



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026
12:00 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting and of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Santa Clara Valley Water Commission (Commission) was called to order by Hon. Chairperson Srinivasan in the Valley Water Headquarters Building Boardroom at 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and by Zoom teleconference, at 12:04 p.m.

A quorum was established with 10 Commission members present.

Members in attendance were:

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
City of Campbell	Hon. Member Terry Hines	
City of Cupertino	Hon. Member Shelia Mohan	
Town of Los Altos Hills	Hon. Member Linda Swan	
Town of Los Gatos		Hon. Member Maria Ristow
City of Milpitas	Hon. Member Carmen Montano	
City of Monte Sereno	Hon. Member Lisa Shannon	
City of San Jose	Hon. Member Domingo Candelas	
City of Saratoga	Hon. Member Yan Zhao	
City of Sunnyvale	Hon. Member Murali Srinivasan	
Midpen. Regional OSD	Hon. Member Jed Cyr	

Members not in attendance were:

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
City of Campbell		Hon. Member Sergio Lopez
City of Cupertino		Hon. Member JR Fruen
City of Los Altos	Hon. Member Pete Dailey	
City of Gilroy	Hon. Member Dion Bracco	
Town of Los Gatos	Hon. Member Rob Rennie	Hon. Member Terence Fugazzi

City of Milpitas		Hon. Member Gary Barbadillo
City of Monte Sereno		Hon. Member Bryan Mekechuk
City of Morgan Hill	Hon. Member Yvonne Martinez-Beltran	Hon. Member Miriam Vega
City of Mountain View	Hon. Member Lucas Ramirez	Hon. Member Pat Showalter
City of Santa Clara	Hon. Member Karen Hardy	
City of Saratoga		Hon. Member Kookie Fitzsimmons
City of Sunnyvale		Hon. Member Charlsie Chang
County of Santa Clara	Hon. Member Sylvia Arenas	
Open Space Auth. SCV	Hon. Member Calvin Gill	
Midpen. Regional OSD		Hon. Member Yoriko Kishimoto

Hon. Members Dailey, Hardy and Arenas arrived as noted below.

Valley Water Board members in attendance were Vice Chairperson Richard Santos (District 3) and Director Nai Hsueh (District 5).

Staff members in attendance were: Aaron Baker, Roseryn Hessabi, Rita Chan, Rachael Gibson, Vincent Gin, Joshua Golka, Richard Luna, Nicole Merritt, Carmen Narayan, Stephanie Simunic, Kirsten Struve, Darin Taylor, Metra Ulloa.

Public in attendance were: Katja Irvin (Sierra Club), Kevin Kostiuk and Luke Wang (Hazen & Sawyer).

2. **TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA:**
Chairperson Srinivasan declared time open for public comment on any item not on the agenda. There was no one present who wished to speak.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- 3.1. **Approval of January 28, 2026 Santa Clara Valley Water Commission Meeting Minutes.**

Recommendation: **Approve the minutes.**

The Commission considered the attached minutes of the January 28, 2026 meeting.

Public Comments: None.

It was moved by Hon. Carmen Montano and seconded by Hon. Domingo Candelas and the minutes were approved by majority vote.

4. **REGULAR AGENDA:**

- 4.1 **Receive Results of Consultant Study Regarding Santa Clara Valley Water District's Water Use Projections, Water Demand Elasticity, and Customer Affordability; Provide Feedback or Recommendations to the Board.**

Recommendation:

A. Receive results of the consultant study regarding Santa Clara Valley Water District's water use projections, water demand elasticity, and customer affordability, including study scope, objectives, and status update; and B. Provide feedback or recommendations(s) to the Board as desired.

Hon. Members Dailey, Hardy and Arenas arrived.

Carmen Narayanan, Kevin Kostick, and Luke Wang reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Commission Agenda Memo, and reviewed the information contained in Attachment 1.

Carmen Narayanan, Kevin Kostick, and Luke Wang were available to answer questions.

Public Comment: Katja Irvin.

The Commission received the information, took no formal action, and discussed the following with staff input including: lowering the 10 percent water demand elasticity statistic, the Water Supply Master Plan 2050, challenges predicting water supply and demand long-term, receiving metrics about the Sacred Heart Water Rate Assistance Program (WRAP) and increasing WRAP funding, and development and climate change impacts on water supply and demand predictions.

The Commission requested that staff return with a proposal to evaluate increasing the amount of funding to the WRAP, number of cities that have implemented the program, and a general comparison to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Hon. Member Hardy left the meeting and did not return.

4.2 Review the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 Groundwater Production Charge and Provide Feedback.

Recommendation:

Review proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 Groundwater Production Charge and provide feedback.

Carmen Narayanan reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Commission Agenda Memo, and reviewed the information contained in Attachment 1.

Carmen Narayanan and Darin Taylor were available to answer questions.

Public Comments: None

The Commission received the information, took no formal action, and discussed the following with staff input including: decreasing water use projections, data center water usage estimates, rebound from droughts, adding an indication of quantitative issues of not executing capital projects, and concerns for raised rates for ratepayers.

Hon. Member Candelas left the meeting and did not return.

4.3 Review the 2026 Santa Clara Valley Water District Water Commission (SCVWD WC) Work Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Commission Requests, the Commission's Next Meeting Agenda; and Confirm Next Meeting Date.

Recommendation:	Review the SCVWD WC Work Plan to guide the Commission's discussions regarding policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation; the outcomes of Board action of Commission requests, the Commission's next meeting agenda; and confirm next meeting date.
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Stephanie Simunic reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and reviewed the information contained in Attachment 1.

Stephanie Simunic and Rita Chan were available to answer questions.

Public Comments: None

The Committee received the information without discussion and took no formal action.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMISSION REQUESTS:

Stephanie Simunic stated water use for Artificial Intelligence centers is on the October 21, 2026 meeting agenda and staff is reviewing sites for the Commission to tour during the July 22 meeting. She further stated that the Commission requested that staff return with a proposal to evaluate increasing the amount of funding to the WRAP, number of cities that have implemented the program, and a general comparison to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

6. REPORTS:

6.1. Directors Report

None.

6.2 Managers Report

Roseryn Hessabi announced that Valley Water is accepting applications for the grant cycle for shovel-ready construction or large-scale projects that help advance safe clean water, water conservation projects, flood protection, and environmental stewardship, and the application deadline is April 24.

She further announced an outreach toolkit is available relating to education efforts regarding invasive golden mussels.

6.3 Committee Member Report

No report was received.

6.4 Informational Links

Links noted on agenda.

7. ADJOURN

7.1 Adjourn. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22, 2026.

Chairperson Srinivasan adjourned the meeting in memory of Tony Santos, the brother of Director Richard Santos, at 1:48 p.m.

Stephanie Simunic,
Assistant Deputy Clerk II

Date approved:

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