

2026 Work Plan: Agricultural Water Advisory Committee

Update: March 2026

The annual work plan establishes a framework for committee discussion and action during the annual meeting schedule. The committee work plan is a dynamic document, subject to change as external and internal issues impacting the District occur and are recommended for committee discussion. Subsequently, an annual committee accomplishments report is developed based on the work plan and presented to the District Board of Directors.

ITEM	WORK PLAN ITEM BOARD POLICY	MEETING DATE	INTENDED OUTCOME(S) (Action or Information Only)	ACCOMPLISHMENT DATE AND OUTCOME
1	Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2026.	January 5	Committee Elects Chair and Vice Chair for 2026. (Action)	Accomplished January 5, 2026 The Committee unanimously approved Vice Chairperson Trevor Garrod as Chairperson. The Committee unanimously approved Tim Chiala as Vice Chairperson.
2	Annual Accomplishments Report.	January 5	Review and approve 2025 Accomplishments Report for presentation to the Board. (Action) Submit requests to the Board, as appropriate.	Accomplished January 5, 2026 The Committee unanimously approved the 2025 Annual Accomplishments Report for presentation to the Board. <i>The Board accepted the 2025 Annual Accomplishments Report at the March 24, 2026, meeting.</i>
3	Review and Discuss Resolution 17-75 and the Agricultural Water Advisory Committee (AWAC) Membership.	January 5	Review and discuss Reso. 17-75 and the AWAC Membership plan. (Action) Submit requests to the Board, as appropriate.	Accomplished January 5, 2026 The Committee discussed and noted the information, provided feedback, took no formal action, and expressed support for Committee members to remain actively engaged in agriculture and to conduct outreach within their respective areas to recruit potential new members.
4	Receive an Update on the Upper Llagas Flood Protection Project.	January 5	Receive update.	Accomplished January 5, 2026 The Committee received and noted the information, provided feedback, and took no formal action.

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5	Review and Comment to the Board on the Fiscal Year 2026 – 2027 Preliminary Groundwater Production Charges.	January 5 April 6	Review and comment to the Board on the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Preliminary Groundwater Production Charges. (Action) Submit requests to the Board, as appropriate.	Accomplished January 5, 2026 The Committee received and noted the information, provided feedback, and took no formal action.
6	Standing Items Report Fiscal Year 2026 Goals and Strategies.	January 5 October 5	Receive reports on standing items, FY2026.	Accomplished January 5, 2026 The Committee received the report on standing items for FY2025-2026 and took no action.
7	Government Affairs Report	January 5 April 6 July 6 October 5	Receive update.	Accomplished January 5, 2026 The Committee received the verbal federal, state, and local government updates and confirmed staff are monitoring Proposition 1 and Proposition 4 for project funding; and noted Valley Water has not taken a position on the Santa Clara County's rural zoning amendments.
8	Review and Approve the Proposed 2026 Agricultural Water Advisory Committee (AWAC) Work Plan and Recommend the Proposed 2026 AWAC Work Plan to the Board. Review and Discuss Outcomes of Board Action of Committee Requests, and the Committee's Next Meeting Agenda.	January 5 April 6 July 6 October 5	Review and approve the proposed 2026 Committee work plan and recommend the proposed 2026 AWAC Work Plan to the Board. (Action) Review and discuss outcomes of Board action of Committee requests, and the Committee's next agenda. And submit requests to the Board, as appropriate.	Accomplished January 5, 2026 The Committee unanimously approved to recommend the proposed 2026 AWAC Work Plan to the Board with the amendment to incorporate the Committee's feedback. <i>The Board approved the 2026 AWAC Work Plan at the March 24, 2026, meeting.</i>
9	Receive Update on Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Compliance.	April 6 July 6 October 5	Receive update on SGMA compliance and Semitropic banking.	

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10	Receive an Update on Valley Water's South County Managed Aquifer Recharge Activities.	April 6	Receive update on Valley Water's South County managed aquifer recharge activities.	
11	Receive Update on West Valley and Lower Peninsula Watershed Master Plans.	July 6	Receive update on West Valley and Lower Peninsula Watershed Master Plans.	
12	Receive Update on One Water Plan Upper Pajaro Watershed Plan Priority Actions.	July 6	Receive information about development of the One Water Upper Pajaro Watershed Plan. Review and provide input on One Water Upper Pajaro Watershed Plan Priority Actions.	
13	Receive Drought Preparedness Update and Discuss the Potential of Forming a Subcommittee.	October 5	Receive Drought Preparedness Update and discuss the potential of forming a subcommittee.	
14	Receive Update on Valley Water's Water Supply Master Plan (WSMP) Monitoring and Assessment Program.	October 5	Receive update on Valley Water's WSMP Monitoring and Assessment Program.	

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15	Receive Update on Semitropic Groundwater Storage Bank.	October 5	Receive update on Semitropic Groundwater Storage Bank.	
16	Review Climate Change and the benefits of ecosystems on Agriculture in Santa Clara County.	TBD	Discuss how climate change impacts the benefits of ecosystems on agriculture within Santa Clara County.	
17	Receive information on the County of Santa Clara's Agricultural Outreach and Awareness Campaign.	TBD	Receive information on the County of Santa Clara's Agricultural Outreach and Awareness Campaign.	
18	Receive an update of Valley Water's activities of the Unhoused and information on how enforcement of violations of companies are handled within the County.	TBD	Receive an update of Valley Water's activities of the Unhoused and information on how the enforcement of violations of companies are handled within the County. Board is requesting the committee give more detailed information on this item for the Board's consideration.	

BOARD WORK PLAN GOALS:

1. **Integrated Water Resources Management** - Goal: Efficiently manage water resources across business areas.
2. **Water Supply** – Goal: Provide a reliable, safe, and affordable water supply for current and future generations in all communities served.
3. **Natural Flood Protection** – Goal: Provide natural flood protection to reduce risk and improve health and safety.
4. **Environmental Stewardship** – Goal: Sustain ecosystem health while managing local water resources for flood protection and water supply.
5. **Addressing Encampment of Unsheltered People** – Goal: safeguard water resources and facilities from encampment impacts.
6. **Extreme Weather Events** – Goal: Mitigate carbon emissions and adapt Valley Water operations to extreme weather events.

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7. **Business Management** – Goal: Promote effective management of water supply, flood protection, and environmental stewardship through responsive and socially responsible business services.

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