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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Director John L. Varela
JWRC 2025 Chair

SUBJECT: Joint Water Resources Committee
(JWRC) with Gilroy/Morgan Hill
April 2, 2025 Regular Meeting Summary

DATE: May 16, 2025

This memorandum summarizes agenda items from the meeting of the Joint Water Resources Committee (JWRC) held on April 2, 2025.

Election of 2025 Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

It was moved by Director Santos and seconded by Councilmember Martinez Beltran and unanimously carried that Chairperson Varela remain Chairperson and Councilmember Dion Bracco would become Vice Chairperson.

Receive Information and Provide Feedback on Valley Water's Water Supply Master Plan (WSMP) 2050.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and confirmed that the water demands are currently stable and imported water supplies are doing well, and the presentation for this item reflects the future projections for 2050. The Committee confirmed the resident's willingness to pay estimate was based on surveys reflecting how much rate payers would pay to avoid having to cut back more during water shortages. The Committee confirmed the B.F. Sisk Dam project is raising the dam to accommodate more water storage and noted Valley Water is in good shape with current supplies of groundwater and water storage. The Committee noted the Landscape Rebate Program for residents and businesses to upgrade their landscapes for water conservation, support of reviewing 2025 water expenses, and the status update on the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project. The Committee confirmed Valley Water staff are currently in the process of a desalination engineering feasibility study to be completed by the end of the calendar year with the previous desalination environmental feasibility study showing challenges but still feasible. The Committee noted that climate change will decrease water supplies regardless of demand being stable and the significance of staff continuing to evaluate the options for potable/non-potable, desalination, and water conservation.

Receive South County Water Reuse Collaboration Update and Provide Feedback.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and without discussion noted support of staff's work on the South County feasibility and master planning processes and the update on the recycled water (Phase 1C) pipeline segment construction.

John L. Varela
Director, District 1
Joint Water Resources Committee

Review and Accept the Joint Water Resources Committee 2025 Proposed Work Plan; and Confirm the Next Meeting Date.

The Committee received and accepted the JWRC Work Plan and noted support for following the SCRWA 2025 meeting schedule.

The next regular JWRC meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on June 4, 2025.

Board member comments and suggestions can be forwarded to Nicole Merritt, Assistant Deputy Clerk II, at (408) 630-3262 or by email to nmerritt@valleywater.org.