



Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors Meeting

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SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

**Wednesday, November 12, 2025
11:00 AM**

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1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

1.1. Roll Call.

2. 11:00 AM CLOSED SESSION:

- 2.1. CLOSED SESSION [25-0966](#)
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant Exposure to Litigation Government Code Section 54956.9(d)
(2)
First Community Housing, Betty Anne Gardens, L.P.
- 2.2. CLOSED SESSION [25-0967](#)
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - PENDING LITIGATION
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Morris, et al. v. Betty Anne Gardens, et al. (Santa Clara County Superior
Court, Case No. 25CV477634)
- 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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3.4. Receive Information on the Consultant Study Regarding Santa Clara Valley Water District's Water Use Projections, Water Demand Elasticity, Customer Affordability Study, and Provide Feedback to Staff as Needed.

[25-0810](#)

Recommendation: A. Receive information on 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 to staff as needed.

Manager: Darin Taylor, 408-630-3041

Attachments: [Attachment 1: SCVWD 06242025 Item 3.4 Conformed Copy](#)
 [Attachment 2: PowerPoint](#)

Est. Staff Time: 20 Minutes.

3.5. Adopt the Water Supply Master Plan 2050.

[25-0889](#)

Recommendation: Adopt the Water Supply Master Plan 2050.

Manager: Kirsten Struve, 408-630-3138

Attachments: [Attachment 1: WSMP 2050](#)
 [Attachment 2: PowerPoint](#)

Est. Staff Time: 20 Minutes.

- 3.6. Receive an Overview of the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Groundwater Production Charge, Treated Surface Water Charge, Raw Surface Water Charge, and Recycled Water Charge Rate Setting Processes; Review Assumptions for the 10-Year Water Rate Projection and Potential State Water Project Tax Levy; and Provide Feedback. [25-0871](#)

Recommendation: A. Receive an overview of the Fiscal Year 2026-27 rate-setting processes for groundwater production charges, treated surface water charges, raw surface water charges, and recycled water charges;
B. Review assumptions for the 10-year water rate projection and potential State Water Project tax levy; and
C. Provide feedback to staff.

Manager: Darin Taylor, 408-630-3068

Attachments: [Attachment 1: PowerPoint](#)
[Attachment 2: SCVWD Resolution No. 99-21](#)
[Attachment 3: SCVWD Resolution No. 12-10](#)

Est. Staff Time: 20 Minutes.

- 3.7. Receive an Overview of the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Rolling Biennial Budget Process. [25-0870](#)

Recommendation: Receive an overview of the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Rolling Biennial Budget process to provide an opportunity for Board input.

Manager: Darin Taylor, 408-630-3068

Attachments: [Attachment 1: PowerPoint](#)

Est. Staff Time: 10 Minutes.

- 3.8. Receive the Winter Preparedness Briefing. [25-0794](#)

Recommendation: Receive information on the Santa Clara Valley Water District's preparedness for winter operations.

Manager: Alexander Gordon, 408-630-2637

Attachments: [Attachment 1: PowerPoint](#)

Est. Staff Time: 10 Minutes.

REGULAR AGENDA:

4. CONSENT CALENDAR: (4.1 - 4.2) (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

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- 4.1. Approve the Re-Appointment of Committee Members for an Additional Two-Year Term to the Agricultural Water Advisory Committee. [25-0931](#)

Recommendation: Consider and approve the re-appointment of committee members for an additional two-year term to the Agricultural Water Advisory Committee.

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

Attachments: [Attachment 1: SCVWD Resolution No. 17-75](#)

- 4.2. Approve Recommended 2026 Legislative Policy Proposals and Guiding Principles. [25-0722](#)

Recommendation: Approve recommended 2026 Legislative Policy Proposals and Guiding Principles for the second year of the two-year session in both the California State Legislature and the 119th Congress; and for local and regional legislative efforts.

Manager: Marta Lugo, 408-630-2237

Attachments: [Attachment 1: 2026 Policy Proposals and Guiding Principles](#)
[Attachment 2: PowerPoint](#)

5. BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- 5.1. Receive the Safe, Clean Water Performance Audit Report for the Period Covering July 1, 2021, Through June 30, 2024, with Management's Response. [25-0885](#)

Recommendation: Receive the Safe, Clean Water Performance Audit Report for the period covering July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024, with management's response.

Manager: Darin Taylor, 408-630-3068

Attachments: [Attachment 1: Audit Report](#)
[Attachment 2: PowerPoint](#)

Est. Staff Time: 10 Minutes.

5.2. Board Committee Reports.

6. WATER UTILITY ENTERPRISE:

7. WATERSHEDS:

8. ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

- 8.1. Approve the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program Annual Report with Proposed Text Adjustments and Authorize Submission to the Independent Monitoring Committee for Review. [25-0862](#)

Recommendation: A. Approve the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program Annual Report (Annual Report) with text adjustments;
 B. Authorize staff to submit the Annual Report to the Independent Monitoring Committee for its review; and
 C. Authorize staff to update the Annual Report with audited financials, as necessary.

Manager: Luz Penilla, 408-630-2228

Attachments: [Attachment 1: SCW Program Background](#)
 [Attachment 2: FY25 Safe, Clean Water Annual Report](#)
 [Attachment 3: Project Text Adjustments, Redlined](#)
 [Attachment 4: Project Text Adjustments, Clean](#)
 [Attachment 5: PowerPoint](#)

Est. Staff Time: 20 Minutes.

- 8.2. Receive an Informational Update on the Capital Improvement Program Prioritization Process Enhancements. [25-0947](#)

Recommendation: Receive an informational update on the Capital Improvement Program Prioritization Process Enhancements.

Manager: Luz Penilla, 408-630-2228

Attachments: [Attachment 1: PowerPoint](#)

Est. Staff Time: 10 Minutes.

- 8.3. Receive an Overview of the Initially Validated and Currently Unfunded Capital Projects. [25-0691](#)

Recommendation: A. Review the list of initially validated and currently unfunded Capital Projects; and
 B. Provide feedback as necessary.

Manager: Luz Penilla, 408-630-2228

Attachments: [Attachment 1: PowerPoint](#)

Est. Staff Time: 20 Minutes.

- 8.4. Approve Amendment No. 6 to Agreement A3675A with GEI Consultants, Inc., for Environmental Services for the Calero and Guadalupe Dam Seismic Retrofits Project, Project No. 91084020, Increasing the Not-to-Exceed Fee by \$5,888,623 for a Revised Total Not-to-Exceed Fee of \$14,818,434 and Extending the Agreement Term to June 30, 2028 (San Jose, District 1). [25-0906](#)

Recommendation: Approve Amendment No. 6 to Agreement A3675A with GEI Consultants, Inc., for Environmental Services for the Calero and Guadalupe Dam Seismic Retrofits Project, Project No. 91084020, Increasing the Not-to-Exceed Fee by \$5,888,623 for a Revised Total Not-to-Exceed Fee of \$14,818,434 and Extending the Agreement Term to June 30, 2028.

Manager: Ryan McCarter, 408-630-2983

Attachments: [Attachment A: Gov. Code 84308](#)
[Attachment 1: Amendment No. 6](#)
[Attachment 2: Amendment No. 5](#)
[Attachment 3: Amendment No. 4](#)
[Attachment 4: Amendment No. 3](#)
[Attachment 5: Amendment No. 2](#)
[Attachment 6: Amendment No. 1](#)
[Attachment 7: Original Agreement](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes.

9. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:

10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

10.1. CEO and Chiefs' Report.

11. ADMINISTRATION:

12. DISTRICT COUNSEL:

13.1. BOARD POLICY PLANNING CALENDAR/PROPOSED FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS:

- 13.1. Review the Fiscal Year 2026 Board Policy Planning Calendar. [25-0843](#)

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 Regular meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November, 25, 2025, in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and via Zoom teleconference.