



## Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors Meeting

HQ. Bldg. Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California  
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### **\*AMENDED/APPENDED \*CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**Tuesday, October 28, 2025  
11:00 AM**

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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. (ITEM REMOVED FROM AGENDA) CLOSED SESSION  
CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

**2.2. CLOSED SESSION**

[25-0938](#)

**CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Setting Negotiation Parameters for Price and Terms of Payment for Purchase, Sale, or Exchange of Property Interest in APNs:

237-02-062, 237-02-066, 237-02-064, 237-02-067, 237-18-082,  
249-21-005, 249-64-001, 249-64-011, 249-64-025, 254-01-004,  
254-01-023, 254-01-034, 254-17-103, 467-05-047, 467-05-048,  
467-13-007, 472-11-009, 472-11-062, 472-11-081, 472-12-001,  
472-12-005, 472-12-041, 472-12-044, 472-12-073, 472-12-075,  
472-31-041, 472-31-042, 472-33-007, 472-33-010, 472-33-011,  
472-33-012, 477-12-020, Parcel located at St. John Street and 18th  
Street No APN, 467-13-006, 249-22-027, 249-22-028, 249-22-029,  
249-22-030

Agency Negotiators: Melanie Richardson, Rita Chan, Chris Hakes,  
Bhavani Yerrapotu, Carlo Achdjian, Ken Anderssohn, Madhu Thummalur  
Negotiating Parties: Mai Charcot LLC, AMB Institutional Alliance Fund III  
LP, City of San Jose, Levitt James E Trustee, Tripp Avenue Housing  
Associates LP, Jimmie S Eakins Trustee, Bernadette Moise Trustee,  
Pedro D and Maria C Valdez, Mildred M Peck, Eunan Reynolds, 1020 S

12TH Street LLC, David R Bleile, Michele A Dour, San Jose Unified School District, BGT Development LLC, Unidentified Owner of Parcel Located at St. John Street and 18th Street, B9 Sequoia Charot Owner LLP, SJS Investment Group LLC, Opera San Jose Inc., Kim Lam and Mai Nguyen, James Carbin and Elizabeth Caplan, Ruozhen Hov, Thomas Li and C. Yeo-Chung, Daniel and Jennie Cardona, Danny Weidman and Hortencia Calvillo, Riversedge Business Park.

- \*2.3. CLOSED SESSION [25-0961](#)  
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1).

- \*2.4. CLOSED SESSION [25-0962](#)  
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Significant Exposure to Litigation  
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)  
Number of cases: multiple

- \*2.5. District Counsel Report on Closed Session.  
(PREVIOUSLY LISTED AS ITEM 2.3)

**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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- 3.4. Proposed Updates to the Change Control Process for the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program. [25-0658](#)  
Recommendation: Approve staff's proposed updates to the Change Control Process for the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection

Program.

Manager: Luz Penilla, 408-630-2228

Attachments: [Attachment 1: SCVWD 20-64 Resolution Adopting Measure S](#)  
[Attachment 2: Existing Board-Approved Change Control Process](#)  
[Attachment 3: June 10 2025 Board Agenda Memo](#)  
[Attachment 4: Draft Revised Change Control Process](#)  
[Attachment 5: Change Control Process At-A-Glance](#)  
[Attachment 6: Proposed Public Hearing Process Timelines](#)  
[Attachment 7: PowerPoint](#)

Est. Staff Time: 20 Minutes.

#### **REGULAR AGENDA:**

#### **4. CONSENT CALENDAR: (4.1 - \*4.9) (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 a Resolution Recognizing October 2025, as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. [25-0882](#)

Recommendation: Adopt the RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2025 AS NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH.

Manager: Patrice McElroy, 408-630-3159

Attachments: [Attachment 1: Resolution](#)

- 4.2. Approve Specific Brand or Trade Name Designation, Adopt Plans and Specifications, and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for the Almaden Valley Pipeline Replacement Project - Phase 1, Project No. 92304001, Contract No. C0714 (San Jose, Unincorporated Santa Clara County) (District 1, District 7). [25-0597](#)

Recommendation: A. Find that the Almaden Valley Pipeline Replacement Project is substantially complex and, therefore, requires a construction contract retention of 10 percent (10%);  
B. Find that certain Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition instrumentation components as specified in

the Plans and Specifications should be designated as specific brand or trade name products. Public Contract Code Section 3400(c)(2);

- C. Adopt the Plans and Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for Construction of the Almaden Valley Pipeline Project - Phase 1 per the Notice to Bidders; and
- D. Authorize the Designated Engineer to issue addenda, as necessary, during the bidding process.

Manager: Emmanuel Aryee, 408-630-3074

Attachments: [Attachment 1: Notice to Bidders](#)  
[Attachment 2: Project Delivery Process Chart](#)  
[Attachment 3: Map](#)

- 4.3. Approve the Board of Directors' Quarterly Expense Report for the Quarter Ending June 30, 2025. [25-0909](#)

Recommendation: A. Review the Board of Directors' Quarterly Expense Report for the quarter ending June 30, 2025; and  
B. Approve the Report if the reimbursements comply with Board Policy.

Manager: Darin Taylor, 408-630-3068

Attachments: [Attachment 1: Quarterly Expense Report](#)

- 4.4. Adopt Recommended Positions on Federal Legislation: H.R. 4733 (Sorensen) - Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program Establishment Act; H.R. 3572 (Valadao) - Farm to Market Road Improvement Act; S. 1413 (Padilla) - To Authorize Additional Funding for the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act; S. 1477 (Padilla) / H.R. 2945 (Lieu) - Housing for All Act of 2025; And Other Legislation That May Require Consideration by the Board. [25-0362](#)

Recommendation: A. Adopt a Position of "Support and Amend" on H.R. 4733 (Sorensen) - Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program Establishment Act;  
B. Adopt a Position of "Support and Amend" on H.R. 3572 (Valadao) - Farm to Market Road Improvement Act;  
C. Adopt a Position of "Support" on S. 1413 (Padilla) - To authorize additional funding for the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act; and  
D. Adopt a Position of "Support and Amend" on S. 1477 (Padilla) / H.R. 2945 (Lieu) - Housing for All Act of 2025.

Manager: Marta Lugo, 408-630-2237

- 4.5. Denial of Claim of Robert Emmons. [25-0746](#)

Recommendation: Deny the claim.

Manager: Carlos Orellana, 408-630-2755

Attachments: [Attachment 1: Claim](#)

4.6. Denial of Claim of Bilal Abbas on Behalf of Bibz N Ribz, LLC.

[25-0779](#)

Recommendation: Deny the claim.

Manager: Carlos Orellana, 408-630-2755

Attachments: [Attachment 1: Claim](#)  
[Attachment 2: Photos](#)

4.7. Receive the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission's Accomplishments Report and Recognition of the 2025 Outgoing Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission Members.

[25-0923](#)

Recommendation: A. Receive and accept the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission's Accomplishments Report; and  
B. Acknowledge and recognize the 2025 outgoing Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission Members.

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

Attachments: [Attachment 1: 2025 YC Accomplishments Report](#)

\*4.8. Approval of Minutes.

[25-0893](#)

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

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

Attachments: [Attachment 1: 09/03/2025 Special Meeting Minutes](#)  
[Attachment 2: 09/09/2025 Regular Meeting Minutes](#)

\*4.9. Accept the CEO Bulletin for the Weeks of October 10-23, 2025.

[25-0939](#)

Recommendation: Accept the CEO Bulletin.

Manager: Melanie Richardson, 408-630-2017

Attachments: [Attachment 1: 102325 CEO Bulletin PH](#)

**5. BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

5.1. Formation of a Labor Negotiations Ad Hoc Committee

[25-0940](#)

Recommendation: A. Form a Labor Negotiations Ad Hoc Committee to Support the Negotiations with Santa Clara Valley Water

District's Bargaining Units  
B. Appoint 3 Board Members to Serve on the Labor  
Negotiations Ad Hoc Committee

Manager: Chair Tony Estremera  
Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

\*5.2. Board Committee Reports. [25-0941](#)

Attachments: [\\*Handout 5.2-A: 091025 ECCC Meeting Summary](#)  
[\\*Handout 5.2-B: 091725 BAC Meeting Summary](#)  
[\\*Handout 5.2-C: 092425 RWC Meeting Summary](#)  
[\\*Handout 5.2-D: 092925 CIP Meeting Summary](#)  
[\\*Handout 5.2-E: 101725 Ethics Ad Hoc Meeting Summary](#)  
[\\*Handout 5.2-F: 102725 WSDMC Agenda](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

\*5.3. Approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth  
Commission Work Plan Including the September 30, 2025, Youth  
Commission's Project Recommendations. [25-0921](#)

Recommendation: Consider and approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Santa Clara Valley  
Water District Youth Commission Work Plan with  
recommendations resulting from the September 30, 2025 Youth  
Commission meeting:

- A. One Water Pitch: A Youth Video Competition on Water  
Sustainability;
- B. Data Accessibility Project, based on Water Watch,  
Microplastic Interception Program and Trash Pollution  
Heatmap; and
- C. Creekside Community Care Project with elements from  
Providing Safe Drinking Water.

Manager: Rachael Gibson, 408-630-2884  
Attachments: [Attachment 1: FY26 Work Plan](#)  
Est. Staff Time: 10 Minutes

\*5.4. Consider the October 7, 2025, Board Policy and Monitoring Committee  
Recommendation to Approve the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Board Work  
Plan. [25-0936](#)

Recommendation: Consider the recommendation resulting from the October 7,  
2025, Board Policy and Monitoring Committee meeting to  
approve the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Board Work Plan.

Manager: Theresa Chinte, 408-630-2714



Attachments: [Attachment 1: FY26 Board Work Plan - Edits Highlighted](#)  
[Attachment 2: FY26 Board Work Plan - Final](#)

Est. Staff Time: 10 Minutes

**6. WATER UTILITY ENTERPRISE:**

**7. WATERSHEDS:**

- 7.1. Receive an Update on the San Francisquito Creek Flood Protection Project from the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority (Palo Alto, District 7). [25-0763](#)

Recommendation: A. Receive an Update on the San Francisquito Creek Flood Protection Project from the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority; and  
B. Provide direction to staff including considering approval of a portion of Santa Clara Valley Water District's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 annual member contribution to the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority operating budget for "Capital Expenditures" in the amount of \$604,000 and authorizing the Interim Chief Executive Officer to take all actions necessary to implement the Board's direction.

Manager: Christopher Hakes, 408-630-3796

Attachments: [Attachment 1: PowerPoint](#)  
[Attachment 2: Agreement](#)  
[Attachment 3: 06262025 SFCJPA Board Agenda Item 6.A](#)  
[Attachment 4: SFCJPA FY25-26 Contribution Invoice Package](#)  
[Attachment 5: 08122025 SCVWD Board Agenda Memo Item 7.1](#)

Est. Staff Time: 20 Minutes

**8. ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:**

- 8.1. Approve the Agreement No. A5443A with Aon Risk Insurance Services West, Inc., for Owner Controlled Insurance Program for the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project, Project No. 91864005, PlanetBids File No. VW0583, for a Total Fee of \$3,650,000 and an 11-year term (Morgan Hill, District 1). [25-0741](#)

Recommendation: A. Approve Agreement A5443A with Aon Risk Insurance Services West, Inc., for Owner Controlled Insurance Program for the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project for a Fixed Fee of \$2,750,000 and a 9% Builder's Risk Placement Commission Estimated at \$900,000 for a Total Fee of \$3,650,000 and an 11-year term; and  
B. Approve and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Negotiate and Execute amendments related to Builder's

Risk Placement Commission for Agreement A5443A  
with Aon Risk Insurance Services West, Inc.

Manager: Carlos Orellana, 408-630-2755

Attachments: [Attachment A: Gov Code 84308](#)

[Attachment 1: Agreement](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes.

**9. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:**

**10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:**

\*10.1 CEO and Chiefs' Reports.

[25-0942](#)

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Attachments: [\\*Handout 10.1-A: OC Activities](#)

[\\*Handout 10.1-B: Watersheds OM 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.

[25-0838](#)

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Recommendation: Review the Fiscal Year 2026 Board Policy Planning Calendar.

Manager: Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3139

Attachments: [\\*Attachment 1: FY26 Board Calendar](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

**14. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**15. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF BOARD REQUESTS:**

**16. ADJOURN:**

16.1 The Board will convene for the next Special meeting at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and via Zoom teleconference.