



WATER SUPPLY AND DEMAND
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026
10:00 A.M.**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (Committee) was called to order by Chairperson Nai Hsueh at 10:00 a.m. in the Valley Water Headquarters Building Boardroom at 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and by Zoom teleconference.

1.1. Roll Call.

Committee members in attendance were: District 3 Director Richard Santos, District 2 Director Shiloh Ballard, Vice Chairperson, and District 5 Director Nai Hsueh, Chairperson presiding, constituting a quorum of the Committee.

Staff members in attendance were: Emmanuel Aryee, Aaron Baker, Roseryn Bhudsabourg, Justin Burks, Andrew Garcia, Rachael Gibson, Vincent Gin, Andrew Gschwind, Walter Gonzalez, Jason Gurdak, Wendy Ho, Linh Hoang, Bassam Kassab, Matt Keller, Ryan McCarter, Carlos Orellana, Mark Poole, Don Rocha, Ashley Shannon, Stephanie Simunic, Kirsten Struve, Charlene Sun, Darin Taylor, Metra Ulloa, Greg Williams, and Beckie Zisser.

Public in attendance were: District 1 Director John Varela, Arthur Keller, and Doug Muirhead.

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

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. Approval of March 23, 2026 Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) Minutes.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

The Committee considered the minutes of the March 23, 2026 Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) meeting.

Public Comment: None.

It was moved by Director Santos, seconded by Vice Chairperson Ballard, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as submitted.

4. REGULAR AGENDA:

4.1. Receive Update and Discuss the Water Conservation Program Savings Number for Fiscal Year 2025.

Recommendation: Receive update and discuss the Water Conservation Program Savings number for Fiscal Year 2025.

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

Justin Burks, Kirsten Struve, Rachael Gibson, and Aaron Baker were available to answer questions.

Public Comment: Arthur Keller.

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

- Support for low-income programs.
- Achieving program goals faster by obtaining more resources.
- Confirmation that the Graywater Program continues to struggle but good marketing is occurring, and Valley Water has the highest rebate rate in California.
- Obtaining statistics about irrigation systems usage.
- Working with local jurisdictions to adopt Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWENDO) or obtaining statistics relating to ordinances they have like MWENDO.
- Water Supply Master Plans.

4.2. Receive and Update on Valey Water's South County Managed Aquifer Recharge Activities Including the Optimization Study for the San Pedro Ponds Groundwater Recharge Facility.

Recommendation: Receive an Update on Valley Water's South County Managed Aquifer Recharge Activities Including the Optimization Study for the San Pedro Ponds Groundwater Recharge Facility.

Bassam Kassab reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo and per the information contained in Attachments 1 through 4.

Bassam Kassab, Kirsten Struve, and Greg Williams were available to answer questions.

Public comments: Doug Muirhead.

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

- Confirmation that the Groundwater Management Unit monitors the water table in south county so septic tanks are not affected, overall there are no major problems with sanitation relating to septic tanks, and Nitrates are primarily monitored but have decreased.
- Confirmation that the Scoring criteria related to the San Pedro Ponds Optimization Study include impact on septic systems, performance improvements, ease of implementation of solution, ease of operations, and cost.
- The importance of recreation opportunities at San Pedro Ponds.

4.3. Review and Discuss the 2026 Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) Work Plan and Make Adjustments as Necessary; and Confirm the Next Meeting Date.

Recommendation: Review and discuss the 2026 WSDMC Work Plan and make adjustments as necessary; and confirm the next meeting date.

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

Stephanie Simunic and Kirsten Struve were available to answer questions.

Public comments: None.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and discussed the following: rescheduling the June 1 meeting, redistributing the items in the work plan, and working with the Water Commission and cities relating to water usage in data centers.

The Committee canceled the June 1, 2026, 10:00 a.m. meeting and rescheduled for June 8, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. Further discussion ensued relating to potentially cancelling or combining the July and August Committee meetings.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS:

None.

6. ADJOURN:

6.1 Adjourn. The Next Regular Meeting is Scheduled at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2026.

Chairperson Hsueh adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Date Approved:

Stephanie Simunic
Assistant Deputy Clerk II

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