

2025 Accomplishments Report: Agricultural Water Advisory Committee

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The annual work plan establishes a framework for committee discussion and action during the annual meeting schedule. The committee work plan is a dynamic document, subject to change as external and internal issues impacting the District occur and are recommended for committee discussion. Subsequently, an annual committee accomplishments report is developed based on the work plan and presented to the District Board of Directors.

ITEM	WORK PLAN ITEM BOARD POLICY	MEETING DATE	ACCOMPLISHMENT DATE AND OUTCOME
1	Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2025.	January 6	<p>Accomplished January 6, 2025: The Committee unanimously approved Peter Van Dyke to remain as the 2025 Agricultural Water Advisory Committee Chairperson and Trevor Garrod to remain as the 2025 Agricultural Water Advisory Committee Vice-Chairperson.</p>
2	Annual Accomplishments Report.	January 6	<p>Accomplished January 6, 2025: The Committee unanimously approved the 2024 Annual Accomplishments Report for presentation to the Board.</p> <p><i>The Board received the Committee's presentation by Chairperson Peter Van Dyke and accepted the 2024 Annual Accomplishments Report at the March 11, 2025, meeting.</i></p>
3	Review and Comment to the Board on the Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026 Preliminary Groundwater Production Charges.	January 6 April 7	<p>Accomplished January 6, 2025: The Committee reviewed and commented on the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Preliminary Groundwater Production Charges and took the following action: The Committee unanimously approved to receive and accept staff's preliminary report for the FY 2025-2026 groundwater production charges with the amendment to continue the pursuit of water conservation programs, studying the impact of increased rates on agriculture and the potential of freezing agricultural rates.</p> <p>Accomplished April 7, 2025: The Committee received and noted the information, provided feedback, and took no formal action.</p> <p><i>The Board adopted the Resolutions: DETERMINING GROUNDWATER PRODUCTION CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 and DETERMINING SURFACE WATER, TREATED WATER, AND SOUTH COUNTY RECYCLED WATER CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 at the May 27, 2025 meeting.</i></p>

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4	Receive Information and Provide Feedback on the Development of Valley Water's Water Supply Master Plan 2050.	April 7 July 7	Accomplished April 7, 2025: The Committee received and noted the information, provided feedback, and took no formal action. Accomplished July 7, 2025: The Committee received and noted the information, provided feedback, and took no formal action.
5	Receive Update on One Water Plan Upper Pajaro Watershed Plan Priority Actions.	January 6	Accomplished January 6, 2025: The Committee received and noted the information, provided feedback, and took no formal action.
6	Review Climate Change and the benefits of ecosystems on Agriculture in Santa Clara County. *Receive information on the County of Santa Clara's Agricultural Outreach and Awareness Campaign.	July 7	Accomplished July 7, 2025: The Committee received and noted the information, provided feedback, and took no formal action.
7	Discuss the Potential of Forming a Subcommittee.	January 6	Accomplished January 6, 2025: The Committee received the information, took no formal action and noted the option of forming a subcommittee as needed.
8	Receive Update on Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Compliance.	October 6	Accomplished October 6, 2025: The Committee received and noted the information, provided feedback, and took no formal action.
9	Receive Update on Semitropic Groundwater Storage Bank.	October 6	Accomplished October 6, 2025: The Committee received and noted the information, provided feedback, and took no formal action.
10	Receive Update on Valley Water's South County Managed Aquifer Recharge Activities.	April 7	Accomplished April 7, 2025: The Committee received and noted the information, provided feedback, and took no formal action.
11	Receive Update on West Valley and Lower Peninsula Watershed Master Plans.	July 7	Accomplished July 7, 2025: The Committee received and noted the information and took no formal action.

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12	Receive Information on the Annual Report Regarding the Flood Control Benefit Assessments for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026.	July 7	Accomplished July 7, 2025: The Committee received and noted the information and took no formal action.
13	Receive Information on the Impact to the Agricultural Groundwater Production Charge Projection from the Suspension of the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project.	October 6	Accomplished October 6, 2025: The Committee received and noted the information, provided feedback, and took no formal action.
14	Standing Items Report Fiscal Year 2025 Goals and Strategies:	January 6 October 6	Accomplished January 6, 2025 and October 6, 2025: The Committee received the quarterly report on standing items for FY2025 and took no action.
15	Federal and State Affairs Report	January 6 April 7 July 7 October 6	Accomplished January 6, 2025: The Committee received the verbal update and confirmed financial assistance with the unhoused will be addressed locally through partnerships with the county or other jurisdictions to obtain federal funding. Accomplished April 7, 2025: The Committee received the verbal update and confirmed the state's insurance industry issues are a discussion topic with a focus on affordability for legislative representatives. Accomplished July 7, 2025: The Committee received the verbal update and confirmed that it may be challenging for the state to grant California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemptions for water projects and Chairperson Peter Van Dyke expressed support for a CEQA update at the next meeting. Accomplished October 6, 2025: The Committee received the federal verbal update, confirmed potential impacts and delays related to the government shutdown, and noted an overview of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. The Committee received and noted the state verbal update and Chairperson Peter Van Dyke noted support for follow up on the impacts to Special Districts related to any changes made to Division 9.

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16	Review and Discuss Resolution 17-75 and the Agricultural Water Advisory Committee (AWAC) Membership.	January 6	Accomplished January 6, 2025 The Committee received the information, took no formal action and noted Chairperson Peter Van Dyke will continue working with the AWAC Committee Oversight Managers regarding a potential recommendation to the Board.
17	Review of Agricultural Water Advisory Committee Work Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Committee Requests and the Committee’s Next Meeting Agenda.	January 6 April 7 July 7 October 6	Accomplished January 6, 2025: The Committee unanimously approved to recommend the proposed 2025 AWAC Work Plan to the Board with the amendment to add the Semitropics Groundwater Storage Bank as a separate AWAC Work Plan topic. <i>The Board received the Committee’s presentation by Chairperson Peter Van Dyke and approved the 2025 AWAC Work Plan at the March 11, 2025, meeting.</i> Accomplished April 7, 2025: The Committee received and noted the Work Plan and without further discussion took no formal action. Accomplished July 7, 2025: The Committee received and noted the updated Work Plan without further discussion and took no formal action. Accomplished October 6, 2025: The Committee reviewed and discussed the updated Work Plan and noted support for receiving updates related to the Semitropic Groundwater Storage Bank, groundwater levels, desalination, and onsite water recycling at new development sites.

BOARD WORK PLAN GOALS:

Integrated Water Resources Management - Goal: Efficiently manage water resources across business areas.

1. **Water Supply** – Goal: Provide a reliable, safe, and affordable water supply for current and future generations in all communities served.
2. **Natural Flood Protection** – Goal: Provide natural flood protection to reduce risk and improve health and safety.
4. **Environmental Stewardship** – Goal: Sustain ecosystem health while managing local water resources for flood protection and water supply.
5. **Addressing Encampment of Unsheltered People** – Goal: Humanely assist in the permanent relocation of unsheltered people on Valley Water lands along waterways and at water supply and flood risk reduction facilities in order to address the human health, public safety, operational, and environmental challenges posed by encampments.
6. **Climate Change** – Goal: Mitigate carbon emissions and adapt Valley Water operations to climate change impacts.
7. **Business Management** – Goal: Promote effective management of water supply, flood protection, and environmental stewardship through responsive and socially responsible business services.

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