



## Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors Meeting

HQ. Bldg. Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California  
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### CLOSED SESSION AND SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

**Friday, May 16, 2025  
11:00 AM**

**District Mission: Provide Silicon Valley safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment and economy.**

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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.*

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| 2.1. | CLOSED SESSION<br>CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - INITIATION OF LITIGATION<br>Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)<br>One Potential Case | <a href="#"><u>25-0277</u></a> |
| 2.2. | CLOSED SESSION<br>CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - INITIATION OF LITIGATION<br>Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)<br>One Potential Case | <a href="#"><u>25-0457</u></a> |
| 2.3. | CLOSED SESSION<br>CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION   | <a href="#"><u>25-0456</u></a> |

2.4. 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. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Water System Refunding Bonds and Revenue Bonds to Finance Certain Costs of the Water Utility Enterprise, and Approving the Execution and Delivery of Certain Documents and Certain Acts In Connection Therewith in an Aggregate Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$520 Million; Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Water System Revenue Bonds to Finance Certain Costs of the San Jose Water Purification Project, Phase I, and Approving the Execution and Delivery of Certain Documents and Certain Acts in Connection Therewith in an Aggregate Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$100 Million; Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Tax-Exempt Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note, and a Taxable Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note to Support Short-Term Obligations; Adopt a Resolution for Intention to Issue Tax-Exempt Obligations for Water Utility Enterprise; and Adopt a Resolution for the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection and Watershed Stream Stewardship Programs.

[25-0194](#)

Attachments: [Attachment 1: Resolution](#)  
[Attachment 2: Resolution, Water Purification](#)  
[Attachment 3: Resolution, TRANS](#)  
[Attachment 4: Resolution, WUE](#)  
[Attachment 5: Resolution, SCW, WS](#)  
[Attachment 6: Financing Documents, Series 2025AB](#)  
[Attachment 7: Financing Documents, Series 2025C](#)  
[Attachment 8: Debt Management Policy](#)  
[Attachment 9: 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 2026-30 Five-Year Plan. [25-0430](#)  
(Continued from April 23, 2025)

Recommendation: A. Open and conduct the continued Public Hearing to receive public comments and Board feedback regarding the Santa Clara Valley Water District's Capital Improvement Program Draft Fiscal Years 2026-30 Five-Year Plan; and  
B. Continue and conclude the Public Hearing at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on May 27, 2025.

Manager: Luz Penilla, 408-630-2228

Attachments: [Attachment 1: CIP Draft FY 2026-30 Five-Year Plan](#)  
[Attachment 2: Notice of Public Hearing](#)

Est. Staff Time: 20 Minutes.

- 3.6. Conduct a Public Hearing on the February 2025 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 2025-26; Consider Staff's Recommendation Concerning Setting of State Water Project Tax. [24-0909](#)  
(Continued from April 25, 2025)

Recommendation: A. Open and conduct the continued Public Hearing pursuant to Section 26.6 of the District Act to consider Santa Clara Valley Water District's Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Annual Report on the Protection and Augmentation of Water Supplies and recommended increases to groundwater production charges (between 7.9% to 11.2%), surface water charges (between 8% to 11.1%) and recycled water charges (between 4.6% to 8.1%);  
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. Close the Public Hearing; and
- F. At the close of the Public Hearing, count all written protests received, if any, regarding proposed surface water rates.

Manager: Aaron Baker, 408-630-2135

Attachments: [Attachment 1: Staff Report](#)  
[Attachment 2: SCVWD Resolution No. 12-10](#)

Est. Staff Time: 10 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 Delegating Authority to Deposit and Invest Funds to the Treasurer or Their Designees and Approve the Board Investment Policy. [25-0197](#)

- Recommendation: A. Adopt the Resolution DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO DEPOSIT AND INVEST FUNDS TO THE TREASURER OR THEIR DESIGNEEES; and  
 B. Approve the Board Investment Policy.

Manager: Darin Taylor, 408-630-3068

Attachments: [Attachment 1: Resolution](#)  
[Attachment 2: FY 2025-2026 Board Investment Policy](#)  
[Attachment 3: CMTA Certificate](#)  
[Attachment 4: ESG Report](#)

- 4.2. Adopt a Resolution Proclaiming May 18-24, 2025, as National Public Works Week. [25-0445](#)

Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution PROCLAIMING MAY 18-24, 2025, AS NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK.

Manager: Rita Chan, 408-630-2620

Attachments: [Attachment 1: Resolution](#)  
[Attachment 2: Poster](#)

- 4.3. Accept the Work as Complete and Direct the Clerk to File the Notice of Completion of Contract and Acceptance of Work for the Santa Teresa Water Treatment Plant Filter Media Replacement Project, Thompson Builders Corporation, Contractor, Project No. 93284013, Contract No. C0681 (San Jose, District 7). [25-0363](#)

Recommendation: A. Accept the work on the Santa Teresa Water Treatment Plant Filter Media Replacement Project, Project No. 93284013, Contract No. C0681 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: 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](#)

- 4.4. Approval of Minutes. [25-0351](#)

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

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

Attachments: [Attachment 1: 03112025 CS and Regular Meeting Minutes](#)

## 5. BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- 5.1. Board Committee Reports.

## 6. WATER UTILITY ENTERPRISE:

## 7. WATERSHEDS:

## 8. ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:



**9. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:**

**10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:**

10.1. CEO and Chiefs' Report.

**11. ADMINISTRATION:**

11.1. Conduct a Public Hearing on Vacancy Status, Recruitment, and Retention Efforts.

[25-0408](#)

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: Gov. Code 3502.3](#)  
                                 [Attachment 2: PowerPoint](#)

Est. Staff Time:      10 Minutes.

**12. DISTRICT COUNSEL:**

**13. BOARD POLICY PLANNING CALENDAR/PROPOSED FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS:**

**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, May, 27, 2025, in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and via Zoom teleconference.

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