Valley Water

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING – BOARD WORK PLAN
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2025
11:00 AM

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

A Special Meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Board of Directors was called to order at 11:00 a.m. in the Valley Water Headquarters Building Boardroom at 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and by Zoom teleconference.

1.1. Roll Call.

Board members in attendance were Shiloh Ballard, Jim Beall, Nai Hsueh, Richard P. Santos, and Tony Estremera, Chairperson presiding, constituting a quorum of the Board.

Directors Rebecca Eisenberg and John L. Varela arrived as noted below.

Staff members in attendance were Melanie Richardson, Interim Chief Executive Officer; C. Orellana, District Counsel: Candice Kwok-Smith, Clerk, Board of Directors; E. Aryee, A. Baker, A. Beaman, L. Bankosh, M. Bilski, S. Bogale, J. Bourgeois, R. Chan, T. Chinte, J. Codianne, O. El-Qoulaq, A Garcia, R. Gibson, V. Gin, J. Golka, A. Gordon, A. Gschwind, C. Hakes, S. Inda, C. Lawson, A. Lee, M. Lugo, L. Mason, R. McCarter, P. McElroy, T. Ndah, L. Penilla, M. Poole, D. Rocha, R. Ruiz, K. Struve, D. Taylor, G. Williams, B. Yerrapotu, and T. Yoke.

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance/National Anthem.

Director Beall led all present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Chairperson Estremera declared time open for public comment on any item not on the agenda. No one was present who wished to speak.

2. 11:00 AM - TIME CERTAIN:

2.1. Board of Directors Fiscal Year 2026 Work Plan Session.

Recommendation:
A. Participate in the Board of Directors Fiscal Year 2026 Work Plan Session to review goals, objectives, and focus areas for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (FY26);
B. Receive staff-recommended changes to the FY26 Board Work Plan; and
C. Assign the Board Policy and Monitoring Committee to review collected feedback and work with staff to develop a Draft FY26 Board Work Plan for Board review and approval.

Roger Jackson, RJ Jackson Company, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Board Agenda Memo, and per the information contained in Attachment 2.

The following individuals provided comments regarding the 2026 Work Plan Session: Katja Irvin, representing the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter; Peter Van Dyke, Morgan Hill resident; and Doug Muirhead, Morgan Hill resident.

The Board noted the information without formal action.

3. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF BOARD REQUESTS:

None.

4. ADJOURN:

Chairperson Estremera adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m. The Board will convene for the next Regular meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and via Zoom teleconference.

Candice Kwok-Smith
Clerk, Board of Directors

Approved:

Date: October 28, 2025