



## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Director John L. Varela  
JWRC 2024 Chair

**SUBJECT:** Joint Water Resources Committee (JWRC)  
with Gilroy/Morgan Hill April 3, 2024  
Regular Meeting Summary

**DATE:** June 11, 2024

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This memorandum summarizes agenda items from the meeting of the Joint Water Resources Committee (JWRC) held on April 3, 2024.

### **Election of 2024 Committee Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.**

It was moved by Director Santos and seconded by Councilmember Spring and unanimously carried that Chairperson Varela remain Chairperson and Vice Chairperson Blankley remain Vice Chairperson.

### **Receive South County Water Reuse Collaboration and Implementation Update and Provide Feedback.**

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and confirmed that operating costs for each of the Morgan Hill water reuse options are being reviewed conceptionally and options are currently at the planning level. The Committee reconfirmed that the South County Regional Wastewater Authority (SCRWA) is using all the recycled water during summer peak times. The Committee noted costs will be the main issue with moving forward on the reuse options in addition to the limited available wastewater, and the importance of the joint partnerships to collaborate on federal and state funding. The Committee noted staff's interest in working towards narrowing down to a joint preferred reuse option to expedite progress. The Committee noted interest in obtaining further information regarding local potential water resources and smaller scale reuse options that focus on individual homes and businesses. The Committee noted staff are reviewing various potential scenarios and resources under the Water Supply Master Plan to ensure water for South County, confirmed concern over time delays, and requested staff to provide further details on the status of the near-term projects at a future meeting. The Committee noted interest in a representative from agriculture attending a future meeting to discuss their water needs. The Committee confirmed the South County Master Plan would be reviewed by staff to ensure all dates and figures match accordingly and will return for Committee review on a future agenda. The Committee noted the major capital projects in the City of Morgan Hill, the increase of imported water costs, and confirmed that the South County Master Plan will not just pertain to the recycled water supply that comes from SCRWA.

### **Receive Information on Valley Water's Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Groundwater Production Charges and Provide Feedback.**

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and noted the groundwater production charges for South County were on the lower end of the scale versus other local retail agencies. The Committee confirmed the Water Supply Master Plan 2050 looks at future population growth, climate change, droughts, and how much water will be needed and is related to the South County Master Plan through the recycled water strategies. The Committee confirmed that estimated costs for capital projects were included in the projected rates. The Committee

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confirmed that Anderson Dam, Coyote Dam, and Pacheco Reservoir are not being paid for only by the South County zones and charges are based upon benefit received for water used. Chairperson Varela invited the Committee to attend an upcoming Agricultural Water Advisory Committee meeting.

**Review and Accept the Joint Water Resources Committee 2024 Proposed Work Plan, and Confirm the Next Meeting Date.**

The Committee received the information, accepted the 2024 JWRC Work Plan by consensus without official action, and confirmed the next meeting date of June 5, 2024.

Board member comments and suggestions can be forwarded to Nicole Merritt, Assistant Deputy Clerk II, at (408) 630-3262 or by email to [nmerritt@valleywater.org](mailto:nmerritt@valleywater.org).