



Santa Clara Valley Water District Environmental and Water Resources Committee M

HQ. Bldg. Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California
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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

**Monday, April 20, 2026
6:00 PM**

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

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Chair

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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 January 26, 2026 Environmental and Water Resources Committee Minutes. [26-0257](#)
- Recommendation: Approve the minutes.
- Manager: Wendy Ho, 408-630-3874
- Attachments: [Attachment 1: 01262026 EWRC minutes](#)
- Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

4. REGULAR AGENDA:

- 4.1. Receive Information on Calabazas and San Tomas Aquino Creek-Marsh Connection Project Staff Recommended Alternative. [26-0370](#)
- Recommendation: Receive Information on the Staff Recommended Alternative for Calabazas and San Tomas Aquino Creek-Marsh Connection Project, Project No. 20444001.
- Manager: Lisa Bankosh, 408-630-2618
- Attachments: [Attachment 1: Powerpoint](#)
- Est. Staff Time: 20 Minutes
- 4.2. Receive Update on Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program's Project D7: Partnerships for the Conservation of Habitat Lands. (Sargent Ranch Update) [26-0376](#)
- Recommendation: Receive an update on Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program's Project D7: Partnerships for the Conservation of Habitat Lands regarding Valley Water's partnership with Peninsula Open Space Trust to acquire and permanently protect Sargent Ranch.
- Manager: Lisa Bankosh, 408-630-2618
- Attachments: [Attachment 1: Powerpoint](#)
- Est. Staff Time: 10 Minutes
- 4.3. Review and Receive Updates on the Environmental and Water Resources Committee's Working Groups. [26-0384](#)
- Recommendation: A. Review and receive updates on the Environmental and Water Resources Committee's Working Groups, and
B. Provide comments to the Board on implementation of Valley Water's mission applicable to working groups' recommendations.
- Manager: Wendy Ho, 408-630-3874

Attachments: [Attachment 1: EWRC Working Groups April 2026](#)
[Attachment 2: EWRC FINAL Working Group Restructure](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

- 4.4. Review Environmental and Water Resources Committee Work Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Committee Requests, and the Committee's Next Meeting Agenda. [26-0383](#)

Recommendation: Review the Committee work plan to guide the committee's discussions regarding policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation.

Manager: Wendy Ho, 408-630-3874

Attachments: [Attachment 1: 2026 EWRC Work Plan](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

5. STANDING ITEMS

- 5.1. Director's Reports
- 5.2. Manager's Reports
- 5.3. Announcements.

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 6.1. Standing Items Report. [26-0385](#)

Recommendation: Standing Items Report.

This item allows the Environmental and Water Resources Committee to receive verbal or written updates and discuss the Board's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Work Plan Strategies. These items are generally informational; however, the Committee may request additional information and/or provide collective input to the assigned Board Committee.

Manager: Wendy Ho, 408-630-3874

Attachments: [Attachment 1: Board Work Plan Standing Items Report](#)
[Attachment 2: FY26 Board Work Plan](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

7. 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.

8. ADJOURN:

- 8.1. Adjourn. The Next Regular Meeting is Scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on July 20, 2026.

