



WATER SUPPLY AND DEMAND
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025
12:00 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (Committee) was called to order by Chairperson Hsueh at 12:00 p.m. in the Valley Water Headquarters Building Boardroom at 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and by Zoom teleconference.

1.1. Roll Call.

Committee members in attendance were: District 5 Director Nai Hsueh, Chairperson, District 2 Director Shiloh Ballard, Vice Chairperson, and District 3 Director Richard Santos, constituting a quorum of the Committee.

Staff members in attendance were: Chanie Abuye, Gina Adriano, Antonino Alfaro, Aaron Baker, Roseryn Bhudsabourg, Justin Burks, Gavin Downs, Andrew Garcia, Vincent Gin, Joshua Golka, Andrew Gschwind, Jason Gurdak, Marino Hernandez, Wendy Ho, Bassam Kassab, Matt Keller, Kaho Kong, Ryan McCarter, Carmen Narayanan, Carlos Orellana, Paola Reyes, Metra Ulloa, Stephanie Simunic, Kirsten Struve, Charlene Sun, Erina Szeto, Darin Taylor, Greg Williams, Jing Wu.

Public in attendance were: Director Rebecca Eisenberg (District 7), Dominic Blum-Gutierrez, Arthur Keller, Kateline Lin, Doug Muirhead.

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 October 27, 2025 Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) Minutes.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

The Committee considered the minutes of the October 27, 2025 Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) meeting.

Public Comment: None.

It was moved by Vice Chairperson Ballard, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously carried, that the minutes be approved as presented.

4. REGULAR AGENDA:

4.1 Receive Update on Groundwater Basins Managed by Valley Water and Compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

Recommendation: Receive an update on the groundwater basins managed by Valley Water and compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

Jason Gurdak reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo and in the attachment and was available to answer questions.

The Committee discussed the following with staff input including: the Valley Water Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) that will be submitted to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) in 2026, relating to the Santa Clara and Llagas subbasins in Santa Clara County, managed exclusively by Valley Water, and the North San Benito Subbasin in Santa Clara and San Benito counties, primarily managed by San Benito County Water District. Staff noted at least several public meetings with opportunity for input will be held before the final plan is submitted to the DWR.

Public Comment: None.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

4.2 Receive an Update on Valley Water's South County Managed Aquifer Recharge Activities.

Recommendation: Receive an update on Valley Water's South County managed aquifer recharge activities.

Bassam Kassab reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo and in the attachments and was available to answer questions.

Staff presented four potential South County Recharge Projects that are being studied per the 2025 Water Supply Master Plan: 1. San Pedro Ponds Improvement, 2. Coyote Valley Recharge Pond, 3. Madrone Channel Expansion, 4. Butterfield Channel Managed Aquifer Recharge

The Committee received the information and requested that Valley Water's representative on the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), Director Beall, discuss sewer implementation in South County at LAFCO, as the

primary challenge with San Pedro Ponds Project is due to the nearby septic systems interfering with operating the San Pedro Ponds at full capacity.

Public Comment: Doug Muirhead.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

4.3 Receive and Discuss Information Regarding the Semitropic Groundwater Storage Bank.

Recommendation: Receive and Discuss information regarding the Semitropic Groundwater Storage Bank.

Kaho Kong reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo and in the attachment and was available to answer questions.

The Committee discussed the following with staff input including: the water quality of groundwater in the Kern County Subbasin and Department of Water Resources (DWR) timelines relating to the review of the Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs). Further discussion ensued relating to staff efforts on other out-of-county groundwater banking opportunities.

Staff noted once the Subbasin is returned to DWR oversight, DWR will review the final 2025 Subbasin GSPs, including the final Semitropic GSP. Staff stated they will continue to review potential impacts to banking operations as SGMA is implemented, in addition to other factors that may impact Semitropic operations, such as water quality.

Public Comment: Doug Muirhead and Arthur Keller.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

4.4 Review and Discuss Water Supply and Demand Committee (WSDMC) Work Plan and Upcoming Discussion Items.

Recommendation: Review and discuss the WSDMC Work Plan and upcoming discussion items.

Staff noted one item for the January 26, 2026 WSDMC meeting, the Urban Water Management Plan but that it was not critical to be in January and could be moved.

Public Comment: None.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS:

Staff noted the request from the Committee relating to Valley Water's representative on the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), Director Beall; discuss sewer implementation in South County with LAFCO.

The Committee took no formal action.

6. ADJOURN:

6.1. Adjourn. The Next Regular Meeting is Scheduled at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 26, 2026.

Chairperson Hsueh adjourned the meeting at 1:21 p.m.

Date Approved:

Stephanie Simunic
Assistant Deputy Clerk II