



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

**CLOSED SESSION AND SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 21, 2025
11:00 AM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

A Closed Session and Special Meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Board of Directors was called to order at 11:00 a.m. in the Valley Water Headquarters Building Boardroom at 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and by Zoom teleconference.

1.1. Roll Call.

Board members in attendance were Shiloh Ballard, Jim Beall, Nai Hsueh, John L. Varela, and Richard P. Santos, Vice Chairperson presiding, constituting a quorum of the Board.

Chairperson Estremera and Director Rebecca Eisenberg arrived as noted below.

During Chairperson Estremera's absence, the meeting was facilitated by Vice Chairperson Santos.

Staff members in attendance were Carlos Orellana, District Counsel; Candice Kwok-Smith, Clerk, Board of Directors; D. Taylor.

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance/National Anthem.

Vice Chairperson Santos led all present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. 11:00 AM - CLOSED SESSION:

Vice Chairperson Santos confirmed that the Board would adjourn to Closed Session to consider Item 2.1.

Chairperson Tony Estremera and Director Rebecca Eisenberg joined the meeting.

**2.1. CLOSED SESSION
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
San Jose Unified School District v. SCVWD
(Santa Clara Co. Superior Court, No. 18CV330233)**

Chairperson Estremera left the meeting and did not return.

2.2. District Counsel Report on Closed Session.

Upon return from Closed Session, the same Board members, including Director Eisenberg and excluding Chairperson Estremera and staff, were present.

Carlos Orellana, District Counsel, reported that in regard to Item 2.1, the Board met in Closed Session with all members participating, including Chairperson Estremera and Director Eisenberg, and gave direction to staff.

3. 11:30 AM - TIME CERTAIN:

3.1. Receive Annual Audit Training from Board Independent Auditor.

Recommendation: Receive Annual Audit Training from Board Independent Auditor.

George Skiles, Partner, Sjoberg & Evashenk Consulting, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Board Agenda Memo and per the information contained in Attachment 1.

The Board noted the information without formal action.

4. ADJOURN:

Vice Chairperson Santos adjourned the meeting at 12:58 p.m. The Board will convene for the next Closed Session and Regular meeting at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and via Zoom teleconference.

Candice Kwok-Smith
Clerk, Board of Directors

Approved:

Date: August 12, 2025