: June 9, 2026

This memorandum summarizes agenda items from the meeting of the Joint Water Resources Committee (JWRC) held on April 1, 2026.

Election of 2026 Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

It was moved by Director Santos and seconded by Councilmember Vega and unanimously carried that Chairperson Varela remain Chairperson and Mayor Bozzo would become Vice Chairperson.

Receive an Update on South Santa Clara County Water Reuse Collaboration Update and Projects and Plans.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and discussed the Amazon data center project's storage footprint and noted any excess water is expected to be minimal due to the efficiency of the technology. The Committee noted future discussions will be needed to determine how the water is distributed throughout the region, including unincorporated areas such as San Martin, as the water supply is connected. The Committee discussed the potential locations for the project alternatives; expressed support for clarifying the benefits of building in certain areas over others; and noted the cities will need to weigh in on costs versus benefits because both are supplying wastewater to the South County Regional Wastewater Authority (SCRWA). The Committee noted discussions will continue with City of San Jose but at this time their water will not be shipped outside of their service area. The Committee expressed support for moving forward without delay due to the potential of future droughts, increased development, and noted the importance of partnerships, including with the County, to address costs and advance efforts to secure the South County water supply. The Committee discussed property uses related to potential reverse osmosis concentrate disposal, agriculture uses, recycled water disposal, the basins used for secondary water, and treatment plant biosolids management. The Committee discussed the costs associated with the northern route pipeline extension, storage, and benefits for South County's economic expansion. The Committee discussed SCRWA's system capacity restraints during summer months due to decreased supply and increasing demand, noted that the Glen Loma pipeline phase may begin construction in the summer 2026, and recycled water service is expected to reach Gilroy Gardens and a nearby nursery. The Committee discussed the challenges of using purified water for recharging in South County due to the time requirements before purified water can be recovered for use and the number of wells in the area. The Committee discussed the feasibility study's recommendations for pursuing

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current funding and noted that alternative options, including direct potable reuse (DPR) and other emerging technologies, should continue to be explored for future opportunities. The Committee reaffirmed support for partnerships to help reduce costs and noted the completed feasibility report will be presented to the Valley Water Board of Directors for consideration. The Committee expressed support for inviting local elected officials, including representatives from City of San Jose, Hollister, and Santa Clara County to the next JWRC meeting.

Review and Accept the Joint Water Resources Committee 2026 Proposed Work Plan; and Confirm the Next Meeting Date.

The Committee reviewed and expressed acceptance and support for the JWRC 2026 proposed Work Plan without formal action, acknowledged staff's work, noted the meeting schedule, and anticipation for the next meeting, which was originally scheduled for June 3, 2026; but was subsequently rescheduled.

The next regular JWRC meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on October 7, 2026.

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