BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026
11:00 AM

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

A Closed Session and Regular Meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Board of Directors was called to order at 11:00 a.m. in the Valley Water Headquarters Building Boardroom at 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and by Zoom teleconference.

1.1. Roll Call.

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; Linda Mason, Acting District Counsel; Candice Kwok-Smith, Clerk, Board of Directors; M. Bilski, R. Chan, J. Codianne, R. Gibson, V. Gin, A. Gschwind, C. Hakes, W. Ho, A. Lee, R. McCarter, P. McElroy, T. Ndah, L. Penilla, K. Struve, D. Taylor, B. Yerrapotu, and T. Yoke. Deputy Operating Officer Sam Bogale represented Chief Operating Officer Aaron Baker.

2. 11:00 AM CLOSED SESSION:

Chairperson Estremera confirmed that the Board would adjourn to Closed Session to consider Items 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, and 2.7.

Director Eisenberg arrived.

2.1. CLOSED SESSION
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL, ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant Exposure to Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2)
One Potential Case

2.2. CLOSED SESSION
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL, ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant Exposure to Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2)
Four Potential cases

2.3. CLOSED SESSION
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)
Title: District Counsel

2.4. CLOSED SESSION
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)
Title: Clerk of the Board

2.5. CLOSED SESSION
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)
Title: Chief Executive Officer

2.6. CLOSED SESSION
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)
Title: District Counsel

2.7. CLOSED SESSION
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL, INITIATION OF LITIGATION
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)
One Potential Case
(Continued from May 26, 2026)

2.8. District Counsel Report on Closed Session.

Linda Mason, Acting District Counsel, reported that regarding Item 2.1, the Board met in Closed Session with all members participating; Director Eisenberg was recused and no reportable action was taken. In regard to Item 2.2 the Board met in Closed Session with all members participating and took no reportable action; in regard to Item 2.7, the Board continued the Item to a future meeting.

Chairperson Estremera reported that regarding Items 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, and 2.6, the Board met in Closed Session with all members participating, and took no reportable action.

3. 1:00 PM TIME CERTAIN:

3.1. Pledge of Allegiance/National Anthem.

Vice Chairperson Santos led all present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.2. Orders of the Day.

Chairperson Estremera confirmed that there were no changes to the Orders of the Day and 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:	Shiloh Ballard
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 voice vote.

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

Public comments were received by the Board from Adrian Jacobs, a San Jose resident, and Maria Segal, Compass Real Estate.

3.4. Recognition of the Watersheds Operations and Maintenance Division.

Vice Chairperson Santos recognized the Watersheds Operations and Maintenance Division's unhoused encampment team for their hard work and dedication on behalf of the Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee and the Board.

3.5. Conduct a Public Hearing on the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

Recommendation:
A. Open and conduct the public hearing on the Draft 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan; and
B. Close the Public Hearing.

Chairperson Estremera opened the Public Hearing.

Chairperson Estremera acknowledged receipt of the attached Sierra Club Letter, identified as Handout 3.5-A, herein. Copies of the Handout were distributed to the Board and made available to the public.

Kirsten Struve, Assistant Officer, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Board Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachment 3 were reviewed by staff as follows: Jing Wu, Senior Water Resources Specialist, reviewed Slides 1 through 13.

Chairperson Estremera declared the time open for public comments.

The Board received public comment from Katja Irvin, of the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter.

Chairperson Estremera requested a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Motion: Close the public hearing.

Move to Approve: 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 voice vote.

3.6. Adoption of 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

Recommendation:
A. Adopt the Resolution ADOPTING THE 2025 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN; and
B. Adopt the Resolution ADOPTING THE WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN.

Motion: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-38, ADOPTING THE WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN, and adopt Resolution No. 2026-39, ADOPTING THE 2025 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN, by roll call vote.

Move to Approve:	Jim Beall
Second:	Rebecca Eisenberg
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.

Motion: Staff to continue to pursue conservation programs.

Move to Approve:	Jim Beall
Second:	Rebecca Eisenberg
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.

REGULAR AGENDA:

4. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Chairperson Estremera removed Items 4.2 and 4.3 from the Consent Calendar for individual consideration, and the Board considered Consent Calendar Item 4.1, and Items 4.4 through 4.8 under one motion.

4.1. Adopt a Resolution Requesting and Consenting to Consolidation of

Election for November 3, 2026, and Requesting Consolidation and Performance of Services from the County of Santa Clara Registrar of Voters.

Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution CALLING A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026, AND REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION AND PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES FROM THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA REGISTRAR OF VOTERS.

4.4. Approve Reappointments to the Renewed Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program Independent Monitoring Committee.

Recommendation: Consider and approve reappointments to the Renewed Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program Independent Monitoring Committee.

4.5. Approve Reappointments for a Two Year Term to the Environmental and Water Resources Committee.

Recommendation: Consider and approve reappointments for a two year term to the Environmental and Water Resources Committee.

4.6. Accept the Work as Complete and Direct the Clerk to File the Notice of Completion of Contract and Acceptance of Work for the Security Upgrades and Enhancements Project, Swinerton Builders, Contractor, Project No. 60204022, Contract No. C0713 for Coyote Pumping Plant (Morgan Hill, District 1), Santa Teresa Water Treatment Plant (San Jose, District 7), Winfield Complex (San Jose, District 4), Headquarters Corporate Yard (San Jose, District 4), and Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center (San Jose, District 3).

Recommendation:
A. Accept the work on the Security Upgrades and Enhancements Project, Project No. 60204022, Contract No. C0713 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.

4.7. Approval of Minutes from May 12, 2026.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes from May 12, 2026.

4.8. Accept the CEO Bulletin for the Weeks of May 22, 2026, through June 4, 2026.

Recommendation: Accept the CEO Bulletin.

Motion: Approve Consent Calendar Item 4.1, and Items 4.4 through 4.8, under one motion, as follows: adopt Resolution No. 2026-40, CALLING A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026, AND REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION AND PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES FROM THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA REGISTRAR OF VOTERS, by roll call vote, as contained in Item 4.1; consider and approve reappointments to the Renewed Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program Independent Monitoring Committee, as contained in Item 4.4; consider and approve reappointments for a two year term to the Environmental and Water Resources Committee, as contained in Item 4.5; accept the work on the Security Upgrades and Enhancements Project, project no. 60204022, contract no. C0713 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 4.6; approve the minutes from May 12, 2026, as contained in Item 4.7; and accept the CEO Bulletin, as contained in Item 4.8.

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.

Chairperson Estremera moved the agenda to Item 4.2.

The board considered Consent Calendar Items 4.2 and 4.3 under one motion.

4.2. Adopt a Resolution Establishing Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2026 27.

Recommendation:

A. Select the cost of living factor to establish the Santa Clara Valley Water District's Appropriations Limit; and
B. Adopt the Resolution ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27.

Enrique De Anda, Budget Manager, reviewed the information on this item as outlined in the attached Board Agenda Memo.

4.3. Review and Adopt “Reasonable Efforts” to Comply with Senate Bill 707 to Invite Groups that Do Not Traditionally Participate in Public Meetings to Attend Those Meetings.

Recommendation:	Adopt staff’s recommended reasonable efforts to invite groups that do not traditionally participate in public meetings to attend Valley Water public meetings, to comply with California State Senate Bill 707.
Motion:	Approve Consent Calendar Items 4.3 and 4.4, under one motion, as follows: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-41, ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 27, by roll call vote, as contained in Item 4.2; and adopt staff’s recommended reasonable efforts to invite groups that do not traditionally participate in public meetings to attend Valley Water public meetings, to comply with California State Senate Bill 707, as contained in Item 4.3.

Move to Approve:	Richard Santos
Second:	Shiloh Ballard
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.

Chairperson Estremera returned the agenda to Item 5.1.

5. BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

5.1. Board Committee Reports.

The Board reviewed the meeting summaries and agendas for the March 16, 2026, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Committee; April 1, 2026, Joint Water Resources Committee (JWRC); April 20, 2026, CIP Committee; April 24, 2026, Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee (ECCC); May 19, 2026, Board Policy and Monitoring Committee (BPMC); and June 8, 2026, Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDM), as contained in Handouts 5.1-A through 5.1-F, respectively herein, and no formal action was taken. Copies of the Handouts were distributed to the Board and made available to the public.

5.2. Adopt a Resolution Appointing and Providing for the Compensation of the Interim District Counsel, Effective June 9, 2026, Until a New Permanent Incumbent is Appointed Through a Competitive Recruitment Process.

Recommendation:	Adopt the Resolution APPOINTING THE INTERIM DISTRICT COUNSEL, AN UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE, APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE

SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT AND APPROVING THE COMPENSATION AMOUNT.

The Board considered Item 5.2 without a staff presentation.

Motion: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-42, APPOINTING THE INTERIM DISTRICT COUNSEL, AN UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE, APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT AND APPROVING THE COMPENSATION AMOUNT, by roll call vote.

Move to Approve:	Nai Hsueh
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 roll-call vote.

5.3. Consider the May 19, 2026, Board Policy and Monitoring Committee Recommendation to Approve the Technology Disruption Policy for Board Meetings.

Recommendation: Consider the May 19, 2026, Board Policy and Monitoring

Committee Recommendation to Approve a new policy GP 12.4, Technology Disruption Policy for Board Meetings.

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

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 voice vote.

6. WATER UTILITY ENTERPRISE:

6.1. Receive Report of Bids, Ratify Addenda, Approve the Contingency Fund, and Award the Construction Contract to Con Quest Contractors Inc. for the Penitencia Delivery and Force Main Inspection and Rehabilitation Project, Project No. 95084005, Contract No. C0727 in the Sum of $6,591,000 (San Jose, District 3).

Recommendation:
A. Ratify Addenda No(s). 1 and 2 to the Contract Documents for Penitencia Delivery and Force Main Inspection and Rehabilitation Project;
B. Award the Construction Contract to Con Quest Contractors Inc, located in Burlingame, CA, in the sum of $6,591,000; and
C. Approve a contingency sum of $988,650 and authorize the Chief Executive Officer or designee to approve individual change orders up to the designated amount.

The Board considered Item 6.1 without a staff presentation.

Move to Approve: Nai Hsueh
Second: Jim Beall
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.

6.2. Approve the Agreement A5779A with AECOM Technical Services, Inc., for Design Consultant Services for the Pure Water Silicon Valley Demonstration Facility Project, Project No. 91294001, PB File No. VW0473, for a Total Not To Exceed Fee of $4,499,917.

Recommendation: Approve the Agreement A5779A with AECOM Technical Services, Inc., for Design Consultant Services for the Pure Water Silicon Valley Demonstration Facility Project, Project No. 91294001, PB File No. VW0473, for a total not to exceed fee of $4,499,917.

Kirsten Struve, Assistant Officer, reviewed the information on this item as outlined in the attached Board Agenda Memo and Attachment 2.

Move to Approve: Richard Santos
Second: Rebecca Esienberg
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.

7. WATERSHEDS:

None.

8. ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

8.1. 5 Year Implementation Plan for Fiscal Years 2027 2031 for the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program.

Recommendation:

A. Approve the proposed key performance indicator (KPI) adjustments to two projects in the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program (Safe, Clean Water Program);
B. Approve the proposed text adjustment to specific projects in the Safe, Clean Water Program;
C. Approve the Safe, Clean Water Program's 5 Year Implementation Plan for Fiscal Years 2027 2032 (5 Year Plan or Plan); and
D. Authorize staff to update the 5 Year Plan following the close of FY26 and the availability of audited financials.

Luz Penilla, Assistant Officer, introduced the Item, and Jessica Collins, Business Planning and Analysis Manager, reviewed the information on this item per the attached Board Agenda Memo and Attachment 4.

Director Hsueh requested that staff consider continued funding for water conservation programs beyond the 7 years allocated in the Safe Clean Water Program (Board Member Request No. R-26-0003).

Move to Approve:	Richard Santos
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 voice vote.

9. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:

None.

10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

10.1 CEO and Chiefs' Reports.

Darin Taylor, Chief Financial Officer, announced that Finance would bring the long-range financial projection review to the August 25, 2026, Regular Board meeting in addition to the Strategic Planning Session, scheduled for August 28, 2026.

Rachael Gibson, Chief of External Affairs, reviewed the attached Office of Civic Engagement Monthly Update, identified as Handout 10.1-A, and Office of Government Relations May Summary, identified as Handout 10.1-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.

The Board noted the information without formal action.

14. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Director Ballard reported attending the Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) and Youth Commission (YC) meetings; an Ad Hoc Committee and Landscape Committee meetings; and various meetings with staff.

Director Beall reported attending the Pride Flag Raising ERG Event; an Almaden Valley Community Association, and Emergency Operational Area Council (EOAC) meetings; an Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan event presented by San Jose Water Co.; the Mineta Transportation Institute (MTI)'s 34th Annual Banquet and Convocation Celebration, and various meetings with staff.

Director Eisenberg reported interactions with constituents and stated that she will continue her fiduciary duty as an elected official.

Director Hsueh reported attending the aforementioned WSDMC, YC and Ad Hoc Committee meeting; a San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority (SFCJPA) meeting; attended Water 101 Graduation, met with the Board Auditor, and met with a constituent.

Vice Chair Santos reported attending the aforementioned WSDMC, and Landscape Committee meeting; Milpitas Rotary Club Meeting; a San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA) meeting; and a South County Regional Wastewater Authority (SCRWA) meeting.

Director Varela reported attending an Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Foundation Board Meeting.

Chairperson Estremera reported attending the aforementioned Ad Hoc Committee meeting; a Recycled Water Committee meeting; the Leadership Team Retreat Lunch, and a meeting with Councilmember Domingo Candelas.

15. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF BOARD REQUESTS:

The new Board Member Requests were not read into the record.

16. ADJOURN:

Chairperson Estremera adjourned the meeting at 2:58 p.m., acknowledging June as Pride Month, Caribbean American Heritage, Immigrant Heritage, and Portuguese American Heritage Month. The Board will convene for the next Regular Meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and via Zoom teleconference.

Candice Kwok-Smith
Clerk, Board of Directors

Approved:

Date: July 14, 2026