



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

**MONDAY, April 20, 2026
2:00 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Capital Improvement Committee (Committee) was called to order in the Valley Water Headquarters Building Boardroom at 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and by Zoom teleconference, at 2:02 p.m.

1.1 Roll Call.

Committee members in attendance were District 6 Director Tony Estremera and District 5 Director Nai Hsueh, Chairperson presiding, constituting a quorum of the Committee. District 4 Director Jim Beall, Vice Chairperson, arrived as noted below.

Staff members in attendance were: Emmanuel Aryee, Aaron Baker, Erin Baker, Lisa Bankosh, Audrey Beaman, Sarah Berning, Mark Bilski, Sam Bogale, John Bourgeois, Chris Cannard, Rita Chan, Theresa Chinte, Jen Codianne, Jessica Collins, Enrique De Anda, Andrew Garcia, Chris Hakes, Wendy Ho, Linh Hoang, Candice Kwok-Smith, Linn Latt, Dave Leon, Ryan McCarter, Nicole Merritt, Tony Ndah, Julianne O'Brien, Carlos Orellana, Luz Penilla, Alison Phagan, Paola Reyes, Amandeep Saini, Kirsten Struve, Charlene Sun, Darin Taylor, and Tina Yoke.

2. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Chairperson Hsueh declared time open for public comment on any item not on the agenda. There was no one who wished to speak.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3.1. Approval of March 16, 2026 Capital Improvement Program Committee Meeting Minutes.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

Public Comments: None.

It was moved by Director Estremera, seconded by Chairperson Hsueh, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as submitted.

Chairperson Hsueh moved the agenda to item 4.2.

4. REGULAR AGENDA:

4.2. Receive and Discuss Information Regarding the Status of Capital Projects in the Feasibility and Planning Phase.

Recommendation: Receive and discuss information regarding the status of capital projects in the feasibility and planning phase.

Director Beall arrived at 2:11 p.m.

Andrew Garcia, Kirsten Struve, Luz Penilla, Emmanuel Aryee, Bhavani Yerrapotu, Lisa Bankosh, and Tony Ndah reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachment 1 were reviewed by staff per the row and Deputy's initials as follows: Andrew Garcia reviewed rows marked AG, Kirsten Struve reviewed rows marked KS, Luz Penilla reviewed rows marked LP, Emmanuel Aryee reviewed rows marked EA, Bhavani Yerrapotu reviewed rows marked BY, Lisa Bankosh reviewed rows marked LB, and Tony Ndah reviewed rows marked TN. Andrew Garcia, Kirsten Struve, Luz Penilla, Emmanuel Aryee, Bhavani Yerrapotu, Lisa Bankosh, Tony Ndah, and Aaron Baker were available to answer questions.

Public Comments: None.

Discussion ensued relating to inactive canals and maintenance on canals still in use, and the different phases of the Security Upgrades and Enhancements project, including replacement of the video camera management system.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

Chairperson Hsueh moved the agenda to item 4.1.

- 4.1. Receive an Update on the Implementation Strategy for Guadalupe River - Upper, Interstate 280 to Blossom Hill Road, Flood Protection Project, Project No. 26154003.

Recommendation: Receive an Update on the Implementation Strategy for Guadalupe River - Upper, Interstate 280 to Blossom Hill Road, Flood Protection Project, Project No. 26154003.

Erin Baker and Paola Reyes reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachment 1. Erin Baker, Paola Reyes, and Chris Hakes were available to answer questions.

Public comments: None.

Discussion ensued relating to timelines and costs of smaller scope projects, timelines for the Army Corps of Engineers, phases of smaller scope projects, obtaining approvals from the Army Corps of Engineers, enlisting the Valley Water government delegation to lobby for funding, and seeking funding at the State level.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

Chairperson Hsueh moved the agenda to item 4.3.

- 4.3. Receive Information on Change Orders to Anderson Dam Tunnel Project Construction Contract.

Recommendation: Receive information on Change Orders to Anderson Dam Tunnel Project Construction Contract.

Ryan McCarter reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachments 1 and 2 and was available to answer questions.

Public Comments: None.

Discussion ensued relating to potential impacts to the project resulting from a lawsuit against Graniterock and whether work at the quarry will cease as a result of the lawsuit. Further discussion ensued relating to project costs and money left within the contingency fund.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

4.4. Review 2026 Capital Improvement Program Committee Work Plan.

Recommendation:

Review the 2026 Capital Improvement Program Committee Work Plan and make adjustments as necessary.

The Committee considered this item without a staff presentation.

Public Comments: None.

Chairperson Hsueh noted that the Calabazas San Tomas Aquino Creek Staff Recommended Alternative item will be presented at the June Committee meeting, and that an item relating to the Anderson Dam Construction Contract Authority will be presented at the May Committee meeting. Director Beall requested that staff include information in the Ogier Ponds Planning Study report in June relating to opportunities to expand the ponds and other government entities that own land around the ponds.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

5. 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.

The Committee took no action.

6. ADJOURN:

6.1. Adjourn.

Chairperson Hsueh adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Dave Leon
Assistant Deputy Clerk II

Date Approved: