



Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors

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***AMENDED/APPENDED** **CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING** **AGENDA**

Tuesday, April 28, 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

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)

Title: Chief Executive Officer

[26-0333](#)

2.2. 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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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. Conduct a Public Hearing on the February 2026 Annual Report on the Protection and Augmentation of Water Supplies and Recommended Increases in Groundwater Production Charges, Surface Water Charges, and Recycled Water Charges for Fiscal Year 2026-27. (Continued from April 22, 2026)

[26-0373](#)

- Recommendation:
- A. Conduct a Continued Public Hearing pursuant to Section 26.6 of the District Act to consider Santa Clara Valley Water District's Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Annual Report on the Protection and Augmentation of Water Supplies and recommended increases to groundwater production charges (between 6.6% to 9.4%), surface water charges (between 6.9% to 9.4%) and recycled water charges (between 4.8% to 6.8%);
 - B. Hear public comments from groundwater producers and any interested persons regarding the Report and recommendations;
 - C. Consider any written protests to proposed surface water rate increases;
 - D. Consider staff's recommendation to set the State Water Project tax in an amount sufficient to pay next year's State Water Project costs (excluding Delta Conveyance Project costs) to avoid severe water rate impacts and keep rates feasible;
 - E. Direct staff to review such Report with, and solicit comments from, Santa Clara Valley Water District's advisory committees; and
 - F. Close the Public Hearing; and
 - G. At the close of the Public Hearing, count all written protests received, if any, regarding proposed surface water rates.

Manager: Darin Taylor, 408-630-3068

Attachments: [Attachment 1: Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 2: PowerPoint](#)
[Attachment 3: SCVWD Resolution No. 12-10](#)
[Attachment 4: Notice of Public Hearing](#)
[*Supplemental Board Agenda Memo](#)
[*Supplemental Attachment 1: PowerPoint](#)

Est. Staff Time: 10 Minutes.

- *3.5. Conduct a Public Hearing to Consider the Santa Clara Valley Water District's Capital Improvement Program Draft Fiscal Years 2027-31 Five-Year Plan. [25-0695](#)

Recommendation: A. Open and conduct a Public Hearing to receive public comments and Board feedback regarding the Santa Clara Valley Water District's Capital Improvement Program Draft Fiscal Years 2027-31 Five-Year Plan; and
B. Continue the Public Hearing to the subsequent Special Board Meeting for the Budget Work Study Sessions currently scheduled for April 29, 2026, and if needed, April 30, 2026, and conclude the Public Hearing at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on May 12, 2026.

Manager: Luz Penilla, 408-630-2228

Attachments: [Attachment 1: CIP Draft FY 2026-30 Five-Year Plan](#)
[*Attachment 2: Letters of Support](#)
[Attachment 3: Notice of Public Hearing](#)
[*Handout 3.5-A: City of Santa Clara Letter of Support](#)

Est. Staff Time: 10 Minutes.

REGULAR AGENDA:

4. CONSENT CALENDAR: (4.1 - *4.10) (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 Commemorating May 3-9, 2026, as the 57th Annual [25-0462](#)

Professional Municipal Clerks Week.

Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution COMMEMORATING MAY 3-9, 2026, AS THE 57TH ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK.

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

Attachments: [Attachment 1: Resolution](#)

- 4.2. Adopt Recommended Positions on Federal Legislation: H.R. 7845 (Peters) - Drought Relief Obtained Using Government Help Today (DROUGHT) Act; H.R. 4144 (Mullin) - Groundwater Rise and Infrastructure Preparedness Act of 2025; And Other Legislation That May Require Consideration by the Board. [25-1054](#)

Recommendation: A. Adopt a Position of "Support" on H.R. 7845 (Peters) - Drought Relief Obtained Using Government Help Today (DROUGHT) Act; and
B. Adopt a Position of "Support" on H.R. 4144 (Mullin) - Groundwater Rise and Infrastructure Preparedness Act of 2025.

Manager: Marta Lugo, 408-630-2237

- *4.3. *Adopt Recommended Positions on State Legislation: AB 1772 (Papan) Aquatic Invasive Species: Vessel Decontamination and Prevention Framework, AB 2032 (Ransom) Fish and Wildlife: Restricted Species Permits: Golden Mussels, AB 2469 (Papan) Data Centers: Water Use Disclosures, SB 952 (Laird) State Water Project: Renewable Energy Resources and Zero-Carbon Resources, AB 2739 (Soria) Community Water Affordability Program, AB 2777 (Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials) State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Program: Loans: Water Reuse, SB 1125 (Menjivar) Public Water Systems: Drinking Water Needs Assessment: Water Rate Assistance Program, and Other Legislation Which May Require Urgent Consideration for a Position by the Board. [26-0452](#)

Recommendation: A. Adopt a position of "Support" on: AB 1772 (Papan) Aquatic Invasive Species: Vessel Decontamination and Prevention Framework;
B. Adopt a position of "Support" on: AB 2032 (Ransom) Fish and Wildlife: Restricted Species Permits: Golden Mussels;
C. Adopt a position of "Support" on: AB 2469 (Papan) Data Centers: Water Use Disclosures;
D. Adopt a position of "Support" on: SB 952 (Laird) State Water Project: Renewable Energy Resources and

Zero-Carbon Resources.

- *E. Adopt a position of “Support” on: AB 2739 (Soria) Community Water Affordability Program;
- *F. Adopt a position of “Support” on: AB 2777 (Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials) State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Program: Loans: Water Reuse;
- *G. Adopt a position of “Support” on: SB 1125 (Menjivar) Public Water Systems: Drinking Water Needs Assessment: Water Rate Assistance Program.

Manager: Joshua Golka, 408-630-4508

Attachments: [*Original Board Agenda Memo](#)
[*Supplemental Board Agenda Memo](#)

- 4.4. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Execute the Assignment and Assumption of Memorandum of Option, and the Assignment and Assumption of Option Agreement, for Purchase of the Belluomini Ranch Property, Between the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency and the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Unincorporated Area of Santa Clara County, District 1). [26-0336](#)

Recommendation: A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Execute the Assignment and Assumption of Memorandum of Option between Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency and Santa Clara Valley Water District (APN 898-35-006) (9195-11.1); and
B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Execute the Assignment and Assumption of Option Agreement for Purchase of the Belluomini Ranch Property, between the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency and the Santa Clara Valley Water District.

Manager: Lisa Bankosh, 408-630-2618

Attachments: [Attachment A: Gov. Code § 84308](#)
[Attachment 1: Map](#)
[Attachment 2: Assignment of Option](#)
[Attachment 3: Assignment of Memorandum](#)

- 4.5. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Execute the Amendment to the Grant Agreement for Funding Acquisition of Real Property (Sargent Ranch) with Peninsula Open Space Trust, Joining Verdantis LLC as an Additional Party. [26-0355](#)

Recommendation: Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the Amendment to the Grant Agreement for Funding Acquisition of Real Property

(Sargent Ranch) with Peninsula Open Space Trust, joining Verdantis LLC as an additional party.

Manager: Lisa Bankosh, 408-630-2618

Attachments: [Attachment A: Gov. Code § 84308](#)
[Attachment 1: Amendment](#)
[Attachment 2: Original Agreement](#)

- 4.6. Accept the Work as Complete and Direct the Clerk to File the Notice of Completion of Contract and Acceptance of Work for the Calabazas Creek Erosion Repair Project, Brannon Corporation, Contractor, Project No. 62084001, Contract No. C0715 (Cupertino, District 5). [26-0054](#)

Recommendation: A. Accept the work on the Calabazas Creek Erosion Repair Project, Project No. 62084001, Contract No. C0715 as complete; and
B. Direct the Clerk of the Board to sign the Notice of Completion of Contract and Acceptance of Work and submit for recording to the Santa Clara County Clerk-Recorder

Manager: Bhavani Yerrapotu, 408-630-2735
Emmanuel Aryee, 408-630-3074

Attachments: [Attachment 1: Notice of Completion and Acceptance of Work](#)
[Attachment 2: Construction Contract Acceptance](#)
[Attachment 3: Project Completion Letter](#)
[Attachment 4: Construction Photos](#)
[Attachment 5: Project Delivery Process Chart](#)

- 4.7. Accept the Work as Complete and Direct the Clerk to File the Notice of Completion of Contract and Acceptance of Work for the Palo Alto Flood Basin Tide Gate Structure Seismic Retrofit and Rehabilitation Project, Phase 1 (Milestones 1-3), GSW Construction, Inc., Contractor, Project No. 10394001, Contract No. C0710 (Palo Alto, District 7). [26-0247](#)

Recommendation: A. Accept the work on the Palo Alto Flood Basin Tide Gate Structure Seismic Retrofit and Rehabilitation Project, Phase 1 (Milestones 1-3), Project No. 10394001, Contract No. C0710 as complete; and
B. Direct the Clerk of the Board to sign the Notice of Completion of Contract and Acceptance of Work for Phase 1 (Milestones 1-3) and submit for recording to the Santa Clara County Clerk-Recorder

Manager: Bhavani Yerrapotu, 408-630-2735

Attachments: [Attachment 1: Notice of Completion and Acceptance of Phase 1 Work](#)
[Attachment 2: Construction Contract Acceptance for Phase 1 Work](#)
[Attachment 3: Phase 1 Completion Letter](#)
[Attachment 4: Phase 1 Construction Photos](#)
[Attachment 5: Project Delivery Process Chart for Phase 1 Work](#)

4.8. Receive the Single Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025. [26-0339](#)

Recommendation: Receive the Single Audit Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025.

Manager: Darin Taylor, 408-630-3068

Attachments: [Attachment 1: Single Audit Report](#)

*4.9. Accept the CEO Bulletin for the Weeks of April 10 - 23, 2026. [26-0426](#)

Recommendation: Accept the CEO Bulletin.

Manager: Melanie Richardson, 408-630-2017

Attachments: [Attachment 1: 04232026 CEO Bulletin](#)

*4.10 Approval of Minutes from March 24, 2026. [26-0089](#)

Recommendation: Approve the minutes from March 24, 2026.

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

Attachments: [Attachment 1: 03/24/2026 Meeting Minutes](#)

5. BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

*5.1. Board Committee Reports. [26-0427](#)

Attachments: [*Handout 5.1-A: 03122026 SPOC Summary](#)
[*Handout 5.1-B: 03182026 BAC Summary](#)
[*Handout 5.1-C: 04272026 WSDMC Agenda](#)
[*Handout 5.1-D: 04282026 Ethics and Conduct Ad Hoc Update](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes.

6. WATER UTILITY ENTERPRISE:

7. WATERSHEDS:

- 7.1. Adopt a Resolution Certifying the Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report and Adopting the CEQA Findings of Fact, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, for the Stream Maintenance Program Renewal; and Approve the Stream Maintenance Program Renewal. [26-0352](#)

Recommendation: A. Consider the environmental effects of the Stream Maintenance Program Renewal as discussed in the Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report;
 B. Adopt the Resolution CERTIFYING THE FINAL SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND ADOPTING CEQA FINDINGS OF FACT, STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS, AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM FOR THE STREAM MAINTENANCE PROGRAM RENEWAL; and;
 C. Approve the Stream Maintenance Program Renewal.

Manager: Jennifer Codianne, 408-630-3876

Attachments: [Attachment 1: SMP Renewal Final SEIR Cover Page and Link](#)
 [Attachment 2: Resolution](#)
 [Attachment 3: PowerPoint](#)

Est. Staff Time: 10 minutes.

8. ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

- 8.1. Approve Amendment No. 12 to Agreement No. A3555A with Black and Veatch Corporation for Project Management Services for the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project No. 91864005, the Calero Dam Seismic Retrofit Project No. 91874004, the Guadalupe Dam Seismic Retrofit Project No. 91894002, and the Almaden Dam Improvements Project No. 91854001, Increasing the Not-to-Exceed Fee by \$7,317,759 for a Revised Total of Not-to Exceed Fee of \$42,865,121, and Extending the Agreement Term to October 31, 2028 (Morgan Hill, District 1). [26-0311](#)

Recommendation: Approve Amendment No. 12 to Agreement No. A3555A (Agreement) with Black and Veatch Corporation for project management services for the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project No. 91864005, the Calero Dam Seismic Retrofit Project No. 91874004, the Guadalupe Dam Seismic Retrofit Project No. 91894002, and the Almaden Dam Improvements Project No. 91854001, increasing the not-to-exceed fee by \$7,317,759 for a revised total of not-to-exceed fee of \$42,865,121, and extending the Agreement term to October 31, 2028.

Manager: Ryan McCarter, 408-630-2983

Attachments: [Attachment A: Gov. Code 84308](#)
[Attachment 1: Amendment No.12](#)
[Attachment 2: Amendment No.11](#)
[Attachment 3: Amendment No. 10](#)
[Attachment 4: Amendment No. 9](#)
[Attachment 5: Amendment No.8](#)
[Attachment 6: Amendment No.7](#)
[Attachment 7: Amendment No.6](#)
[Attachment 8: Amendment No.5](#)
[Attachment 9: Amendment No.4](#)
[Attachment 10: Amendment No.3](#)
[Attachment 11: Amendment No.2](#)
[Attachment 12: Amendment No.1](#)
[Attachment 13: Original Agreement](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes.

9. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:

10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

- 10.1. Conduct a Public Hearing on Vacancy Status, Recruitment, and Retention Efforts. [26-0276](#)

Recommendation: A. Open and conduct the Public Hearing to receive a presentation on Santa Clara Valley Water District vacancy status, recruitment, and retention efforts;
B. Close the Public Hearing; and
C. Provide feedback as necessary.

Manager: Patrice McElroy, 408-630-3159

Attachments: [Attachment 1: PowerPoint](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes.

- 10.2. Adopt a Resolution Approving the Sixth Amended Compensation Plan for Unrepresented Employees in the Executive Service of the Santa Clara Valley Water District. [26-0335](#)

Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution APPROVING THE SIXTH AMENDED COMPENSATION PLAN FOR UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES IN THE EXECUTIVE SERVICE (JANUARY 1, 2026, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2029)

Manager: Patrice McElroy, 408-630-3159

Attachments: [Attachment 1: Resolution](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes.

*10.3 CEO and Chiefs' Reports.

[26-0428](#)

Attachments: [*Handout 10.3-A: OCE Monthly Report](#)

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.

[25-0922](#)

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 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and via Zoom teleconference.