



Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 26-0529

Agenda Date: 6/9/2026
Item No.: 5.2.

BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Government Code § 84308 Applies: Yes No
(If "YES" Complete Attachment A - Gov. Code § 84308)

SUBJECT:

Adopt a Resolution Appointing and Providing for the Compensation of the Interim District Counsel, Effective June 9, 2026, Until a New Permanent Incumbent is Appointed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the Resolution APPOINTING AND PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF THE INTERIM DISTRICT COUNSEL, EFFECTIVE JUNE 9, 2026, UNTIL AN INCUMBENT IS APPOINTED THROUGH A COMPETITIVE RECRUITMENT PROCESS.

SUMMARY:

The Board of Directors (Board) is responsible for the appointment of the District Counsel, a Board Appointed Officer, and an Unclassified employee of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water).

Carlos Orellana, the current District Counsel, has submitted his resignation with an effective date of July 25, 2026 and will be on leave until that time. As a result, the Board will need to appoint an interim District Counsel until a new incumbent is appointed through a competitive recruitment process. The Chair of the Board will be delegated authority to release the interim District Counsel if there is a business need to do so before a new appointment is presented.

The resolution associated with this item and the appointment to the Interim District Counsel will be provided in a supplemental memorandum on Friday, June 5, 2026.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:

There are no environmental justice impacts associated with the agenda item.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Compensation associated with appointing an Interim District Counsel is budgeted through the Office of District Counsel budget, Project 60141001.

CEQA:

The recommended action does not constitute a project under CEQA because it does not have the potential for resulting in direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

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