

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: SCVWC

SUBJECT: Santa Clara Valley Water Commission
(SCVWC)
April 9, 2025 Regular Meeting Summary

DATE: August 12, 2025

This memorandum summarizes agenda items from the meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water Commission held on Wednesday, April 9, 2025.

Review Proposed Fiscal Year 2025-26 Groundwater Production Charges and Provide Feedback.

The Commission discussed the following with staff input including: long-term cost projection water rates relating to debt service, different groundwater charge zones of benefit, testing public appetite for bond ballot measures, working with and writing a letter to local legislators relating to county water and housing projections, the 2040 and 2050 Water Supply Master Plan projections, public outreach relating to the south county agricultural community regarding groundwater production charges, the Water Rate Assistance Program administered through Sacred Heart Community Services, Proposition 4 and other funding opportunities, builder remedy project rejections, and the Valley Water District Act.

Member Arenas requested the Valley Water Farm Bureau presentation and stated she is willing to assist with communication to the Farm Bureau. She further requested information on the Water Rate Assistance Program.

The Commission received the information and took no formal action.

Receive an Overview of the Water Conservation Program.

The Commission discussed the following with staff input including: state regulations relating to non-potable water usage, public outreach for the program including utilizing high school students, public outreach for the Model Water Efficient New Development Ordinance, use of water from "Purple Pipes," i.e. non-potable water, Valley Water's focus on potable pipe water, and Valley Water's Landscape Conservation Program.

The Commission received the information and took no formal action.

Receive Report regarding Valley Water's Role in Emergency Preparedness and Response.

The Commission discussed the following with staff input including: charging Cal Fire for usage of water taken out of reservoirs to fight fires, SB 496, infrastructure in cases of levy failures, susceptibility in non-traditional fire zones, partnering with jurisdictions relating to wildfire risk, and how climate change can affect infrastructure.

The Commission received the information and took no formal action.

Review the 2025 Santa Clara Valley Water Commission Work Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Commission Requests; and the Commission's Next Meeting Agenda.

The Commission received the information and took no formal action.

Board member comments and suggestions can be forwarded to Stephanie Simunic, Assistant Deputy Clerk II at (408) 630-2408 or by email to ssimunic@valleywater.org.