



WATER SUPPLY AND DEMAND  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

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# DRAFT MINUTES

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**REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 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 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 5 Director Nai Hsueh, Chairperson, District 2 Director Shiloh Ballard, Vice Chairperson, and District 3 Director Richard Santos, constituting a quorum of the Committee.

Staff members in attendance were: Chanie Abuye, Emmanuel Aryee, Aaron Baker, Rita Chan, Scott Elkins, Rachael Gibson, Vincent Gin, Andrew Gschwind, Walter Gonzalez, Jason Gurdak, Wendy Ho, Linh Hoang, Cindy Kao, Candice Kwok-Smith, Nicole Merritt, Carmen Narayanan, Carlos Orellana, Don Rocha, Stephanie Simunic, Kirsten Struve, Charlene Sun, Metra Ulloa, Jing Wu.

Public in attendance were: Peter Drekmeier (Yosemite Rivers Alliance) and Katja Irvin (Sierra Club).

**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. Peter Drekmeier provided public comment.

**3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

**3.1. Election of 2026 Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.**

**Recommendation: Nominate and elect the 2025 WSDMC Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.**

It was moved by Director Santos, seconded by Vice Chairperson Ballard, and unanimously carried, that the officer slate continue with Chairperson Hsueh and Vice Chairperson Ballard for 2026.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

##### 4.1. Approval of December 8, 2025 Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) Minutes.

**Recommendation: Approve the minutes.**

The Committee considered the minutes of the December 8, 2025 Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) meeting.

Public Comment: None.

It was moved by Vice Chairperson Ballard, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously carried, that the minutes be approved as presented.

#### 5. REGULAR AGENDA:

##### 5.1. Receive Informaiton on 2025 Urban Water Management Plan Update and Provide Feedback.

**Recommendation: Receive Informaiton on 2025 Urban Water Management Plan Update and Provide Feedback to Staff.**

Jing Wu reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo and in the attachment and was available to answer questions.

The Committee discussed the following with staff input including: water demand projections including how they are developed through the Water Supply Master plan, comments from the Sierra Club letter and public commentor Peter Drekmeier from the Yosemite Rivers Alliance, inclusion of the Delta Conveyance Project, how future growth may effect demand and cost, working with water retailers on 2025 water use data, and reduced reliance on Delta. Chairperson Hsueh stated she will work with staff to synthesize the discussion questions for further review.

Public Comment: Katja Irvin and Peter Drekmeier.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

##### 5.2. Receive Update on Groundwater Basins Managed by Valley Water and Compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

**Recommendation: Receive an update on groundwater basins managed by Valley Water and compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.**

Scott Elkins reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo and in the attachment and was available to answer questions.

Director Santos suggested this Committee meet with San Benito Water District, and Chairperson Hsueh stated she will explore this.

Public Comment: None.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

**5.3. Review and Approve 2026 Water Supply and Demand Management Committee (WSDMC) Work Plan, Provide Feedback on Upcoming Discussion Items, and the 2026 WSDMC Meeting Schedule.**

**Recommendation: A. Review and approve the 2026 WSDMC Work Plan and make adjustments as necessary; and  
B. Confirm dates for the 2026 WSDMC Committee meetings.**

Stephanie Simunic and Kirsten Struve reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo and in the attachments and were available to answer questions. The Committee stated questions from the Urban Water Management Plan item discussion (with staff input) will be added to the workplan.

Public Comment: None.

It was moved by Vice Chairperson Ballard, seconded by Director Santos, and unanimously carried, that the 2026 WSDMC Work Plan and meeting schedule was approved with flexibility for changes.

**6. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS:**

Stephanie Simunic noted the officer slate will continue for 2026 and the next Committee meeting is March 23, 2026.

The Committee took no formal action.

**ADJOURN:**

**Adjourn. The Next Regular Meeting is Scheduled at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 23, 2026.**

Chairperson Hsueh adjourned the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

Date Approved:

Stephanie Simunic  
Assistant Deputy Clerk II