



Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 26-0531

Agenda Date: 6/9/2026
Item No.: *5.2.

SUPPLEMENTAL BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Government Code § 84308 Applies: Yes No
(If "YES" Complete Attachment A - Gov. Code § 84308)

SUBJECT:

*Adopt a Resolution Appointing and Providing for the Compensation of the Interim District Counsel, Effective June 9, 2026, Until a New Permanent Incumbent is Appointed Through a Competitive Recruitment Process.

REASON FOR SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM:

This memorandum provides additional information, including the Resolution, with the corresponding attachments that weren't available at the time of publication on May 29, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION:

*Adopt the Resolution APPOINTING THE INTERIM DISTRICT COUNSEL, AN UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE, APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT AND APPROVING THE COMPENSATION AMOUNT.

SUMMARY:

The Board of Directors (Board) is responsible for the appointment of the District Counsel, a Board Appointed Officer, and an Unclassified employee of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water).

Carlos Orellana, the current District Counsel, has submitted his resignation with an effective date of July 25, 2026, and will be on leave until that time. As a result, the Board will need to appoint an interim District Counsel until a new incumbent is appointed through a competitive recruitment process.

*Linda Mason will serve as the interim District Counsel effective June 9, 2026, with a compensation of \$355,492.80 annually, until a new permanent incumbent is appointed through a competitive recruitment process.

The Interim District Counsel, Linda Mason, will report to the Board of Directors. The Chair of the

Board will be the delegated authority to release the interim District Counsel at the conclusion of the appointment.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:

No change from original memo.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No change from original memo.

CEQA:

No change from original memo.

ATTACHMENTS:

*Supplemental Attachment 1: Resolution

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