



Santa Clara Valley Water District Santa Clara Valley Water Commission

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SPECIAL MEETING AND SITE VISIT (IN-PERSON ONLY) AGENDA

**Wednesday, August 26, 2026
12:00 PM**

District Mission: Provide Silicon Valley safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment and economy.

COMMISSION:
Hon. Murali Srinivasan, Chairperson
Hon. Rob Rennie, Vice Chairperson

BOARD REPRESENTATIVES:
Chairperson Tony Estremera
Vice Chairperson Richard Santos
Director Nai Hsueh

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

1.1. Roll Call.

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

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All public comments requiring a response will be referred to staff for a written reply. The Board/Committee may take action on any item of business appearing on the posted agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 3.1. Approval of April 8, 2026 Santa Clara Valley Water District Water Commission (SCVWD WC) Minutes. [26-0668](#)
Recommendation: Approve the minutes.
Manager: Wendy Ho, 408-630-3874
Attachments: [Attachment 1: 04082026 SCVWD WC Minutes](#)
Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

4. REGULAR AGENDA:

- 4.1. Review the 2026 Santa Clara Valley Water District Water Commission (SCVWD WC) Work Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Commission Requests, the Commission's Next Meeting Agenda; and Confirm Next Meeting Date. [26-0669](#)
Recommendation: Review the SCVWD WC Work Plan to guide the Commission's discussions regarding policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation; the outcomes of Board action of Commission requests, the Commission's next meeting agenda; and confirm next meeting date.
Manager: Wendy Ho, 408-630-3874
Attachments: [Attachment 1: SCVWD WC 2026 Work Plan](#)
Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

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.

6. REPORTS:

- 6.1 Director's Report
6.2 Manager's Report
6.3 Commission Member's Report

- 6.4 Informational Links:
<https://www.valleywater.org/how-we-operate/committees/board-committees>
•Board Policy and Monitoring Committee (BPMC) - formerly Board Policy and Planning Committee & Diversity and Inclusion Ad Hoc Committee
•Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee (ECCC) - formerly Homeless Encampment Committee
•Water Supply and Demand Management (WSDM) - formerly Water Storage Exploratory Committee & Water Conservation & Demand Management Committee
•Water Tracker
<https://www.valleywater.org/your-water/water-supply-planning/monthly-watertracker>
•Public Tours
<https://www.valleywater.org/learning-center/public-tours>

7. TOUR PRESENTATION:

- 7.2. Tour of the Upper Llagas Creek Flood Protection Project Site for Informational Purposes Only. [26-0625](#)
Recommendation: The tour of the Upper Llagas Creek Flood Protection Project Site is for informational purposes only.
Manager: Bhavani Yerrapotu, 408-630-2735
Attachments: [Attachment 1: Map and Instructions](#)
Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

8. ADJOURN:

- 8.1. Adjourn. The Next Regular Meeting is Scheduled at 12:00 p.m., on Wednesday, October 28, 2026.



Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 26-0668

Agenda Date: 9/8/2026
Item No.: 3.1.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM Santa Clara Valley Water Commission

Government Code § 84308 Applies: Yes ☐ No ☒
(If "YES" Complete Attachment A - Gov. Code § 84308)

SUBJECT:

Approval of April 8, 2026 Santa Clara Valley Water District Water Commission (SCVWD WC) Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes.

SUMMARY:

A summary of Committee discussions, and details of all actions taken by the Committee, during all open and public Committee meetings, is transcribed and submitted for review and approval.

Upon Committee approval, minutes transcripts are finalized and entered into the District's historical records archives and serve as historical records of the Committee's meetings.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:

Approval of minutes is not subject to environmental justice analysis.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: 04082026 SCVWD WC Minutes

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Wendy Ho, 408-630-3874



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026
12:00 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting and of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Santa Clara Valley Water Commission (Commission) was called to order by Hon. Chairperson Srinivasan in the Valley Water Headquarters Building Boardroom at 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and by Zoom teleconference, at 12:04 p.m.

A quorum was established with 10 Commission members present.

Members in attendance were:

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
City of Campbell	Hon. Member Terry Hines	
City of Cupertino	Hon. Member Shelia Mohan	
Town of Los Altos Hills	Hon. Member Linda Swan	
Town of Los Gatos		Hon. Member Maria Ristow
City of Milpitas	Hon. Member Carmen Montano	
City of Monte Sereno	Hon. Member Lisa Shannon	
City of San Jose	Hon. Member Domingo Candelas	
City of Saratoga	Hon. Member Yan Zhao	
City of Sunnyvale	Hon. Member Murali Srinivasan	
Midpen. Regional OSD	Hon. Member Jed Cyr	

Members not in attendance were:

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
City of Campbell		Hon. Member Sergio Lopez
City of Cupertino		Hon. Member JR Fruen
City of Los Altos	Hon. Member Pete Dailey	
City of Gilroy	Hon. Member Dion Bracco	
Town of Los Gatos	Hon. Member Rob Rennie	Hon. Member Terence Fugazzi

City of Milpitas		Hon. Member Gary Barbadillo
City of Monte Sereno		Hon. Member Bryan Mekechuk
City of Morgan Hill	Hon. Member Yvonne Martinez-Beltran	Hon. Member Miriam Vega
City of Mountain View	Hon. Member Lucas Ramirez	Hon. Member Pat Showalter
City of Santa Clara	Hon. Member Karen Hardy	
City of Saratoga		Hon. Member Kookie Fitzsimmons
City of Sunnyvale		Hon. Member Charlsie Chang
County of Santa Clara	Hon. Member Sylvia Arenas	
Open Space Auth. SCV	Hon. Member Calvin Gill	
Midpen. Regional OSD		Hon. Member Yoriko Kishimoto

Hon. Members Dailey, Hardy and Arenas arrived as noted below.

Valley Water Board members in attendance were Vice Chairperson Richard Santos (District 3) and Director Nai Hsueh (District 5).

Staff members in attendance were: Aaron Baker, Roseryn Hessabi, Rita Chan, Rachael Gibson, Vincent Gin, Joshua Golka, Richard Luna, Nicole Merritt, Carmen Narayan, Stephanie Simunic, Kirsten Struve, Darin Taylor, Metra Ulloa.

Public in attendance were: Katja Irvin (Sierra Club), Kevin Kostiuk and Luke Wang (Hazen & Sawyer).

2. **TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA:**
Chairperson Srinivasan 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 January 28, 2026 Santa Clara Valley Water Commission Meeting Minutes.**

Recommendation: **Approve the minutes.**

The Commission considered the attached minutes of the January 28, 2026 meeting.

Public Comments: None.

It was moved by Hon. Carmen Montano and seconded by Hon. Domingo Candelas and the minutes were approved by majority vote.

4. **REGULAR AGENDA:**

- 4.1 **Receive Results of Consultant Study Regarding Santa Clara Valley Water District's Water Use Projections, Water Demand Elasticity, and Customer Affordability; Provide Feedback or Recommendations to the Board.**

Recommendation:

A. Receive results of the consultant study regarding Santa Clara Valley Water District's water use projections, water demand elasticity, and customer affordability, including study scope, objectives, and status update; and B. Provide feedback or recommendations(s) to the Board as desired.

Hon. Members Dailey, Hardy and Arenas arrived.

Carmen Narayanan, Kevin Kostick, and Luke Wang reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Commission Agenda Memo, and reviewed the information contained in Attachment 1.

Carmen Narayanan, Kevin Kostick, and Luke Wang were available to answer questions.

Public Comment: Katja Irvin.

The Commission received the information, took no formal action, and discussed the following with staff input including: lowering the 10 percent water demand elasticity statistic, the Water Supply Master Plan 2050, challenges predicting water supply and demand long-term, receiving metrics about the Sacred Heart Water Rate Assistance Program (WRAP) and increasing WRAP funding, and development and climate change impacts on water supply and demand predictions.

The Commission requested that staff return with a proposal to evaluate increasing the amount of funding to the WRAP, number of cities that have implemented the program, and a general comparison to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Hon. Member Hardy left the meeting and did not return.

4.2 Review the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 Groundwater Production Charge and Provide Feedback.

Recommendation:

Review proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 Groundwater Production Charge and provide feedback.

Carmen Narayanan reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Commission Agenda Memo, and reviewed the information contained in Attachment 1.

Carmen Narayanan and Darin Taylor were available to answer questions.

Public Comments: None

The Commission received the information, took no formal action, and discussed the following with staff input including: decreasing water use projections, data center water usage estimates, rebound from droughts, adding an indication of quantitative issues of not executing capital projects, and concerns for raised rates for ratepayers.

Hon. Member Candelas left the meeting and did not return.

4.3 Review the 2026 Santa Clara Valley Water District Water Commission (SCVWD WC) Work Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Commission Requests, the Commission's Next Meeting Agenda; and Confirm Next Meeting Date.

Recommendation:	Review the SCVWD WC Work Plan to guide the Commission's discussions regarding policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation; the outcomes of Board action of Commission requests, the Commission's next meeting agenda; and confirm next meeting date.
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Stephanie Simunic reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and reviewed the information contained in Attachment 1.

Stephanie Simunic and Rita Chan were available to answer questions.

Public Comments: None

The Committee received the information without discussion and took no formal action.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMISSION REQUESTS:

Stephanie Simunic stated water use for Artificial Intelligence centers is on the October 21, 2026 meeting agenda and staff is reviewing sites for the Commission to tour during the July 22 meeting. She further stated that the Commission requested that staff return with a proposal to evaluate increasing the amount of funding to the WRAP, number of cities that have implemented the program, and a general comparison to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

6. REPORTS:

6.1. Directors Report

None.

6.2 Managers Report

Roseryn Hessabi announced that Valley Water is accepting applications for the grant cycle for shovel-ready construction or large-scale projects that help advance safe clean water, water conservation projects, flood protection, and environmental stewardship, and the application deadline is April 24.

She further announced an outreach toolkit is available relating to education efforts regarding invasive golden mussels.

6.3 Committee Member Report

No report was received.

6.4 Informational Links

Links noted on agenda.

7. ADJOURN

7.1 Adjourn. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22, 2026.

Chairperson Srinivasan adjourned the meeting in memory of Tony Santos, the brother of Director Richard Santos, at 1:48 p.m.

Stephanie Simunic,
Assistant Deputy Clerk II

Date approved:

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Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 26-0669

Agenda Date: 8/26/2026

Item No.: 4.1.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM Santa Clara Valley Water Commission

Government Code § 84308 Applies: Yes ☐ No ☒
(If "YES" Complete Attachment A - Gov. Code § 84308)

SUBJECT:

Review the 2026 Santa Clara Valley Water District Water Commission (SCVWD WC) Work Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Commission Requests, the Commission's Next Meeting Agenda; and Confirm Next Meeting Date.

RECOMMENDATION:

Review the SCVWD WC Work Plan to guide the Commission's discussions regarding policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation; the outcomes of Board action of Commission requests, the Commission's next meeting agenda; and confirm next meeting date.

SUMMARY:

The attached Work Plan outlines the topics for discussion to be able to prepare policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation. The work plan is agendaized at each meeting as accomplishments are updated and to review any work plan assignments by the Board.

BACKGROUND:

Governance Process Policy-8:

The District Act provides for the creation of advisory boards, committees, or commissions by resolution to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

Accordingly, the Board has established Advisory Committees, which bring respective expertise and community interest, to advise the Board, when requested, in a capacity as defined: prepare Board policy alternatives and provide comment on activities in the implementation of the District's mission for Board consideration. In keeping with the Board's broader focus, Advisory Committees will not direct the implementation of District programs and projects, other than to receive information and provide comment.

Further, in accordance with Governance Process Policy-3, when requested by the Board, the

Advisory Committees may help the Board produce the link between the District and the public through information sharing to the communities they represent.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:

The review of the Commission Work Plan is not subject to environmental justice analysis.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: SCVWD WC 2026 Work Plan

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Wendy Ho, 408-630-3874

2026 Work Plan: Santa Clara Valley Water Commission

Update: June 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 28	Commission Elects Chair and Vice Chair for 2026. (Action)	Accomplished January 28, 2026 The Committee approved Hon. Member Srinivasan as Commission Chairperson and Hon. Member Rennie as Vice Chairperson.
2	2025 Accomplishments Report	January 28	- Review and approve 2025 Accomplishments Report for presentation to the Board. (Action) - Submit requests to the Board, as appropriate.	Accomplished January 28, 2026 The Commission unanimously approved the 2025 Annual Accomplishments Report for presentation to the Board.
3	2026 Work Plan: Review of Santa Clara Valley Water Commission Work Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Commission Requests and the Commission's Next Meeting Agenda, and Recommend the Proposed 2025 Water Commission Work Plan to the Board	Vote: January 28 Review: April 8 July 22 October 28	- Receive and review the FY2025-2026 Board-approved Committee work plan. (Information) - Submit requests to the Board, as appropriate. (Action)	Accomplished January 28, 2026 The Commission approved their 2026 work plan with the addition of an item relating to an information review of impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and data centers on Valley Water requirements and supply. The Commission unanimously approved the 2025 Annual Accomplishments Report for presentation to the Board.
4	Approve 2026 Meeting Schedule	January 28	Discuss and approve 2026 meeting schedule. (Action) January 28 April 8 July 22 (may be changed to Aug.) October 28	Accomplished January 28, 2026 The Commission approved the 2026 Meeting Schedule.

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2026 Work Plan: Santa Clara Valley Water Commission

Update: June 2026

ITEM	WORK PLAN ITEM BOARD POLICY	MEETING DATE	INTENDED OUTCOME(S) (Action or Information Only)	ACCOMPLISHMENT DATE AND OUTCOME
5	Review and comment to the Board relating to the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Preliminary Groundwater Production Charges	January 28 April 8	- Review and comment to the Board on the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Preliminary Groundwater Production Charges. (Information) - Receive/discuss community outreach/messaging of groundwater rates. (Information) - Submit requests to the Board, as appropriate.	Accomplished January 28, 2026 and April 8, 2026 The Commission reviewed and commented on the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Preliminary Groundwater Production Charges.
6	Standing Items Report Fiscal Year 2026 Goals and Strategies	January 28 October 28	Receive reports on FY25-26 Valley Water Board Work Plan standing items (Information)	Accomplished January 28, 2026 The Commission received the Standing Items Report Fiscal Year 2026 Goals and Strategies report.
7	Review and comment to the Board relating to the Development of Valley Water's Water Supply Master Plan 2050	January 28	- Receive Information and Provide Feedback on the Development of Valley Water's Water Supply Master Plan 2050. (Action) - Receive information relating to possible desalination projects in the WSMP 2050 (Information)	Accomplished January 28, 2026 The Commission reviewed and commented the Board relating to the Development of Valley Water's Water Supply Master Plan 2050.
8	Overview of Valley Water's Role in Emergency Preparedness and Response	TBD	Receive overview of Valley Water's Role in Emergency Preparedness and Response. (Information)	
9	Overview of Valley Water's Water Conservation Programs	TBD	Receive information from Valley Water relating to water conservation programs. (Information)	
10	Tour a VW Water Supply Facility	TBD	Conduct tour (Information)	Scheduled for August 26, 2026

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2026 Work Plan: Santa Clara Valley Water Commission

Update: June 2026

ITEM	WORK PLAN ITEM BOARD POLICY	MEETING DATE	INTENDED OUTCOME(S) (Action or Information Only)	ACCOMPLISHMENT DATE AND OUTCOME
11	Update of AB 1469 relating to Unhoused	TBD	Receive update on AB 1469 relating to unhoused (Information)	
12	Overview/Update of Valley Water's Flood Protection Projects	TBD	Receive information from Valley Water relating to flood protection projects and efforts. (Information)	
13	Informational review of impact of AI and data centers on Valley Water requirements and supply	October 28	Receive information relating to impact of AI and data centers on Valley Water requirements and supply. (Information)	
14	Water Use Projections, Water Demand Elasticity and Customer Affordability Study	April 8	Receive information relating to Water Use Projections, Water Demand Elasticity and Customer Affordability Consultant Study (Information)	Accomplished April 8, 2026 The Commission reviewed and commented on the Water Use Projections, Water Demand Elasticity and Customer Affordability Study.

BOARD WORK PLAN GOALS:

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

File No.: 26-0625

Agenda Date: 8/26/2026

Item No.: 7.2.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM Santa Clara Valley Water Commission

Government Code § 84308 Applies: Yes ☐ No ☒
(If "YES" Complete Attachment A - Gov. Code § 84308)

SUBJECT:

Tour of the Upper Llagas Creek Flood Protection Project Site for Informational Purposes Only.

RECOMMENDATION:

The tour of the Upper Llagas Creek Flood Protection Project Site is for informational purposes only.

SUMMARY:

Background

The Upper Llagas Creek Flood Protection Project is a long-standing flood protection initiative in southern Santa Clara County and is being implemented through a partnership among Valley Water, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the State of California, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and the City of Morgan Hill. The overall project extends approximately 13.9 miles along Upper Llagas Creek, from Buena Vista Avenue to Llagas Road, including West Little Llagas Creek through downtown Morgan Hill, and is part of the voter-approved Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program.

This tour will provide Commissioners with an opportunity to observe the construction of the final phase of one of Valley Water's largest flood protection projects and learn how flood risk reduction, environmental mitigation, and partnerships are being integrated to benefit the Morgan Hill, San Martin, and Gilroy communities.

When complete, the federally authorized project will provide 100-year flood protection for the urban area of Morgan Hill, protecting approximately 1,100 homes, 500 businesses, and more than 1,300 acres of agricultural land while also improving stream habitat, water quality, wetlands, and fisheries.

The project has been constructed in three phases. Phase 1 and Phase 2A have been completed, providing significant flood protection improvements and environmental enhancements. Phase 2B, the final construction phase, is currently underway.

Project Status

Construction of Phase 2B continues on schedule and is approximately 70 percent complete. Work includes improvements along approximately eight miles of Upper Llagas Creek between U.S. Highway 101 and Llagas Road, including creek widening and deepening, installation of reinforced concrete box culverts, bridge improvements, utility relocations, storm drain modifications, habitat enhancements, and extensive native revegetation.

Phase 2B construction is scheduled for completion in March 2027, followed by a three-year native plant establishment period. The project is funded through the Safe, Clean Water Program, together with up to \$80 million in grant funding from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Tour Information

Please be aware of the following tour information:

1. The tour will be held in person on Wednesday, August 26, 2026, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Transportation will be provided. A shuttle will depart from Valley Water Headquarters between 12:30 and 12:40 p.m. for the project site. Participants may choose to meet directly at the designated tour parking location (see Attachment 1).
2. All visitors, including public attendees, must sign in and out and wear the provided personal protective equipment (PPE) while on site.
3. The Upper Llagas Creek Flood Protection Project is an active construction site with ongoing construction activities, including heavy equipment, trucks, and other construction operations.
4. Wear closed-toe shoes or boots, long pants, sleeves, and sun protection for short walks throughout the project site. Bring water or other heat protection as needed to stay cool.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:

There are no environmental justice impacts associated with this item.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Map and Instructions

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Bhavani Yerrapotu, 408-630-2735

**Santa Clara Valley Water District Water Commission
Meeting and In-Person Site Tour of the Upper Llagas Creek Flood Protection Project
Wednesday, August 26, 2026, 1:00 p.m.
Parking Map and Tour Instructions**

Due to limited parking at the project site, participants are encouraged to do the following:

- Join the shuttle departing from Valley Water Headquarters (5750 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118). The meeting begins at noon at Valley Water Headquarters. Transportation will depart between 12:30 p.m. and 12:40 p.m. **OR**
- Meet at the following designated tour parking location to be picked up by the shuttle at 1:00 p.m.:
Valley Water South County Yard facility, 13805 Llagas Avenue, San Martin, CA 95046



Please be aware of the following:

- All participants must wear closed-toe shoes. Valley Water will provide hard hats, safety vests, eye protection, and any other required personal protective equipment (PPE) for the tour.
- Valley Water, in complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), requests individuals requiring special accommodations to access and/or participate in Valley Water Board of Directors/Board Committee meetings to contact the Clerk of the Board's Office at (408) 630-2277 no later than noon on the Monday preceding the meeting to ensure appropriate accommodations can be provided.
- Questions regarding the tour may be directed to Stephanie Simunic in the Office of Clerk of the Board at (408) 630-2408 or ssimunic@valleywater.org.

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