



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: WSDMC

SUBJECT: Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC)
Sept. 23, 2024 Meeting Summary

DATE: Oct. 22, 2024

This memorandum summarizes agenda items from the meeting of the Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) held on Monday, September 23, 2024.

Receive an update on the State of California’s Making Conservation a California Way of Life regulatory framework and Valley Water programs and policies that support implementation and compliance.

Philip Dolan reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo and in the attachment and was available to answer questions.

Discussion ensued relating to how success is measured for residents, simplifying water bills for residents, Advanced Metering Infrastructure, and communication with cities through the Water Conservation Subcommittee and retailers relating to regulation milestones.

In response to an inquiry from Director Hsueh, Mr. Dolan stated the beginning in 2027 the State can enforce fines through issuing correction action letters or fines to retailers that aren’t compliant in meeting goals. He further answered gallons per capita per day information for individuals from retailers is still in process as regulations are recent, and the State is working on efforts to frame that information.

In response to an inquiry from Chairperson Santos, Kirsten Struve stated that there is a communication subcommittee of the retailer’s and toolkits are sent to communicate with customers.

Vice Chairperson Keegan stated the possibility of supporting Statewide legislation relating to water conservation requirements. Antonio Alfaro confirmed Valley Water supports legislation promoting water conservation.

The Committee received the information, provided positive feedback and took no formal action.

Provide an update on Valley Water’s new water conservation programs and pilots and receive Board feedback.

Ashley Shannon reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo and in the attachment and was available to answer questions.

Vice Chairperson Keegan commended the partnership with South Bay Green Gardens, complimented the landscape designs, and suggested including an elevation view rendering. Staff confirmed the Annual Landscape Summit is planned for February 2025.

The Committee received the information, provided positive feedback and took no formal action.

Receive an update on the B.F. Sisk Dam Raise and Reservoir Expansion Project.

Dana Jacobson reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo and was available to answer questions.

He stated that a principle for cost share and management agreement was reached, and details will be provided to the Committee in the next few months with a staff recommendation for the Committee in fall 2024, and a commemorative event is scheduled for October 2024.

The Committee received the information, provided positive feedback and took no formal action.

Review and Discuss the Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) Work Plan.

Stephanie Simunic stated that there is no presentation and is available for questions.

Vincent Gin announced that the Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) Board directed the General Manager to develop an approach to end CCWD's participation in the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

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