



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026
1:00 PM

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

A Regular Meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Board of Directors was called to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Valley Water Headquarters Building Boardroom at 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and by Zoom teleconference.

1.1. Roll Call.

Board members in attendance were Shiloh Ballard, Jim Beall, Nai Hsueh, Richard P. Santos, John L. Varela, and Tony Estremera, Chairperson presiding, constituting a quorum of the Board. Director Rebecca Eisenberg arrived as noted below.

Staff members in attendance were Melanie Richardson, Interim Chief Executive Officer; Carlos Orellana, District Counsel; Candice Kwok-Smith, Clerk, Board of Directors; E. Aryee, A. Baker, A. Beaman, M. Bilski, S. Bogale, J. Bourgeois, R. Chan, T. Chinte, J. Codianne, A Garcia, R. Gibson, V. Gin, J. Golka, A. Gschwind, C. Hakes, W. Ho, S. Inda, A. Lee, L. Mason, R. McCarter, P. McElroy, T. Ndah, L. Penilla, M. Poole, K. Struve, D. Taylor, B. Yerrapotu, and T. Yoke

2. CLOSED SESSION:

None.

3. 1:00 PM - TIME CERTAIN:

3.1. Pledge of Allegiance/National Anthem.

Director Hsueh led all present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.2. Orders of the Day.

Chairperson Estremera read the Board Meeting Decorum statement into the record, outlining the expectations for respectful and professional conduct during the proceedings.

Chairperson Estremera entertained a motion to approve the Board Meeting Decorum.

Move to Approve:	Richard Santos
Second:	John L. Varela
Yeas:	Shiloh Ballard, Jim Beall, Nai Hsueh, Richard Santos, John L. Varela, Tony Estremera
Nays:	None
Abstains:	None
Recuses:	None
Absent:	Rebecca Eisenberg
Summary:	6 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 1 Absent.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

3.3. Time Open for Public Comment on any Item not on the Agenda.

Dawn Suiter, a City of Campbell resident, provided a comment.

3.4. Conduct a Public Hearing to Consider the Santa Clara Valley Water District's Capital Improvement Program Draft Fiscal Years 2027-31 Five-Year Plan and Adopt a Resolution Approving the Capital Improvement Program Final Fiscal Years 2027-2031 Five-Year Plan. (Continued from April 29, 2026)

- Recommendation:
- A. Conduct the continued Public Hearing from April 29, 2026, to receive public comments and Board feedback regarding the Santa Clara Valley Water District's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Draft Fiscal Years (FY) 2027-2031 Five-Year Plan;
 - B. Close the Public Hearing;
 - C. Direct staff to incorporate the identified changes to the CIP Draft FY 2027-2031 Five-Year Plan and finalize the FY 2027-2031 Five-Year Plan by June 30, 2025; and
 - D. Adopt the Resolution APPROVING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FISCAL YEARS 2027-2031 FIVE-YEAR PLAN.

Chairperson Estremera continued with the Public Hearing from April 29, 2026.

Jessica Collins, Business Planning and Analysis Manager, reviewed the information on this item per the attached Board Agenda Memo, and per the information contained in Attachment 7.

Chairperson Estremera declared time open for public comments and, seeing no one present who wished to speak, requested a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Motion: Close the public hearing.

Move to Approve: Richard Santos
Second: John L. Varela
Yeas: Shiloh Ballard, Jim Beall, Nai Hsueh, Richard Santos, John L. Varela, Tony Estremera
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Recuses: None
Absent: Rebecca Eisenberg
Summary: 6 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 1 Absent.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

Chairperson Estremera entertained a motion to adopt the staff's recommendations.

Motion: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-20, APPROVING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FISCAL YEARS 2027-2031 FIVE-YEAR PLAN, by a roll-call vote.

Move to Adopt: John L. Varela
Second: Nai Hsueh
Yeas: Shiloh Ballard, Jim Beall, Nai Hsueh, Richard Santos, John L. Varela, Tony Estremera
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Recuses: None
Absent: Rebecca Eisenberg
Summary: 6 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 1 Absent.

The motion passed by a roll-call vote.

Camen Narayanan, Financial Planning and Revenue Manager, reviewed the information on Items 3.5, 3.6, and 3.7, per the attached Board Agenda Memos.

3.5. Adopt Resolutions Setting Increased Groundwater Production, Raw Surface Water, Treated Water, and South County Recycled Water Charges for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Recommendation: A. Adopt the Resolution DETERMINING GROUNDWATER PRODUCTION CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027; and
B. Adopt the Resolution DETERMINING RAW SURFACE WATER, TREATED WATER, AND SOUTH COUNTY RECYCLED WATER CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027.

Chairperson Estremera entertained a motion to adopt the staff's recommendations.

Motion: Adopt Resolution Nos. 2026-21 DETERMINING GROUNDWATER PRODUCTION CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027; and 2026-22 DETERMINING RAW SURFACE WATER, TREATED WATER, AND SOUTH COUNTY RECYCLED WATER CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027, by roll call vote.

Move to Adopt: Richard Santos
Second: Shiloh Ballard
Yeas: Shiloh Ballard, Jim Beall, Nai Hsueh, Richard Santos, John L. Varela, Tony Estremera
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Recuses: None
Absent: Rebecca Eisenberg
Summary: 6 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 1 Absent.

The motion passed by a roll-call vote.

- 3.6. Accept the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Special Tax Summary Report; and Adopt a Resolution Providing for Levy of the Special Tax Rates and Authorizing a Procedure for Correcting Special Tax Amounts for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Recommendation: A. Accept the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Special Tax Summary Report; and
B. Adopt the Resolution PROVIDING FOR LEVY OF THE SPECIAL TAX PURSUANT TO THE SAFE, CLEAN WATER AND NATURAL FLOOD PROTECTION MEASURE IN THE COMBINED FLOOD CONTROL ZONE OF THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING A PROCEDURE FOR CORRECTING SPECIAL TAX AMOUNTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027.

Chairperson Estremera entertained a motion to adopt the staff's recommendations.

Motion: Adopt Resolution No. 2026- PROVIDING FOR LEVY OF THE SPECIAL TAX PURSUANT TO THE SAFE, CLEAN WATER AND NATURAL FLOOD PROTECTION MEASURE IN THE COMBINED FLOOD CONTROL ZONE OF THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING A PROCEDURE FOR CORRECTING SPECIAL TAX AMOUNTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027; and accept the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Special Tax Summary Report, by roll call vote.

Move to Adopt: Richard Santos
Second: Shiloh Ballard
Yeas: Shiloh Ballard, Jim Beall, Nai Hsueh, Richard Santos, John L. Varela, Tony Estremera
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Recuses: None
Absent: Rebecca Eisenberg
Summary: 6 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 1 Absent.

The motion passed by a roll-call vote.

Director Eisenberg arrived.

3.7. Conduct a Public Hearing on the Annual Report Recommending Flood Control Benefit Assessments and Adopt a Resolution Setting Benefit Assessment Revenue for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Recommendation: A. Open and conduct the Public Hearing to consider any comments regarding the Flood Control Benefit Assessments for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (FY 2026-27);
B. Close the Public Hearing; and
C. Adopt the Resolution ESTABLISHING LAND USE CATEGORIES, CONFIRMING A LEVY OF BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS TO MEET DULY AUTHORIZED DEBT OBLIGATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 IN FLOOD CONTROL ZONES OF SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION NOS. 86-54, 86-55, 86-56, 86-57, AND 90-7, AND AUTHORIZING A PROCEDURE FOR CORRECTING ASSESSMENTS.

Chairperson Estremera opened the Public Hearing.

Chairperson Estremera declared time open for public comments and, seeing no one present who wished to speak, requested a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Motion: Close the public hearing.

Move to Approve: Richard Santos
Second: John L. Varela
Yeas: Jim Beall, John L. Varela, Nai Hsueh, Rebecca Eisenberg, Richard Santos, Shiloh Ballard, Tony Estremera
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Recuses: None
Absent: None
Summary: 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 0 Absent.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

Chairperson Estremera entertained a motion to adopt the staff's recommendations.

Motion: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-24, ESTABLISHING LAND USE CATEGORIES, CONFIRMING A LEVY OF BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS TO MEET DULY AUTHORIZED DEBT OBLIGATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 IN FLOOD CONTROL ZONES OF SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION NOS. 86-54, 86-55, 86-56, 86-57, AND 90-7, AND AUTHORIZING A PROCEDURE FOR CORRECTING ASSESSMENTS.

Move to Adopt: John L. Varela
Second: Nai Hsueh
Yeas: Shiloh Ballard, Jim Beall, Rebecca Eisenberg, Nai Hsueh, Richard Santos, John L. Varela, Tony Estremera
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Recuses: None
Absent: None
Summary: 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 0 Absent.

The motion passed by a roll-call vote.

- 3.8. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Water System Refunding Bonds, Revenue Bonds, Refunding Notes, and Revenue Notes in an Aggregate Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$600 Million to Finance Certain Costs of the Water Utility Enterprise, and Approving the Execution and Delivery of Certain Documents and Certain Acts In Connection Therewith; Adopt Resolutions Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes to Support Short-Term Obligations; and Adopt Resolutions of Intention to Issue Tax-Exempt Obligations for the Water Utility Enterprise, Safe, Clean Water Program, and Watershed and Stream Stewardship Projects.

- Recommendation:
- A. Adopt the Resolution AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF WATER SYSTEM REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS, REVENUE BONDS, REFUNDING NOTES, AND REVENUE NOTES, AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS AND CERTAIN ACTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH;
 - B. Adopt the Resolution AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A TAX-EXEMPT TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE AND A TAXABLE TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE TO SUPPORT SHORT-TERM OBLIGATIONS;
 - C. Adopt the Resolution AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A TAX-EXEMPT

- TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE NO. 2 TO SUPPORT SHORT-TERM OBLIGATIONS;
- D. Adopt the Resolution INTENTION TO ISSUE TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS FOR WATER UTILITY ENTERPRISE;
 - E. Adopt the Resolution INTENTION TO ISSUE TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS FOR SAFE, CLEAN WATER AND NATURAL FLOOD PROTECTION AND WATERSHED AND STREAM STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMS;
 - F. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, or their designees, to execute the Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes and the Certificates as to uncollected taxes, income, revenue, cash receipts and other money;
 - G. Authorize the District Counsel, or their designee, to approve as to form the Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes; and
 - H. Authorize and direct the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, or their designees, and such other officers and staff of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, acting singly, to do any and all things to execute and deliver any and all documents which such officers may deem necessary or advisable in order to consummate the sale and delivery of the Refunding Revenue Bonds, Revenue Bonds, Refunding Notes, and Revenue Notes, and the ongoing administration thereof.

Steve Peters, Treasury and Debt Manager, reviewed the information on this item as outlined in the attached Board Agenda Memo.

Chairperson Estremera entertained a motion to adopt the staff's recommendations.

Motion: Adopt Resolution Nos. 2026-25, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF WATER SYSTEM REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS, REVENUE BONDS, REFUNDING NOTES, AND REVENUE NOTES, AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS AND CERTAIN ACTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; 2026-26, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A TAX-EXEMPT TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE AND A TAXABLE TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE TO SUPPORT SHORT-TERM OBLIGATIONS; 2026-27, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A TAX-EXEMPT TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE NO. 2 TO SUPPORT SHORT-TERM OBLIGATIONS; 2026-28, INTENTION TO ISSUE TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS FOR WATER UTILITY ENTERPRISE; 2026-29, INTENTION TO ISSUE TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS

FOR SAFE, CLEAN WATER AND NATURAL FLOOD PROTECTION AND WATERSHED AND STREAM STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMS; authorize the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, or their designees, to execute the Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes and the Certificates as to uncollected taxes, income, revenue, cash receipts and other money; authorize the District Counsel, or their designee, to approve as to form the Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes; and authorize and direct the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, or their designees, and such other officers and staff of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, acting singly, to do any and all things to execute and deliver any and all documents which such officers may deem necessary or advisable in order to consummate the sale and delivery of the Refunding Revenue Bonds, Revenue Bonds, Refunding Notes, and Revenue Notes, and the ongoing administration thereof, by roll call vote.

Move to Adopt: Richard Santos
Second: John L. Varela
Yeas: Shiloh Ballard, Jim Beall, Rebecca Eisenberg, Nai Hsueh, Richard Santos, John L. Varela, Tony Estremera
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Recuses: None
Absent: None
Summary: 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 0 Absent.

The motion passed by a roll-call vote.

- 3.9. Adopt a Resolution Approving and Adopting the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Operating and Capital Rolling Biennial Budget and Providing for Levy of Ad-Valorem Property Taxes; and Approve the Santa Clara Valley Water District Reserve Policy.

- Recommendation:
- A. Adopt the Resolution APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL ROLLING BIENNIAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027;
 - B. Adopt the Resolution PROVIDING FOR A LEVY OF AD VALOREM REAL PROPERTY TAXES IN FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 TO MEET THE COST OF ITS WATER SUPPLY CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA;
 - C. Approve the second fiscal year of the rolling biennial budget, referred to as the Fiscal Year 2027-28 Plan; and
 - D. Approve the Santa Clara Valley Water District Reserve Policy.

Katja Irvin, Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter, provided comments regarding the budget.

Chairperson Estremera entertained a motion to adopt the staff's recommendations.

Motion: Adopt the Resolution Nos. 2026-30, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL ROLLING BIENNIAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027; 2026-31, PROVIDING FOR A LEVY OF AD VALOREM REAL PROPERTY TAXES IN FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 TO MEET THE COST OF ITS WATER SUPPLY CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA; approve the second fiscal year of the rolling biennial budget, referred to as the Fiscal Year 2027-28 Plan; and approve the Santa Clara Valley Water District Reserve Policy by roll call vote.

Move to Adopt: Richard Santos
Second: John L. Varela
Yeas: Shiloh Ballard, Jim Beall, Nai Hsueh, Richard Santos, John L. Varela, Tony Estremera
Nays: Rebecca Eisenberg
Abstains: None
Recuses: None
Absent: None
Summary: 6 Yeas; 1 Nays; 0 Abstains; 0 Absent.

The motion passed by a roll-call vote.

REGULAR AGENDA:

4. CONSENT CALENDAR:

The Board considered Consent Calendar Items 4.1 through 4.7 under one motion.

4.1. Adopt a Resolution Delegating Authority to Deposit and Invest Funds to the Treasurer or Their Designees, Approve the Board Investment Policy, and Authorize the Negotiation and Execution of Agreements with Investment Management Service Providers.

Recommendation: A. Adopt the Resolution DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO DEPOSIT AND INVEST FUNDS TO THE TREASURER OR THEIR DESIGNEES;
B. Approve the Board Investment Policy; and
C. Authorize sole source procurement with SymPro and Bloomberg for investment-related services for five years in a combined amount not to exceed \$100,000 annually.

4.2. Adopt a Resolution Proclaiming May 17-23, 2026 as National Public Works Week.

Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution PROCLAIMING MAY 17-23, 2026, AS NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK.

- 4.3. Adopt a Resolution Declaring May 16, 2026, as National River Cleanup Day in Santa Clara County.

Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution DECLARING MAY 16, 2026, AS NATIONAL RIVER CLEANUP DAY IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

- 4.4. Approve the Submission of Ballots Approving the Proposed Mosquito, Vector and Disease Control Assessment from the Santa Clara County Mosquito and Vector Control District.

Recommendation: Approve a "Yes" vote for the proposed Mosquito, Vector and Disease Control assessment and direct staff to return the completed ballots before the voting period closes.

- 4.5. Accept the Work as Complete and Direct the Clerk to File the Notice of Completion of Contract and Acceptance of Work for the Lower Calera Creek Flood Protection Project, Stage 2 (Milestones 2-4), Granite Construction Company, Contractor, Project No. 40174005, Contract No. C0666-1 (Milpitas, District 3).

Recommendation: A. Accept the work on the Lower Calera Creek Flood Protection Project, Stage 2 (Milestones 2-4), Project No. 40174005, Contract No. C0666-1 as complete; and
B. Direct the Clerk of the Board to sign the Notice of Completion of Contract and Acceptance of Work and submit for recording to the Santa Clara County Clerk-Recorder.

- 4.6. Accept the CEO Bulletin for the Weeks of April 24 Through May 7, 2026.

Recommendation: Accept the CEO Bulletin.

- 4.7. Approval of Minutes from April 14, 17, and 22, 2026.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes from April 14, 17, and 22, 2026.

Chairperson Estremera entertained a motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

Motion: Adopt Resolution Nos., 2026-32, DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO DEPOSIT AND INVEST FUNDS TO THE TREASURER OR THEIR DESIGNEES; approve the Board Investment Policy; and authorize sole source procurement with SymPro and Bloomberg for investment-related services for five years in a combined amount not to exceed \$100,000 annually, by roll call vote, as contained in Item 4.1; 2026-33, PROCLAIMING MAY 17-23, 2026, AS NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK, by roll call vote, as

contained in Item 4.2; 2026-34, DECLARING MAY 16, 2026, AS NATIONAL RIVER CLEANUP DAY IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY, by roll call vote, as contained in Item 4.3; approve a "Yes" vote for the proposed Mosquito, Vector and Disease Control assessment and direct staff to return the completed ballots before the voting period closes, as contained in Item 4.4; accept the work on the Lower Calera Creek Flood Protection Project, Stage 2 (Milestones 2-4), Project No. 40174005, Contract No. C0666-1 as complete, and direct the Clerk of the Board to sign the Notice of Completion of Contract and Acceptance of Work and submit for recording to the Santa Clara County Clerk-Recorder, as contained in Item 4.5; accept the CEO Bulletin, as contained in Item 4.6; and approve the minutes from April 14, 17, and 22, 2026, as contained in Item 4.7.

Move to Approve: Richard Santos
Second: John L. Varela
Yeas: Shiloh Ballard, Jim Beall, Rebecca Eisenberg, Nai Hsueh, Richard Santos, John L. Varela, Tony Estremera
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Recuses: None
Absent: None
Summary: 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 0 Absent.

The motion passed by a roll-call vote.

5. BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

5.1. Board Committee Reports.

The Board reviewed the meeting summaries and agendas for the March 25, 2026, Recycled Water Committee; April 16, 2026, Joint Recycled Water Policy Advisory Committee; April 21, 2026, Board Policy and Monitory Committee; and May 13, 2026, Stream Planning and Operations Committee Summaries and Agendas, as contained in Handouts 5.1-A, 5.1-B, 5.1-C, 5.1-D, respectively, and no formal action was taken. Copies of the Handouts were distributed to the Board and made available to the public.

6. WATER UTILITY ENTERPRISE:

None.

7. WATERSHEDS:

7.1. Approve the Agreements with Five Consultant Firms to Provide On-Call Environmental Planning and Permitting Services: Dudek, Agreement No. A5710A; Environmental Science Associates, Agreement No. A5711A; GEI Consultants, Inc. Agreement No. A5712A; Panorama Environmental, Inc., Agreement No. A5713A; and Rincon Consultants, Inc., Agreement No. A5714A, PlanetBids File No.VW0594, for a Not-To-Exceed Fee of \$3,000,000 for Each Agreement.

- Recommendation:
- A. Approve Agreement No. A5710A, with Dudek, for On-Call Environmental Planning and Permitting Services for a Total Not-to-Exceed fee of \$3,000,000;
 - B. Approve Agreement No. A5711A, with Environmental Science Associates for On-Call Environmental Planning and Permitting Services for a Total Not-to-Exceed fee of \$3,000,000;
 - C. Approve Agreement No. A5712A, with GEI Consultants, Inc., for On-Call Environmental Planning and Permitting Services for a Total Not-to-Exceed fee of \$3,000,000;
 - D. Approve Agreement No. A5713A, with Panorama Environmental, Inc., for On-Call Environmental Planning and Permitting Services for a Total Not-to-Exceed fee of \$3,000,000; and
 - E. Approve Agreement No. A5714A, with Rincon Consultants, Inc., for On-Call Environmental Planning and Permitting Services for a Total Not-to-Exceed fee of \$3,000,000.

John Bourgeois, Deputy Operating Officer, reviewed the information on this item as outlined in the attached Board Agenda Memo.

Chairperson Estremera entertained a motion to approve the staff's recommendations.

Move to Approve: John L. Varela
Second: Richard Santos
Yeas: Shiloh Ballard, Jim Beall, Rebecca Eisenberg, Nai Hsueh, Richard Santos, John L. Varela, Tony Estremera
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Recuses: None
Absent: None
Summary: 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 0 Absent.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

8. ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

None.

9. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:

None.

10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

10.1. Adopt a Resolution Approving the Updated Benefits for Unclassified Employees in the Executive Service. (Continued from April 28, 2026)

Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution APPROVING BENEFITS FOR UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES IN THE EXECUTIVE SERVICE (January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2029).

Anna Lee, Assistant Officer, reviewed the information on this item as outlined in the attached Board Agenda Memo.

Chairperson Estremera entertained a motion to adopt the staff's recommendation.

Motion: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-35, APPROVING BENEFITS FOR UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES IN THE EXECUTIVE SERVICE (January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2029), by a roll call vote.

Move to Adopt: Richard Santos

Second: John L. Varela

Yeas: Shiloh Ballard, Jim Beall, Nai Hsueh, Richard Santos, John L. Varela, Tony Estremera

Nays: Rebecca Eisenberg

Abstains: None

Recuses: None

Absent: None

Summary: 6 Yeas; 1 Nays; 0 Abstains; 0 Absent.

The motion passed by a roll-call vote.

Director Eisenberg stated that they voted in opposition to the item due to concerns about equity and the potential impact on wealth disparities.

10.2. CEO and Chiefs' Reports.

Rachael Gibson, Chief of External Affairs, reviewed the attached Office of Civic Engagement Monthly Update, identified as Handout 10.2-A, and Office of Government Relations April Summary, identified as Handout 10.2-B, respectively, herein. Copies of the Handouts were distributed to the Board and made available to the public.

11. ADMINISTRATION:

None.

12. DISTRICT COUNSEL:

None.

13. BOARD POLICY PLANNING CALENDAR/PROPOSED FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS:

13.1. Review the Fiscal Year 2026 Board Policy Planning Calendar.

Recommendation: Review the Fiscal Year 2026 Board Policy Planning Calendar.

Candice Kwok-Smith, Clerk, Board of Directors, reviewed the information on this item as outlined in the attached Board Agenda Memo.

The Board noted the information without formal action.

14. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Director Beall had no report or announcements.

Director Eisenberg had no report or announcements.

Vice Chair Santos reported attending the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) conference, Agenda Review, CEO 2:1, a Berryessa Citizens Advisory Council meeting, and various meetings with staff.

Director Ballard reported attending the aforementioned ACWA conference, a meeting to review the selection of the next Chief Auditor, the Budget Workshop, a Santa Cruz Mountains Stewardship Spotlight Session, the Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful annual celebration, and encouraged staff to participate in Bike to Work Day on May 14, 2026.

Director Hsueh reported attending a meeting with staff to review a BPMC process, an interview by the Chief Auditor, a 1:1 with the Assistant CEO, a briefing with staff on the progress of the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority, and various meetings with staff.

Director Varela reported attending the aforementioned ACWA conference and announced that Karla Nemeth, the current Director of the California Department of Water Resources, was selected as the next Executive Director of ACWA.

Chairperson Estremera reported attending the aforementioned ACWA conference, the Budget Workshop, Agenda Review, 2:1 with the CEO and various meetings with staff.

15. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF BOARD REQUESTS:

None.

16. ADJOURN:

Chairperson Estremera adjourned the meeting at 1:56 p.m., acknowledging May as Older Americans Month, Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Jewish American Heritage Month, and Military Appreciation Month. The Board will reconvene for its next Regular meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San José, California, and via Zoom teleconference.

Candice Kwok-Smith
Clerk, Board of Directors

Approved:

Date: June 9, 2026

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