



Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors

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

**Tuesday, August 25, 2026
11:00 AM**

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

DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Tony Estremera, Chair-District 6
Richard P. Santos, Vice Chair-District 3
John L. Varela-District 1
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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 [26-0680](#)
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL, INITIATION OF LITIGATION
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)
One potential case.

2.2. CLOSED SESSION [26-0681](#)
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL, SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE
TO LITIGATION
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)
Two Cases.

2.3. 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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All public comments requiring a response will be referred to staff for a written reply. The Board/Committee may take action on any item of business appearing on the posted agenda.

3.4. Conduct a Public Hearing to Consider Adopting a Resolution of Necessity Relating to the Acquisition of Real Property Interests from Pedro D. Valdez, Maria C. Valdez, and Tomasa S. Valdez, Necessary to Complete the Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project, Project No. 26174043, APN 467-13-007, Real Estate File Nos. 4021-487 and 4021-490 (San Jose, District 2).

[26-0626](#)

Recommendation:

- A. Open and conduct a Public Hearing to consider adoption of a Resolution of Necessity relating to the acquisition of real property interests from Pedro D. Valdez, Maria C. Valdez, and Tomasa S. Valdez, necessary to complete the Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project, Project No. 26174043;
- B. Close the Public Hearing; and
- C. Adopt the Resolution DETERMINING AND DECLARING THE PUBLIC NECESSITY FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OR INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY BY EMINENT DOMAIN FOR THE COYOTE CREEK FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECT (PROJECT NO. 26174043) (CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

Manager: Bhavani Yerrapotu, 408-630-2735

Attachments: [Attachment A: Gov. Code 84308](#)
[Attachment 1: Resolution](#)
[Attachment 2: Notice of Intent](#)
[Attachment 3: PowerPoint](#)

Est. Staff Time: 20 Minutes.

REGULAR AGENDA:

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR: (4.1 - 4.4) (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 Recommended Positions on Federal Legislation: H.R. 9372 [26-0127](#)
(Subramanyam) - Data Infrastructure Energy Measurement and Standards Act; and Other Legislation that may Require Consideration by the Board.

Recommendation: Adopt a Position of "Support and Amend" on H.R. 9372
(Subramanyam) - Data Infrastructure Energy Measurement and Standards Act.

Manager: Marta Lugo, 408-630-2237

- 4.2. Adopt Recommended Positions on State and Local Ballot Measures: [26-0687](#)
Proposition 1, The Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026;
Proposition 43, Limits Voters' Ability to Raise Revenues for Local Government Services; Measure RTM, Connect Bay Area Transit Initiative; and Other Measures Which May Require Urgent Consideration for a Position by the Board.

Recommendation: A. Adopt a position of "Support" on: Proposition 1, The Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026;
B. Adopt a position of "Oppose" on: Proposition 43, Limits Voters' Ability to Raise Revenues for Local Government Services; and
C. Adopt a position of "Support" on: Measure RTM, Connect Bay Area Transit Initiative.

Manager: Marta Lugo, 408-630-2237

- 4.3. Approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. A4909G with EMC Research, Inc., for On-Call Polling, Survey, and Public Opinion Research Services, PlanetBids File No. VW0259, Increasing the Not-to-Exceed Fee by \$190,000 for a Revised Total Not-to-Exceed Fee of \$415,000, and Extending the Term Through June 30, 2027. [26-0686](#)

Recommendation: Approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. A4909G with EMC Research, Inc. for on-call polling, survey, and public opinion research services, increasing the not-to-exceed fee by \$190,000 for a revised total not-to-exceed fee of \$415,000 and extending the term through June 30, 2027.

Manager: Rachael Gibson, 408-630-2884

Attachments: [Attachment A: Gov. Code 84308](#)
[Attachment 1: Amendment No. 1](#)
[Attachment 2: Agreement](#)

- 4.4. Accept the Work as Complete and Direct the Clerk to File the Notice of Completion of Contract and Acceptance of Work for the South County Recycled Water Pipeline Phase 1C Project, Cratus, Inc., Contractor, Project No. 91094009, Contract No. C0723 (City of Gilroy, Unincorporated Santa Clara County, District 1). [26-0629](#)

Recommendation: A. Accept the work on the South County Recycled Water Pipeline Phase 1C Project, Project No. 91094009, Contract No. C0723 as complete; and
B. Direct the Clerk of the Board to sign the Notice of Completion of Contract and Acceptance of Work and submit for recording to the Santa Clara County Clerk-Recorder.

Manager: Emmanuel Aryee, 408-630-3074

Attachments: [Attachment 1: Notice of Completion and Acceptance of Work](#)
[Attachment 2: Construction Contract Acceptance](#)
[Attachment 3: Project Completion Letter](#)
[Attachment 4: Construction Photos](#)
[Attachment 5: Project Delivery Process Chart](#)

5. BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- 5.1. Receive the Semi-Annual Lobbyist Report and Annual Registration of Individuals Engaged in Compensated Lobbying Activities for the period January 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026. [26-0622](#)

Recommendation: Receive the Semi-Annual Lobbyist Report and Annual

Registration of Individuals Engaged in Compensated Lobbying
Activities for the period January 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026.

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

Attachments: [Attachment 1: Lobbyist Report](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes.

5.2. Board Committee Reports.

6. WATER UTILITY ENTERPRISE:

7. WATERSHEDS:

- 7.1. Receive Report of Bids, Ratify Addenda, Approve the Contingency Fund, and Award the Construction Contract to Hanford Applied Restoration & Conservation, for the Berryessa Creek Flood Protection Project, Calaveras Boulevard to Interstate 680, Upper Berryessa Creek Off-Site Mitigation Project, Project No. 26174041, Contract No. C0717 in the Sum of \$5,963,750.00 (Milpitas and San Jose, Districts 3 and 6). [26-0608](#)

Recommendation:

- A. Ratify Addenda Nos. 1 and 2 to the Contract Documents for the Berryessa Creek Flood Protection Project, Calaveras Boulevard to Interstate 680, Upper Berryessa Creek Off-Site Mitigation Project;
- B. Award the Construction Contract to Hanford Applied Restoration & Conservation, located in Petaluma, CA, in the sum of \$5,963,750.00; and
- C. Approve a contingency sum of \$298,100.00 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: Project Map](#)
[Attachment 2: Addenda No. 1 and 2](#)
[Attachment 3: Project Delivery Process Chart](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes.

8. ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

9. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:

10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

- 10.1. 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.

14. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

15. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF BOARD REQUESTS:

16. ADJOURN:

16.1 The Board will convene its next Regular Board meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, in the Boardroom of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Building, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and via Zoom teleconference.