



## **Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors Meeting**

HQ. Bldg. Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California  
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### **CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**Tuesday, August 12, 2025  
11:00 AM**

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

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**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

1.1. Roll Call.

**2. 11:00 AM - CLOSED SESSION:**

*Notice to the Public: The Board of Directors meets in Closed Session in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act. Following the conclusion of Closed Session discussion, the Board will return for the remaining items on the regular meeting agenda.*

**2.1. CLOSED SESSION**

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL, PENDING LITIGATION**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Amanda Aguirre, et al. v. Santa Clara Valley Water District

(Santa Clara County Superior Court Case No. 23CV415312)

[25-0584](#)

- 2.2. CLOSED SESSION [25-0678](#)  
THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(a)
- 2.3. CLOSED SESSION [25-0609](#)  
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL, INITIATION OF LITIGATION  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)  
One potential case
- 2.4. CLOSED SESSION [25-0679](#)  
CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6(a)  
Agency Designated Representatives: M. Richardson, T. Yoke, P. McElroy, A. Lee, E. Meeks, J. Carlos Orellana, L. Mason, E. Kreisberg  
Employee Organizations: Employees Association, Engineers Society, Professional Managers Association  
Unrepresented Employees: All Valley Water Unclassified Positions
- 2.5. District Counsel Report on Closed Session.
- 3. 1:00 PM - TIME CERTAIN:**
- 3.1. Pledge of Allegiance/National Anthem.
- 3.2. Orders of the Day.  
A. *Approximate Discussion Time (Board); and*  
B. *Adjustments to the Order of Agenda Items.*
- 3.3. Time Open for Public Comment on any Item not on the Agenda.  
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- 3.4. Receive an Update on the Issuance of Water System Refunding Bonds [25-0587](#)  
in an Aggregate Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$520 Million and Adopt a Resolution Approving the Form of a Preliminary Official Statement.  
Recommendation: A. Receive an update on the issuance of Water System Refunding Revenue Bonds in an aggregate not-to-exceed amount of \$520 Million; and  
B. Adopt the Resolution APPROVING THE FORM OF A

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT IN  
CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF WATER  
SYSTEM REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS AND  
CERTAIN ACTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Manager: Darin Taylor, 408-630-3068

Attachments: [Attachment 1: Resolution](#)  
[Attachment 2: WU Preliminary Official Statement](#)  
[Attachment 3: PowerPoint](#)

Est. Staff Time: 30 Minutes.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR: (4.1 - 4.7) (Est. Time: 5 Minutes)**

*Notice to the public: There is no separate discussion of individual consent calendar items. Recommended actions are voted on in one motion. If an item is approved on the consent vote, the specific action recommended by staff is adopted. Items listed in this section of the agenda are considered to be routine by the Board, or delegated to the Board Appointed Officers (BAOs) yet required by law or contract to be Board approved (EL-7.10). Any item may be removed for separate consideration at the request of a Board member. Whenever a resolution is on the consent calendar, a roll call vote will be taken on the entire calendar. Members of the public wishing to address the Board on any consent items may do so by filling out a Speaker Card and submitting it to the Clerk or using the "Raise Hand" tool located in the Zoom meeting application to identify themselves to speak.*

- 4.1. Adopt a Resolution Declaring a Portion of Real Property Owned by the Santa Clara Valley Water District as Exempt Surplus Land, Making Responsible Agency Findings Under the California Environmental Quality Act, and Authorize Conveyance of Real Property Interest to the City of Milpitas; Authorize the Interim Chief Executive Officer to Negotiate and Execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the South Milpitas Vehicular Bridge Project, APN No. 086-37-018, Real Estate File No. 4049-6.1 (Milpitas, District 3).

[25-0563](#)

- Recommendation:
- A. Consider the potential environmental effects of the project as discussed in the Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration for the South Milpitas Boulevard Bridge Project;
  - B. Adopt a Resolution DECLARING A PORTION OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT (APN 086-37-018) AS EXEMPT SURPLUS LAND UNDER CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE 54221 (f)(1)(D), DETERMINING THAT THE REAL PROPERTY TO BE TRANSFERRED IS NOT REQUIRED FOR VALLEY WATER USE, CONSIDERING THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE SOUTH MILPITAS BOULEVARD BRIDGE PROJECT AND MAKING RESPONSIBLE AGENCY FINDINGS

PUSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, AND AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF MILPITAS PURSUANT TO SECTION 31(D) OF THE DISTRICT ACT (MILPITAS, DISTRICT 3);

- C. Authorize the Interim Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute the Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Milpitas and Santa Clara Valley Water District, for the conveyance of real property interest located in Penitencia East Channel, in substantially the same form as the attached draft based upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Agreement; and
- D. Authorize the Interim Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute the Grant Deed to the City of Milpitas in substantially the same form as the attached draft, Real Estate File No. 4049.

Manager: Lisa Bankosh, 408-630-2618

Attachments: [Attachment A: Gov. Code 84308](#)

[Attachment 1: Project Map](#)

[Attachment 2: Resolution](#)

[Attachment 3: Agreement](#)

[Attachment 4: IS/MND](#)

- 4.2. Adopt Plans and Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for the South County Recycled Water Pipeline Phase 1C Project, Project No. 91094009, Contract No. C0723 (Gilroy, Unincorporated Santa Clara County, District 1). [25-0622](#)

- Recommendation:
- A. Adopt the plans and specifications and authorize advertisement for bids for the construction of the South County Recycled Water Pipeline Phase 1C Project per the Notice to Bidders; and
  - B. Authorize the Designated Engineer to issue addenda, as necessary, during bidding process.

Manager: Emmanuel Aryee, 408-630-3074

Attachments: [Attachment 1: Notice to Bidders](#)

[Attachment 2: Project Delivery Chart](#)

[Attachment 3: Map](#)

[Attachment 4: Plans](#)

[Attachment 5: Specifications](#)

- 4.3. Adopt Recommended Positions on State Legislation: AB 454 (Kalra) Migratory Birds: California Migratory Bird Protection Act, SB 650 (Cabaldon) The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009, [25-0037](#)

and Other Legislation Which May Require Urgent Consideration for a Position by the Board.

- Recommendation:
- A. Adopt a position of "Support" on: AB 454 (Kalra) Migratory Birds: California Migratory Bird Protection Act; and
  - B. Adopt a position of "Support" on: SB 650 (Cabaldon) The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009.

Manager: Joshua Golka, 408-630-4508

- 4.4. Approve a Sole Source Designation, Adopt Plans and Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for the Penitencia Water Treatment Plant Residuals Management Project, Project No. 93234044, Contract No. C0711 (San Jose, District 3). [25-0593](#)

- Recommendation:
- A. Find that the Penitencia Water Treatment Plant Residuals Management Project is substantially complex and, therefore, requires construction contract retention of ten percent (10%);
  - B. Find that certain Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA), electrical, and instrumentation components should be designated as sole source products to match other products already in use at the Penitencia Water Treatment Plant. Public Contract Code Section 3400(c)(2);
  - C. Adopt the Plans and Specifications and Authorize Advertisements for Bids for construction of the Penitencia Water Treatment Plant Residuals Management Project per the Notice to Bidders; and
  - D. Authorize the Designated Engineer to issue addenda, as necessary, during the bidding process.

Manager: Emmanuel Aryee, 408-630-3074

Attachments: [Attachment 1: Notice to Bidders](#)  
[Attachment 2: Project Delivery Chart](#)  
[Attachment 3: Map](#)

- 4.5. Consider and Approve Appointments to the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Independent Monitoring Committee. [25-0617](#)

Recommendation: Consider and approve appointments to the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Independent Monitoring Committee.

Manager: Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193



Attachments:        [Attachment 1: SCVWD Resolution No. 21-10](#)  
                             [Attachment 2: Laguna Application, Redacted](#)  
                             [Attachment 3: Pollock Application, Redacted](#)

- 4.6.    Approval of Minutes. [25-0650](#)

Recommendation:   Approve the minutes.

Manager:             Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193

Attachments:        [Attachment 1: 06242025 CS and Regular Meeting Minutes](#)  
                             [Attachment 2: 07082025 CS and Regular Meeting Minutes](#)  
                             [Attachment 3: 07212025 CS and Special Meeting Minutes](#)

- 4.7.    Accept the CEO Bulletin for the Weeks of July 4, 2025 - July 17, 2025. [25-0654](#)

Recommendation:   Accept the CEO Bulletin.

Manager:             Melanie Richardson, 408-630-2017

Attachments:        [Attachment 1: 07172025 CEO Bulletin](#)

**5.    BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

- 5.1.    Board Committee Reports.

**6.    WATER UTILITY ENTERPRISE:**

**7.    WATERSHEDS:**

- 7.1.    Approve a Portion of Santa Clara Valley Water District's Fiscal Year 2025-26 [25-0627](#)  
Annual Member Contribution to the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers  
Authority Operating Budget for "Operations/Administration and Reserves" in the  
Amount of \$329,097.18 (Palo Alto, District 7).

Recommendation:   Approve a portion of Santa Clara Valley Water District's Fiscal  
Year 2025-2026 annual member contribution to the San  
Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority operating budget  
for "Operations/Administration and Reserves" in the amount of  
\$329,097.18.

Manager:             Christopher Hakes, 408-630-3796

Attachments:        [Attachment 1: Agreement](#)  
                             [Attachment 2: 06262025 SFCJPA Board Agenda Item 6.A](#)  
                             [Attachment 3: SFCJPA FY25-26 Contribution Invoice Package](#)

Est. Staff Time:     5 Minutes.

- 7.2.    Receive Report of Bids, Ratify Addenda, Approve the Contingency [25-0626](#)

Fund, and Award the Construction Contract to GSW Construction, Inc. for the Palo Alto Flood Basin Tide Gate Structure Seismic Retrofit and Rehabilitation Project, Project No.10394001, Contract No. C0710 in the sum of \$2,782,645.00 (Palo Alto, District 7).

Recommendation:      A. Ratify Addendum Nos. 1, 2 and 3 to the Contract Documents for the Palo Alto Flood Basin Tide Gate Structure Seismic Retrofit and Rehabilitation Project  
                                 B. Award the Construction Contract to GSW Construction, Inc. located in San Francisco, CA, in the sum of \$2,782,645.00; and  
                                 C. Approve a contingency sum of 15% in the amount of \$417,396.75 and authorize the Chief Executive Officer or designee to approve individual change orders up to the designated amount.

Manager:                Bhavani Yerrapotu, 408-630-2735

Attachments:          [Attachment 1: Map](#)  
                                 [Attachment 2: Addenda 1, 2 and 3](#)  
                                 [Attachment 3: Project Delivery Chart](#)

Est. Staff Time:      5 Minutes.

## **8. ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:**

- 8.1. Approve Agreement A5464A with GEI Consultants, Inc., for Construction Management Services for the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project, Project No. 91864005, for a Not-to-Exceed fee of \$180,717,246 (Morgan Hill, District 1). [25-0534](#)

Recommendation: Approve Agreement A5464A with GEI Consultants, Inc., for Construction Management Services for the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project, for a not-to-exceed fee of \$180,717,246.

Manager:                Ryan McCarter, 408-630-2983

Attachments:          [Attachment A: Gov. Code 84308](#)  
                                 [Attachment 1: Agreement](#)

Est. Staff Time:      5 Minutes.

## **9. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:**

## **10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:**

- 10.1. Approve the Central Fiscal Year 2024-25 Year-End and Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget Adjustments. [25-0568](#)

Recommendation: Approve the Central Fiscal Year 2024-25 Year-End and Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget Adjustments.

Manager:                Darin Taylor, 408-630-3068

Attachments: [Attachment 1: SCVWD Resolution No. 25-41](#)  
[Attachment 2: FY24-25 and FY25-26 Central Budget Adjustments](#)

Est. Staff Time: 10 Minutes.

10.2. CEO and Chiefs' Report.

**11. ADMINISTRATION:**

**12. DISTRICT COUNSEL:**

**13. BOARD POLICY PLANNING CALENDAR/PROPOSED FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS:**

13.1. Review the Fiscal Year 2026 Board Policy Planning Calendar. [25-0508](#)

Recommendation: Review the Fiscal Year 2026 Board Policy Planning Calendar.

Manager: Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3139

Attachments: [Attachment 1: FY26 Board Calendar](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes.

**14. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**15. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF BOARD REQUESTS:**

**16. ADJOURN:**

16.1 The Board will convene for the Special Joint meeting with the City of San Jose at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 200 E. Santa Clara St, Wing Rooms, San Jose, California, and via Live YouTube broadcast.

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