

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: WSDMC

SUBJECT: Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC)
Dec. 8, 2025 Meeting Summary

DATE: Jan. 13, 2026

This memorandum summarizes agenda items from the meeting of the Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) held on Monday, Dec. 8, 2025.

Receive Update on Groundwater Basins Managed by Valley Water and Compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

The Committee discussed the following with staff input including: the Valley Water Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) that will be submitted to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) in 2026, relating to the Santa Clara and Llagas subbasins in Santa Clara County, managed exclusively by Valley Water, and the North San Benito Subbasin in Santa Clara and San Benito counties, primarily managed by San Benito County Water District. Staff noted at least several public meetings with opportunity for input will be held before the final plan is submitted to the DWR.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

Receive an Update on Valley Water's South County Managed Aquifer Recharge Activities.

Staff presented four potential South County Recharge Projects that are being studied per the 2025 Water Supply Master Plan: 1. San Pedro Ponds Improvement, 2. Coyote Valley Recharge Pond, 3. Madrone Channel Expansion, 4. Butterfield Channel Managed Aquifer Recharge.

The Committee received the information and requested that Valley Water's representative on the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), Director Beall, discuss sewer implementation in South County at LAFCO, as the primary challenge with San Pedro Ponds Project is due to the nearby septic systems interfering with operating the San Pedro Ponds at full capacity.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

Receive and Discuss Information Regarding the Semitropic Groundwater Storage Bank.

The Committee discussed the following with staff input including: the water quality of groundwater in the Kern County Subbasin and Department of Water Resources (DWR) timelines relating to the review of the Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs). Further discussion ensued relating to staff efforts on other out-of-county groundwater banking opportunities.

Staff noted once the Subbasin is returned to DWR oversight, DWR will review the final 2025 Subbasin GSPs, including the final Semitropic GSP. Staff stated they will continue to review potential impacts to banking operations as SGMA is implemented, in addition to other factors that may impact Semitropic operations, such as water quality.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

Review and Discuss Water Supply and Demand Committee (WSDMC) Work Plan and Upcoming Discussion Items.

Staff noted one item for the January 26, 2026 WSDMC meeting, the Urban Water Management Plan but that it was not critical to be in January and could be moved.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

Board member comments and suggestions can be forwarded to Stephanie Simunic, Assistant Deputy Board Clerk II at (408) 630-2408 or by email to ssimunic@valleywater.org.