



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Board of Directors **FROM:** Recycled Water Committee

SUBJECT: Recycled Water Committee (RWC) **DATE:** February 24, 2026
December 16, 2025, Special Meeting Summary.

This memorandum summarizes agenda items from the meeting of the Recycled Water Committee (RWC) held on Tuesday, December 16, 2025.

Receive Purified Water Program Update Including Partnership with the Cities of San Jose and Santa Clara.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and confirmed that installation of a traffic signal at McCarthy Lane and Zanker Road along with bike lanes, and road widening is part of Microsoft’s plan near the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center for safety purposes.

Receive Update on the 8th Independent Advisory Panel Meeting.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and without further discussion, noted the 8th Independent Advisory Panel meeting update.

Receive South Santa Clara County Water Reuse Collaboration Update and Provide Feedback.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and expressed support for meeting with the Mayors of Morgan Hill and Gilroy should progress not occur as expected. The Committee expressed interest in additional details regarding cost allocation for rate payers, developers, and cities. The Committee noted the challenges associated with the changes in the city staff and Valley Water staff are continuing to push forward to collaborate on the agreements with the cities to address the governance issues. The Committee noted support for continued efforts to ensure the entire county including the northern part of South County is included in the master plan.

Receive Desalination Engineering Feasibility Study Update.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and discussed the challenges associated with using Moffett field and nearby areas as a potential site and expressed support for further details at the next RWC meeting and looking into a formal letter of interest. The Committee confirmed that staff will include a cost analysis as part of the study. The Committee noted the comments from Doug Peterson regarding the Baylands Master Plan and the Baylands Comprehensive Conservation Plan and expressed support for staff receiving a copy. The Committee discussed the complexities associated with the deferred Palo Alto Water Advanced Purification Center Project. The Committee noted the Water Supply Master Plan is focusing on potable reuse and desalination may not be needed in the near term. The Committee noted the

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next update will be provided in the first quarter of 2026 upon following engagement with interest groups and the completion of the Alternative Analysis Report.

Receive Purified Water Public Outreach Update and Provide Feedback.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and expressed support for developing a commercial and for sharing the Testimonial Video during tours to further outreach efforts. The Committee expressed appreciation for staff's work and Chair Estremera's assistance in engaging the medical community. The Committee asked about staff's coordination with the County Health Officer.

Receive and Discuss the 2025 RWC Work Plan and Provide Feedback on Upcoming Discussion Items, and the Next Meeting Date.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and expressed support for canceling the regular 12:00 p.m. meeting on January 28, 2026, and to have the next regular meeting in February 2026.

The next regular RWC meeting is scheduled to occur at 12:00 p.m. on February 25, 2026.

Board member comments and suggestions can be forwarded to Nicole Merritt, Deputy Clerk (Committee Meetings) at (408) 630-3262 or by email to nmerritt@valleywater.org.