



## 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, January 27, 2026  
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. CLOSED SESSION [26-0140](#)  
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL, INITIATION OF LITIGATION  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)  
15 potential cases

\*2.2. CLOSED SESSION [26-0141](#)  
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)

\*2.3. CLOSED SESSION [26-0168](#)  
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL, ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)  
Number of cases: multiple

\*2.4. District Counsel Report on Closed Session. (\*Previously Listed as Item 2.2)

**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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*Public comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker, or such other time as determined by the Chair. State law does not permit the Board/Committee to take action on, or engage in extended discussion of, any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except as otherwise authorized under applicable law. If Board/Committee action is requested, the matter may be scheduled for consideration at a future meeting.*

*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. Receive an Update on the Pure Water Silicon Valley Project and Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Agreement Relating to the Proposed San Jose Purified Water Project and Certain Acts in Connection Therewith.

[26-0117](#)

Recommendation: Receive an update on the Pure Water Silicon Valley Project and Adopt the Resolution AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE PROPOSED SAN JOSE PURIFIED WATER PROJECT AND CERTAIN ACTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Manager: Kirsten Struve, 408-630-3138

Attachments: [Attachment 1: Resolution](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes.

3.5. Receive and Discuss the Overview of the Santa Clara Valley Water District's Fiscal Year 2026-27 First Pass Biennial Budget.

[25-1060](#)

Recommendation: Receive and discuss the overview of the Santa Clara Valley Water District's Fiscal Year 2026-27 First Pass Biennial Budget.

Manager: Darin Taylor, 408-630-3068

Attachments: [Attachment 1: PowerPoint](#)

Est. Staff Time: 20 Minutes.

- 3.6. Conduct a Public Hearing to Consider Adopting a Resolution of Necessity Relating to the Acquisition of Real Property Interests from San Jose Unified School District, Necessary to Complete the Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project, Project No. 26174043, APNs 472-33-007 and 472-33-010, Real Estate File Nos. 4021-354 and 4021-467 (San Jose, District 2). [26-0074](#)

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 San Jose Unified School District, 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 SECTIONS 1245.220, et seq.), by a two-thirds vote.

Manager: Bhavani Yerrapotu, 408-630-2735

Attachments: [Attachment A: Gov. Code § 84308](#)  
[Attachment 1: Resolution](#)  
[Attachment 2: Notice of Intent](#)  
[Attachment 3: PowerPoint](#)  
[Handout 3.6-A: Letter from SJUSD](#)

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 a Resolution Setting Time and Date of Public Hearing on the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration and Engineer's Report for the Vasona [25-1029](#)

Pump Station Upgrade Project, Project No. 92264001 (Los Gatos, District 7).

Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution SETTING TIME AND DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FINAL MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR THE VASONA PUMP STATION UPGRADE PROJECT, to occur on February 10, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., at the Boardroom at Santa Clara Valley Water District, Headquarters Building, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA.

Manager: Emmanuel Aryee, 408-630-3074

Attachments: [Attachment 1: Resolution](#)  
[Attachment 2: Engineer's Report](#)  
[Attachment 3: Notice Public Hearing](#)

- 4.2. Adopt Recommended Positions on Federal Legislation: H.R. 6422 (Stauber) - American Water Stewardship Act; And Other Legislation That May Require Consideration by the Board. [25-1051](#)

Recommendation: Adopt a Position of "Support" on H.R. 6422 (Stauber) - American Water Stewardship Act.

Manager: Marta Lugo, 408-630-2237

- 4.3. Approve a Sole Source Designation, Adopt Plans and Specifications, and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for the East Pipeline Inspection and Rehabilitation Project, Project No. 95084004, Contract No. C0718, (San Jose, Districts 1, 3, and 6). [25-1077](#)

Recommendation:

- A. Find that the East Pipeline Inspection and Rehabilitation Project is substantially complex and, therefore, requires construction contract retention of ten percent (10%);
- B. Find that certain Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) 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 East Pipeline Inspection and Rehabilitation Project, 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](#)

\*4.4. Accept the CEO Bulletin for the Weeks of January 9 - 22, 2026. [26-0142](#)

Recommendation: Accept the CEO Bulletin.

Manager: Melanie Richardson, 408-630-2017

Attachments: [Attachment 1: 012226 CEO Bulletin](#)

## 5. BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

5.1. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Execute the Grant Agreement for Funding Acquisition of Real Property (Sargent Ranch) with Peninsula Open Space Trust; Approve a Budget Adjustment in the Amount of \$3,950,000 to the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget of the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program's Project D7 Conservation of Habitat Lands, Project No. 26072008; and Authorize Transfer of \$3,950,000 of Project No. 26072008 Funds to the Peninsula Open Space Trust for Acquisition of Sargent Ranch. [25-1070](#)

Recommendation:

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the Grant Agreement for Funding Acquisition of Real Property (Sargent Ranch) with the Peninsula Open Space Trust for the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection (Safe, Clean Water) Program's Project D7: Partnerships for the Conservation of Habitat Lands, Project No. 26072008, in the amount of \$3,950,000;
- B. Approve the budget adjustment in the amount of \$3,950,000 from Fund 26 Operating and Capital Reserves to the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget of the Safe, Clean Water Project D7 Partnerships for the Conservation of Habitat Lands, Project No. 26072008, to fully fund the Grant Agreement for Funding Acquisition of Real Property (Sargent Ranch) with the Peninsula Open Space Trust; and
- C. Authorize the transfer of funds in the amount of \$3,950,000 to the Peninsula Open Space Trust to support the acquisition of Sargent Ranch, consistent with the Safe, Clean Water Project D7 Funding Criteria.

Manager: Lisa Bankosh, 408-630-2618

Attachments: [Attachment A: Gov Code § 84308](#)  
[Attachment 1: Property Location](#)  
[Attachment 2: Grant Agreement](#)  
[Attachment 3: CEQA NOE](#)  
[Attachment 4: PowerPoint](#)

Est. Staff Time: 10 Minutes.

\*5.2. Board Committee Reports.

[26-0138](#)

Attachments: [\\*Handout 5.2-A: 12192025 BAC Summary](#)  
[\\*Handout 5.2-B: 01282026 SCVWD WC Agenda](#)  
[\\*Handout 5.2-C: 01282026 YC Agenda](#)  
[\\*Handout 5.2-D: 01292026 SCWIMC Agenda](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes.

**6. WATER UTILITY ENTERPRISE:**

**7. WATERSHEDS:**

**8. ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:**

**9. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:**

**10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:**

\*10.1 CEO and Chiefs' Reports.

[26-0139](#)

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

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes.

**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.

[26-0144](#)

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

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

Attachments: [\\*Attachment 1: FY 2026 Board Policy Planning 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 Regular meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and via Zoom teleconference.