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RECYCLED WATER COMMITTEE MEETING

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**DRAFT MINUTES**

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**REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026  
12:00 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Recycled Water Committee (Committee) was called to order in the Valley Water Headquarters Building Boardroom at 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and by Zoom teleconference, at 12:03 p.m.

1.1. Roll Call.

Committee members in attendance were District 4 Director Jim Beall, District 3 Vice Chairperson Richard P. Santos, and District 6 Director Tony Estremera, Chairperson presiding, constituting a quorum of the Committee.

Staff members in attendance were: Gina Adriano, Emmanuel Aryee, Aaron Baker, Henry Barrientos, Rachael Gibson, Vincent Gin, Jason Gurdak, Wendy Ho, Nicole Merritt, Carlos Orellana, Mark Poole, Mike Potter, Mario Rivas, Ray Ruiz, Blanca Sanchez-Cruz, Stephanie Simunic, Kirsten Struve, Darin Taylor, David Tucker, Beckie Zisser.

Public in attendance: Rene Guillen (Brown and Caldwell).

**2. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

Chairperson Estremera declared time open for public comment on any item not on the agenda. There was no one present or online who wished to speak.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

3.1. Approval of February 25, 2026 Recycled Water Committee Minutes.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

The Committee considered the attached minutes of the February 25, 2026 Committee meeting.

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It was moved by Vice Chairperson Santos and seconded by Director Beall and unanimously carried that the minutes be approved as submitted.

#### 4. REGULAR AGENDA:

##### 4.1. Receive Pure Water Silicon Valley Update, Including Demonstration Facility and Full-Scale Direct Potable Reuse Facility at the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center; and Ongoing Outreach.

**Recommendation:** Receive an update on Pure Water Silicon Valley, including the following topics:  
**A. Demonstration Facility and Full-Scale Direct Potable Reuse Facility at the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center; and**  
**B. Ongoing Outreach.**

Kirsten Struve reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo.

Kirsten Struve was available to answer questions.

Public Comments: None.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and noted the Option Agreement approved by the Valley Water Board and the City Councils was executed.

##### 4.2. Receive Update on South Santa Clara County Water Reuse Collaboration and Projects and Plans.

**Recommendation:** Receive an update and provide feedback on South Santa Clara County water reuse collaboration and projects and plans.

Kirsten Struve, David Tucker, and Rene Guillen reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo and per the information contained in Attachment 1.

Kirsten Struve, David Tucker, and Rene Guillen were available to answer questions.

Public Comments: None.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and noted the following:

- Efforts continue relating to the construction of the Segment 1C pipeline, with the remaining work of putting in vaults, with an estimated completion by May or June 2026.
- Efforts continue with the City of Gilroy and the South County Regional Wastewater Authority (SCRWA) relating to providing non-potable recycled water to the future Amazon Data Center project.

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- The project will be using about 300-acre feet per year of water when Phase 1 and 2 are completed.
- Gilroy is requiring their large commercial, industrial and institutional customers hook up to the Recycled Water System.
- Valley Water is not the provider of Recycled Water in south county nor would it receive water reuse applications, however, Valley Water is the wholesaler.
- A Recycled Water System is generally more straightforward; Direct Potable Reuse projects are more complex in scope and working with regulatory bodies.
- Valley Water continues to review grant opportunities for these projects.
- Discussion can occur with the Water Resources Group about funding.

The Committee requested that staff provide a report relating to data center policies of cities.

**4.3. Review and provide feedback on the Draft Agenda for April 16, 2026 Joint Recycled Water Policy Advisory Committee with the Cities of San Jose and Santa Clara.**

**Recommendation: Review and provide feedback on the draft agenda for April 16, 2026 Joint Recycled Water Policy Advisory Committee.**

Kirsten Struve reviewed the information on this item per the attached Committee Agenda Memo.

Kirsten Struve was available to answer questions.

Public Comments: None.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and noted the following:

- The Committee suggested a member request is made to legislative bodies relating to project funding.
- The Committee suggested that Aaron Baker talk to staff in Hollister relating to exploring a potential partnership around water recycling and financial partnerships.

**4.4. Review and Discuss the 2026 Recycled Water Committee (RWC) Work Plan and Make Adjustments as Necessary, and Confirm the Committees Next Meeting Date.**

**Recommendation: Review and discuss the 2026 RWC Work Plan and make adjustments as necessary, and confirm the Committees next meeting date.**

Kirsten Struve reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and per the information contained in Attachment 1.

Kirsten Struve was available to answer questions.

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Public Comment: None.

Kirsten Struve stated that items for the May RWC meeting include a debrief from the Joint Recycled Water Policy Advisory Committee, an update on the Purified Water Program, a possible update on the South County Water Reuse collaboration and desalination feasibility study, but these items may shift and staff will keep the Committee updated.

Director Beall requested an update on state and federal grants which is listed as an item on the workplan but does not have an assigned date.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

**5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS:**

*This is an opportunity for the Clerk to review and obtain clarification on any formally moved, seconded, and approved requests and recommendations made by the Committee during the meeting.*

None.

**6. Adjourn:**

6.1. Adjourn. The Next Regular Meeting is Scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.

Chairperson Estremera adjourned the meeting at 12:46 p.m.

Stephanie Simunic  
Assistant Deputy Clerk (Committee Meetings)

Date Approved: