



## Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors Meeting

City of Morgan Hill, 17575 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037  
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### SPECIAL SOUTH COUNTY MEETING AGENDA

**Wednesday, April 22, 2026  
7:00 PM**

**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.

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance/National Anthem.

1.3. 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.*

**2. 7:00 PM - TIME CERTAIN:**

- 2.1. Conduct the Continued 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; Consider Staff's Recommendation Concerning Setting of State Water Project Tax.

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(Continued from April 14, 2026)

- Recommendation:
- A. 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) 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. Continue the Public Hearing regarding this Report and proposed charges to the April 28, 2026, Closed Session and Regular meeting at 1:00 pm.

Manager: Aaron Baker, 408-630-2135

Attachments: [Attachment 1: Staff Report](#)  
[Attachment 2: PowerPoint](#)  
[Attachment 3: Resolution No. 12-10](#)

Est. Staff Time: 60 Minutes.

**3. ADJOURN:**

- 3.1. The Board will convene for the next Closed Session and Regular meeting at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and via Zoom teleconference.