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**TO:** Board of Directors **FROM:** Recycled Water Committee

**SUBJECT:** Recycled Water Committee (RWC) **DATE:** October 22, 2024  
August 28, 2024 Regular Meeting Summary.

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This memorandum summarizes agenda items from the meeting of the Recycled Water Committee (RWC) held on Wednesday, August 28, 2024.

**Receive Purified Water Program Update Including Partnerships with Cities San Jose and Santa Clara and Provide Feedback.**

The Committee received the update, took no formal action, and confirmed a public perception poll on potable reuse is done annually and an update on the polling results will be provided at a future RWC meeting.

**Consider the Draft Agenda for the September 4, 2024 Joint Recycled Water Policy Advisory Committee (JRWPAC) meeting with the Focus on the Expansion of the Purified and Recycled Water System and Development of a Potable Reuse Project.**

The Committee received the update, took no formal action, and Director Beall noted interest in a technical study regarding recycled water options for large commercial water users like server farms, colleges, or other institutions and opportunities for retrofitting buildings for recycled water and staff confirmed these topics could be addressed during the update on the expansion of the South Bay Water Recycling system provided by the City of San Jose staff at the September 4, 2024 JRWPAC meeting. The Committee noted that an updated press event photo would be included in the Sept. 4, 2024 JRWPAC presentation.

**Discuss Recycled Water Goal for the Water Supply Master Plan (WSMP) and Recommend to Valley Water's Board a Potable Reuse Goal of 24,000 Acre Feet per Year (AFY) by 2035, and a Long-Term Vision to Maximize Water Reuse in the County up to 32,000 AFY, (Including Additional Potable and Non-Potable Reuse, Desalination, Stormwater Capture, and Other Alternative Water Supply Sources) for Inclusion in the WSMP 2050.**

The Committee received the information and confirmed that the Water Supply Master Plan is updated every 5 years. Director Beall noted support for a larger potable reuse goal than staff's recommendation, reviewing strategies for a cost-effective water reuse program over desalination and imported water, and including the City of Palo Alto in potential project options. Vice Chairperson Santos noted being comfortable with staff's recommendation per increasing costs and support for continuing to evaluate the potable reuse goal along the way and continuing education and agreements to increase the potable reuse goal in the future. Chairperson Estremera noted support for keeping the potable reuse goal realistic for success with the intent to increase in the future, and the potential of collaboration on recycled water goals with other cities if they are interested.

It was moved by Vice Chairperson Santos and seconded by Chairperson Estremera and carried by majority vote that the following recommendation be approved. Director Beall voted in opposition to this item and the WSMP planning.

Recommend to the Valley Water Board a potable reuse goal of 24,000 AFY by 2035 and a long-term vision to maximize water reuse in the county up to 32,000 AFY, (including additional potable and non-potable reuse, desalination, stormwater capture, and other alternative water supply sources) for inclusion in the WSMP 2050.

**Receive and Discuss the 2024 Recycled Water Committee Work Plan and Provide Feedback on Upcoming Discussion Items, and Upcoming Meeting Date.**

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and confirmed support of canceling the September 25, 2024 RWC meeting and noted the October 30, 2024 RWC meeting may be rescheduled per potential conflict with the October RWC tour.

The next regular RWC meeting is scheduled to occur at 12:00 p.m. on October 30, 2024.

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